



**Open Talk**

***‘Working with the UK on  
R&I and Mobility post-  
Brexit’***

**Tuesday 9 March 2021**

**12:00 CET**

***Turing Scheme***

# TURING

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**The UK's global programme  
to study and work abroad**



## Overview

The UK has now announced the introduction of a new international educational mobility scheme that has a genuinely global reach, The Turing Scheme

It will support UK students from schools, further education and vocational and education training providers and higher education institutions to go on study and work placements across the world.

£110m has been allocated for the first year. The scheme will facilitate approximately 35,000 UK outward mobilities. This will, in turn, give the opportunity for overseas organisations to set up reciprocal exchanges and send students to the UK.

Successful applications will receive funding for administering the scheme and students taking part will receive grants to help them with the costs of their international experience.

In the HE sector, we expect tuition fees to be waived on a reciprocal basis. We believe institutions will be best placed to lead these discussions.

More details of the scheme have now been made available and can be seen via [www.turing-scheme.org.uk/](http://www.turing-scheme.org.uk/). This provides additional details on funding rates, eligibility criteria and additional support for students from disadvantaged backgrounds. This information has been released as part of the wider [International Education Strategy Update](#)



## Alan Turing

- The Turing Scheme is named after the inspirational Alan Turing
- He was a pioneering and iconic British mathematician and computer scientist of global renown
- An internationalist, he excelled academically and studied abroad himself at Princeton University
- His thinking continues to have significant impacts on our lives and serves as an inspiration
- This scheme, which honours his legacy, will provide opportunities for future generations of British students, from all backgrounds, to study and work abroad across the globe
- Today, the work of Turing resonates strongly with the goals of modern society. His array of intellectual interests and his fearless and collaborative approach mark him out as an inspiration across educational disciplines



## Aims of the scheme

To meet our objectives as a global mobility programme, Turing Scheme funded projects must focus on four main aims:

- **Global Britain** – The Turing Scheme projects support high-quality mobilities, enhance existing partnerships and encourage the forging of new relationships across the world
- **Levelling up** – Turing Scheme projects support social mobility and widen participation across the UK. They should help and promote equal access and opportunities to all pupils, students and learners regardless of background
- **Developing key skills** - These projects offer unique, career-building opportunities. They give participants the hard and soft skills sought by employers, and bridge the gap between education and work
- **Value for UK taxpayers** - These projects optimise social value in terms of potential costs, benefits and risks. They should involve new or additional activity that has not previously received government funding



## Grant rates

Under the Turing Scheme, UK organisations with successful applications will receive funding towards delivering placements. This will include giving participants grants to go towards the cost of mobilities and giving providers administrative funding for delivering of projects

The grant funding for this scheme has been designed with a particular emphasis on supporting those from less advantaged backgrounds and those with special education needs and disabilities (SEND). This support will be crucial in contributing significantly to the levelling-up agenda.



## Applications

Applications will be made online

Call for applications will launch in March 2021.

Online application workshops will take place in March 2021

Applications will undergo qualitative assessment, with questions focussing on delivery and how the project addresses the four main objectives for the Turing programme

Results are expected to be issued in July 2021

A possible second call for applications may occur depending of number of applications and available budget



## International engagement

The government remains committed to international education exchanges. UK providers are also keen to continue the strong relationships that have been formed overseas while also building new ones. That is why we have announced the Turing Scheme.

This scheme will promote international cooperation by providing funding for thousands of UK students to study abroad.

This will, in turn, give the opportunity for overseas organisations to set up reciprocal exchanges and send students to the UK.

All countries will be eligible, subject to being considered safe via FCDO travel advice. There are no specific priorities or weighting towards any countries. Funding for all destinations will be demand led.

In the HE sector, we expect tuition fees to be waived on a reciprocal basis. We believe institutions will be best placed to determine the wider arrangements with their international partners.

We are working closely with embassies across the globe to promote the scheme to overseas education ministries, institutions and sector bodies.

The UK remains a very attractive destination for international students, the most attractive in the world after the USA. We want demand to continue so international students can experience the world class UK education sector and we can all enjoy the shared benefits of international mobility.



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# Introduction to Higher Education funding



The Turing Scheme is the UK programme for global educational opportunities.  
The delivery partner is a consortium of the British Council and Ecorys UK.

# Eligibility

## Applicant organisation

- Recognised HE provider in the UK or a British Overseas Territory
- No consortia possible for HE

## Participants

- Students currently registered, or have graduated in the last 12 months, in a UK or a British Overseas Territory HE provider and enrolled in studies leading to a recognised degree or another recognised tertiary level qualification
- Full-time or part-time
- No restrictions on year of study
- No restrictions on nationality
- Recent graduates do not have to have been selected ahead of graduation

# Eligibility

## Activities

- Study or work placement abroad
- Eligible mobility period: 1 September 2021 – 31 August 2022
- Minimum duration: 4 weeks
- Maximum duration: 12 months
- Can take place anywhere in the world (subject to FCDO travel advice)

# Eligibility

## Host organisation

- A non-UK HE provider
- Any non-UK public or private organisation active in the labour market or in the fields of education and training
- Applicant organisation responsible for ensuring that they have suitable agreements/arrangements in place with the host organisation, but no specific inter-institutional agreement required
- Cannot be HEI's own branch campus

# Grants

## Organisational support

- Fixed amount per participant

## Cost of living

- Destination countries will be grouped into three categories: Group 1 (high cost of living), Group 2 (medium cost of living), Group 3 (lower cost of living).
- Top ups available for those from disadvantaged backgrounds

# Grants – Disadvantaged background

## Travel

- Dependent on distance between the home organisation and the host organisation.
- Further financial assistance available for exceptionally expensive travel
- Funding available for additional costs incurred such as passports/visas/insurance etc.

# Grants – Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

## Additional support

- For those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) the scheme will fund up to 100% of actual costs for support directly related to their additional needs.
- This funding will also cover preparatory visits to ensure participants will be able to equally access and take part in all elements of a placement.

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