

Santander Universities Mobility Bursary 2020/21

Background

The Santander Universities Mobility Bursary is in place to support UK (home fee status), non-finalist undergraduate students from under-represented groups who wish to undertake a short-term global opportunity over the summer of 2021.

Funding will be available to those seeking to partake in:

- International summer schools
- International language programmes
- International research projects
- International volunteering opportunities
- Certain self-led fieldwork activities - subject to approval from home department

Please note that bursaries will not be awarded to students undertaking work-place internships.

Due to the continuing global situation, we will also consider 2021 bursary applications from students wishing to undertake virtual mobility opportunities, i.e. those that are completed online. These might include virtual summer schools or online research projects offered by international institutions. They must also include live learning or interaction (i.e. with other students, colleagues, course leaders or lecturers). Full eligibility requirements for virtual opportunities are listed below.

The opportunity must also be in a country that is deemed safe to travel and does not include an 'all but essential travel' warning according to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO). UCL Study Abroad also reserves the right to make decisions based on safety concerns. If COVID-related travel restrictions are currently in place, your bursary offer will be conditional on the travel restrictions changing in advance of the start of your placement.

Application

You must apply for the Santander bursary via the [Santander Becas application portal](#).

The application deadline is **Monday 3rd May 2021**.

Award

Successful applicants will be awarded a bursary of up to £1,250. Students who have not previously studied abroad will be given priority over those who have been supported by the UCL Study Abroad team.

Awards will be made at the discretion of Study Abroad whose decision is final. A bursary application will not necessarily guarantee a bursary offer. Students are therefore encouraged to provide as much detail as possible and think about the long response question when completing the online application.

Eligibility

Students must meet the following criteria to apply:

- You must be a UK national, UCL non-finalist undergraduate student, fully enrolled during the duration of the overseas/virtual programme.
- You must identify as being from at least one of the under-represented groups as listed below.
- You must complete the opportunity by the first day of term of the 2021/22 academic year (i.e. Monday 27th September 2021).
- Be applying for an opportunity in a country/region that is deemed safe to travel and does not include an 'all but essential travel' warning according to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO). If COVID-related travel restrictions are currently in place, your bursary offer will be conditional on the travel restrictions changing in advance of the start of your placement.
- Be planning on undertaking an international programme that fits into one of the categories above, with a programme duration of four to six weeks.
- Understand that the support provided by the Santander Mobility Bursary is contingent on the global situation and there is a chance that in-person global opportunities may be cancelled by UCL or your host institution/organisation or as a result of any new travel restrictions.
- Understand that if UCL can longer support in-person global opportunities, you will return the allocated bursary funding or work with the Study Abroad team to find an appropriate alternative virtual mobility opportunity. Please note that a change to virtual mobility may result in a change to the bursary award.
- Students who have been awarded a Global Experience Bursary, Cities partnerships Programme Bursary or other funding via UCL Study Abroad will not be eligible to apply.
- Agree to complete the paperwork and tasks as described below:
 - ✓ **Bursary Acceptance Agreement** - to ensure that you will complete the programme as described within your application. Failure to complete the programme you have been awarded for will result in the funding being forfeited and the money will have to be returned to UCL. For those who have independently sourced their own global opportunities, the agreement will also acknowledge this, with the individual taking responsibility for all aspects of his/her placement.

- ✓ **Confirmation from the host institution** - the host organisation/institution will be required to sign a confirmation of completion form at the end of the placement to confirm that the student has completed the placement in a satisfactory manner. Students who fail to return this document will be expected to return the bursary in full.
- ✓ **Feedback** - students will be expected to complete a feedback form about their experiences and provide a short written testimonial to be shared with Santander and the Study Abroad website.

Bursaries will only be distributed once details of the international opportunity has been confirmed by the host institution or organisation in writing.

Virtual Mobility Requirements

If you wish to apply for funding for a virtual opportunity, the opportunity must also meet the following additional essential criteria:

- Be relevant to your UCL programme of study, future studies or career.
- Include live learning or interaction with students, colleagues, course leaders or lecturers around the world.
- Allow you to develop an understanding of different approaches and attitudes from around the world.
- Allow you to develop employability skills, particularly those of an international nature such as intercultural communication.
- Have a fee attached - Study Abroad will not provide funding for virtual programmes that are free to join.

Students are encouraged to source virtual opportunities that also meet the following desirable criteria:

- Delivered by an organisation from outside of the UK.
- An opportunity to work on a shared project or towards a shared goal in a virtual team, using technology to facilitate joint studying or working.

Under-represented groups

As the bursary is only open to those from under-represented groups, you must identify as being from at least one of the following groups to be eligible to apply:

- Students with low household income or low socio-economic status (including those with an annual household income of £25,000 or less)
- Students who are care-experienced
- Students who have caring responsibilities
- Neither of the students' parents can be found or it is not reasonably practicable to get in touch with either of them (estranged students)
- Disabled students

Contact

If you have any further questions, please contact the Study Abroad team via [askUCL](#).