

GoGlobal Fund

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Individual student and student-led applications FAQs

When can I go abroad with the GoGlobal Award?

If this is a self-managed trip – an activity outside of your course which you are planning to organise yourself – you will have to go during the vacation periods so it does not interfere with your studies. For 2017/18 undergraduate students on standard courses can go on self-managed or student-led trips in the following periods

- 24 March - 8 April
- 28 May - 24 September

You may want to avoid planning any GoGlobal self-managed/student-led projects during resit periods (16-27 July) because a successful application for GoGlobal funding is not a valid reason not to attend an exam.

If you are a UG student on a non-standard course or a PG student, you must consult your course schedule before planning any extra-curricular GoGlobal activity in the summer months.

If it is a staff-led trip, or an opportunity offered by an elective module, then the dates will be determined before you apply.

Where can I go with the GoGlobal Award?

If you are joining a staff-led trip, then the destination has already been decided.

If you are organising the experience abroad yourself, then you can decide where to go. However, please be aware that we will not fund projects/experiences in high risk countries. Please check the [Foreign and Commonwealth Office](#) travel advice. Please seek advice from your tutors and your employability adviser about the opportunities which will be most beneficial to you.

I don't want to organise the whole project myself but I still want an experience abroad. What should I do?

You could join a staff- or student-led trip. Or you could use one of the charities or companies such as Work the World or the International Citizenship Service which offer fully supported volunteering or other short term opportunities abroad. They organise everything and charge a fee for the programme. Please check the space for more information or consult with your course tutors and employability adviser.

If I am organising my own project, do I need to do something related to my subject area?

No. The aim of the Go Global Award is to support the development of subject knowledge and/or wider employability skills in a global context. This means that as long as you can demonstrate a learning gain from the proposed international experience you will be able to apply for the GoGlobal Award. Please read this [guide](#) about the learning outcomes we are looking for from the activities funded by the GoGlobal Award.

I don't belong to any of the listed categories of students. Can I still apply?

As long as you have been assigned a home fee status at enrolment and your proposed activity fits the parameters of the GoGlobal Fund, you can apply for a GoGlobal Award. Students who belong to at least one of the listed categories will be given priority when funding is allocated and therefore more likely to get the award.

Who makes the decision about the GoGlobal Award?

The pre-selection is done by a group of academic and support staff. The final awards are approved by the Student Financial Support Panel which includes representatives from the International Experience Team, Finance, the Students Union and faculties.

What determines how the size of the award?

The GoGlobal Award is not likely to exceed £500. This does not automatically mean that everyone will get £500. The award amount is determined by the opportunity proposed and its context – where it is, how long it is, the potential impact on the students participating. In very few, exceptional cases, the award may exceed £500.

Why doesn't the GoGlobal Award cover all the costs of my travel?

The award is not intended to cover the full costs of your proposed travel. Our aim is to encourage as many students as possible to take part in an activity abroad and support them with some of the costs. You will either have to cover the rest of the costs yourself, or raise the money through other means.

Some of the volunteering abroad schemes offer support with fundraising. Please check Careers Central and shuspace for information on volunteering abroad charities.

When will my GoGlobal Award be paid?

All awards are likely to be paid out within six weeks of the deadline for application, provided that all the conditions of payment have been met. For example, you will be required to complete a pre-departure briefing and other documentation before your award is paid.

I need to make changes to my project. What should I do?

If you'd like to make changes to your application form before the deadline for applications has passed, you need to contact us. We will delete your existing application and you will have to submit a new one. You may want to keep a copy of the original application just in case you can reuse some sections of it.

If your project has already been approved and the payment is pending or has already been made, you must inform us before you make any changes to the project.

Please email internationalexperience@shu.ac.uk

Who can submit a student-led project?

Any student who is part of a group planning to do a project abroad together. You may all be members of student society, or be on the same course, or you may have come together purely to organise a project abroad. Please note that you will have to demonstrate a learning gain from the activity, e.g. enhanced global awareness, improved skills & knowledge. Please read the [guidance on expected GoGlobal learning outcomes](#) to help you with your project design.

Can I get help organising a student-led project?

Yes. If you are planning to do a volunteering project together, or you are planning a project for your society, the Students' Union can offer help and advice.

Please also check UniHub for available appointments/events related to the GoGlobal Fund.

What information should I provide in the application?

For individual applications

You will need to include a 500-word letter of motivation explaining why you want to undertake the activity abroad and articulate the impact it will have on your skills, knowledge and attitudes/values. For example, will it help you develop new global knowledge/skills/values? If so, what are they? Will it help embed existing knowledge and skills? How do you see applying these newly developed or enhanced skills in your academic studies, future professional career or personal life? Please use the guidance on [expected GoGlobal learning outcomes](#) to help you develop your proposal.

You will also need to fill in and attach the [Project Details Form](#) and details about the location and address of the proposed opportunity, the duration, as well as contact details of the organisation providing it (if relevant).

For group applications

Students or staff leading applying group applications are required to provide the following information:

- A project description outlining the type of activity, reasons for organising it, and the benefits for the students from this activity academically, culturally and personally.

- You will be required to upload a [Project Details Form](#) with the full costings of the project and supporting evidence where relevant.
- A list of students who can take part and their email addresses (for student-led group projects)

The guidance says that students must consider the most economical options when travelling. What does this mean?

It means that your proposal should offer best value for money. We would expect to see that you have costed your trip to make the best use of your grant and have considered the cheapest options for travel and accommodation without compromising on safety and the quality of your learning experience. For example, where appropriate, students should stay in double rooms rather than singles, or stay in hostels rather than hotels and so on.

I have received my GoGlobal Award but no longer intend to do the project abroad. What shall I do?

Please email internationalexperience@shu.ac.uk. We will send you guidance about repaying the award.

Who is going to support me while I am abroad?

We will help you plan your trip well so you are well prepared for any challenges you might face while you are abroad. If you happen to experience difficulties, we expect that you will seek support from your local contact first – the place where you study/work/volunteer. If you are not getting the help you expect, you can contact us at internationalexperience@shu.ac.uk but please be aware that you will be in a better position to resolve your difficulties locally.

If you experience serious difficulties, for example you are a victim of crime while abroad, you should contact the British Embassy and the Sheffield Hallam University insurer. During your time abroad you will be covered by the University insurer for travel and medical insurance, but you will need to arrange possessions insurance for the time you are abroad.

I am very keen to apply but I have never travelled abroad (alone)?

If you have never travelled abroad, or have never travelled alone previously, you may find it easier if you plan to do your experience abroad as part of a group project either staff or student-led.

Please seek advice from your course tutors and your employability adviser.

Will I receive an academic accreditation for my GoGlobal project?

If your international experience is part of an academic module and include a formal assessment, then yes. Otherwise, students who have received GoGlobal funding will be enrolled on the [GoGlobal Challenge](#) in order to receive a formal recognition of their achievement.

Can I apply for a GoGlobal Award if I am in my final year of study?

Final year students are eligible to apply for opportunities as long as the opportunity end date is by 24 September 2018.

Will I be able to get a deferral for coursework or exams because of my GoGlobal project?

No – undertaking a GoGlobal experience cannot be cited as a reason for requesting deferrals.

Does a GoGlobal experience count as an authorised absence?

No. You must check your course and exam schedules, as well as work and personal commitments before making arrangements to undertake a GoGlobal trip.

Can I apply for GoGlobal funding if I don't have a passport?

In principle yes, but you will need to apply for your passport as soon as possible as you will not be able to travel abroad without one.

Can I stay in the host country longer after my GoGlobal-funded experience has finished?

If you are taking part in a group project which takes part during term time, it's unlikely that you will be able to stay any longer as you will have return to continue with your studies.

If you are going abroad during a vacation period and you are responsible for booking your own flights, it's up to you when you fly out and return home. However, please note that you can that the GoGlobal Award should be used only for the

period of GoGlobal experience. Please note that you will be required and responsible for purchasing travel insurance for the period of your stay which falls outside the supported GoGlobal activity.

Can I still get a GoGlobal Award if I have had a visa refusal in the past?

A visa refusal from some countries may have a negative impact on future visa applications. If you have been refused a visa from the country you wish to visit, or you are not able to meet the immigration requirements for a particular trip, we advise you to look for alternative experiences in Europe. Please contact the International Experience Team for further advice on internationalexperience@shu.ac.uk

I have further questions about the GoGlobal Fund

If you have questions which have not been covered in this list, please contact internationalexperience@shu.ac.uk