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Global Summer Opportunities 2026

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What is a Short-term Global Opportunity?

From summer schools to international volunteering and summer camps, there are a wide range of extracurricular opportunities for both current students and 2025 summer graduates. These short-term global experiences, starting from just 2 weeks, are designed to help you gain valuable employability skills that will support your studies and future career. Opportunities are open to students from all degree backgrounds, with placements available across a variety of countries and continents.

At York St John University, we believe that international experiences play an important role in your personal and professional development. By taking part, you'll enhance your employability, build confidence, and develop transferable skills such as communication, teamwork, and adaptability. All opportunities in this booklet are delivered by trusted partner organisations, and we will support you every step of the way to make sure your experience is both structured and rewarding.



School of Humanities

American Studies / Politics and International Relations / War Studies / History / Religion, Theology and Philosophy

- Summer Camps – Spend the summer in either Canada or the USA, working with children, creating international connections, and building leadership skills in a multicultural environment.
- Summer Schools (Japan/South Korea) – Learn the language, explore the culture, and gain fresh international perspectives.

Creative Writing / English Language and Linguistics / English Literature / Publishing / Media and Communication / Film Studies

- Summer Camps – Get creative by running storytelling sessions, helping with camp media, or blogging your adventures.
- Travelteer (English Development) – Teach English while sharing cultural customs and while interacting with and learning from local communities.
- Summer Schools (Japan/South Korea) – Improve your cross-cultural communication and find inspiration for your next creative project.

Criminology and Sociology / Environment / Geography

- Vocational Impact (Criminology & Law / Community Development) – Work directly with community projects and gain hands-on experience in your field.
- Travelteer (Marine & Wildlife Conservation) – Get stuck into environmental conservation work and help to protect local ecosystems.
- Think Pacific (Global Team Internship) – Collaborate on projects that focus on community growth and development.

Funding info:

	Travel grant rate	Non- Priority Day Rate	Priority Day Rate
Minimum	£325	£12.00 per day	£16.00 per day
Maximum	£1,360	£19.00 per day	£23.00 per day

For more information on Funding, including how to apply, please go to page 22.



Photo by: Sarah Ella Bursell, Media and Communications, South Korean summer school

"Korea is beautiful in all aspects and somewhere I cant wait to revisit with my friends and family. The university was so accommodating and the 'Korea in the world' class was one of my fav parts as a politics and IR major. This ticked off all my interests in getting to learn about Korea's turbulent political history. Getting to see baseball games, and night markets, and visiting the DMZ were just some of my favourite parts of this trip. I would recommend everybody jumping on this opportunity as it will give you memories to last a lifetime."

Emily Fletcher, Politics and International Relations South Korean summer school 2025

York Business School

Business Management / Marketing / Fashion Marketing / Economics / Events, Hospitality and Tourism Management / Law / Professional Policing

- Summer camps – Build your leadership and organisational skills by helping run activities, managing groups, and keeping camp life running smoothly across camps in the USA and Canada.
- Challenges Abroad (Business and Finance in the Community) – Work directly with local businesses and community projects to make a real impact.
- Vocational Impact (Community Development) – Get hands-on with social enterprise projects and learn how to create positive change.
- Travelteer (English Development or Mental Health Placement) – Adapt to new cultures while coordinating meaningful community projects.

Accounting and Finance / Computer Science

- Think Pacific (Global Team Internship) – Take on business and project management tasks to develop skills you can use anywhere.

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“This trip was an amazing experience and really helps to meet new people and make memories that not many people have the privilege of doing. This project allows volunteers to travel while positively impacting the community and making friends and memories along the way.”

Eleanor Whyte, Business Management Travelteer, Sri Lanka 2025

School of Science Technology and Health

Sport

- Summer Camps – Coach sports, lead games, and help children develop their skills in a fun camp environment.
- Travelteer (Sports Development) – Get involved in community sports projects that make a difference.

Advanced Health Practice / Biomedical Science / Nursing / Midwifery / Paramedic Science / Physiotherapy / Radiography / Speech and Language Therapy / Occupational Therapy / Operating Department Practice

- Vocational Impact (Medical Placement) – Gain experience in healthcare through volunteer work in local clinics and communities.
- Travelteer (Medical Elective / Mental Health Placement) – Work in real- world health settings and develop your practical skills.

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“The part of my volunteering opportunity I’ve enjoyed the most is working with the kids, seeing how much they enjoy and engage with our with the workshops we created.

Secondary school attendance in Peru is much lower than the government targets, so having children excited about being in school and learning in primary school is one of the key objectives of the program.”

Stephen Cameron, Physiotherapy Challenges Abroad, Peru 2025

School of the Arts

Acting and Theatre / Animation / Design / Film and TV
Production / Fine Art, Illustration and Photography / Journalism /
Media Production / Music / Music Production

- Summer Camps – Run arts and crafts sessions, take part in performing arts, or bring music to camp life.
- Vocational Impact (Arts / Music Programmes) – Share your artistic skills through music, visual arts, or creative workshops.
- Summer Schools (Japan/South Korea) – Immerse yourself in another culture and find inspiration for your creative work.

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Photo by: Adam Zawadski, MFA Photography, BUNAC summer camp USA

“Beyond culture, I also learned a lot about myself. Taking on challenges alone taught me resilience, adaptability, and the value of teamwork. Most of all, I discovered how meaningful it is to contribute my skills to something bigger than myself and to create memories that bring people joy.”

Amy Tyrrel, BA Hons Film and Television BUNAC summer camp, USA 2025

School of Education, Language and Psychology

TESOL / English Language and Linguistics / East Asian Languages
with Linguistics / Psychology / Counselling / Children, Young People
and Education

- Travelteer (English Development) – Teach English to local communities and help improve language skills.
- Vocational Impact (Psychology & Mental Health) – Gain hands-on experience supporting mental health and wellbeing.
- Summer camps – Lead activities, mentor young people, and share cultural knowledge.
- Summer Schools (Japan/South Korea) – Immerse yourself in a new language and culture while developing your teaching experience.

British Sign Language

- Summer Camps – Help make camp activities more inclusive by supporting accessibility initiatives.

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“Studying Korean language and history in such an immersive environment not only deepened my understanding of Korean culture but also gave me the chance to connect with students from around the world. The program was both academically enriching and personally rewarding, and I would highly encourage anyone considering it to take part in this unforgettable experience.”

Erin Johnson, Korean, TESOL and Linguistics South Korean summer school 2025



Opportunities

Summer Camps

Camp Canada

www.camp-canada.com/uk

Spend 8-10 weeks with children, helping them through their summer away from their family and making sure that they are having an epic summer at camp surrounded by amazing Canadian landscapes.

- Programme Fee: Free
- Pay: Minimum \$1000 CAD (2026)

Camp America

www.campamerica.co.uk

Spend 9-12 weeks of your summer living and working at an American summer camp. Get back to nature and become a role model to children and young adults at one of the hundreds of camps we work with across the USA.

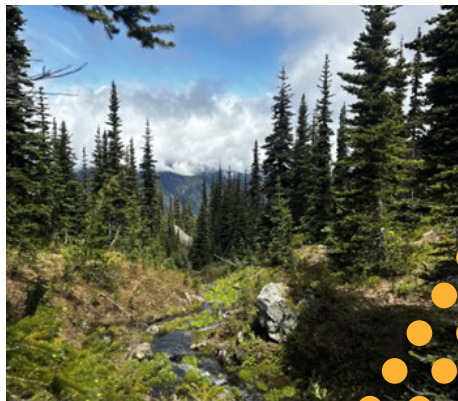
- Programme fee: £479 up to £679 for first timers (2026)
- Pay: Up to \$2150 USD paid by camp (2026)

BUNAC Summer Camp USA

bunac.org

From coaching sports to teaching arts – get paid to do what you love working at summer camp in America for 9-12 weeks. Earn money, explore America, make a difference.

- Programme Fee: £339 for first timers (2026)
- Pay: Minimum USD \$2,250



Volunteering

Vocational Impact

<https://vocationalimpact.org>

At Vocational Impact, our goal as a charity is clear: connect skilled volunteers to the projects where they're needed most. You'll collaborate with professionals, gaining experience and making a real difference in developing communities.

- Programme Fee: Varies, around £700 for 2 weeks
- Pay: N/A

Programme Opportunities:

- Psychology & Mental Health Volunteer
- Criminology & Law Volunteer
- Community Development Volunteer
- Medical Placement Volunteer
- Sports Volunteer
- Arts Volunteer
- Music Volunteer

Countries:

- Ghana
- South Africa
- India

Think Pacific

<https://thinkpacific.com>

Live, work and learn in breath taking locations, with incredible people. Join a team, live at the heart of a traditional village and work on projects that will profoundly impact your future. Gain extraordinary work experience and immerse yourself into a new way of life, whilst contributing to initiatives that are achieving groundbreaking results through our inspiring partnerships.

- Programme Fee: Varies, £1400 minimum (2 weeks, as of 2025)
- Pay: N/A

Opportunities:

- Global Team Internship
- New Opportunities for 2026

Countries:

- Fiji
- Indonesia
- Thailand



Volunteering

Challenges Abroad

<https://challengesabroad.co.uk>

Challenges Abroad is a social enterprise providing impactful, customised overseas learning programmes for students in further, higher and vocational education. Their Mission is to develop the next generation of Global Citizens, who as future leaders will help shape a better future for everyone.

- Programme Fee: Varies, £1395 minimum (2 weeks, as of 2026)
- Pay: N/A

Opportunities:

- Sustainability and Conservation
- Health and Wellbeing Challenge
- Business and Finance in the Community
- South Korea: Introducing K-Design (study)
- Social Impact in the Community (Quality Education) Engineering, Social and Cultural Impact
- Sports Leadership Challenge
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Countries:

- Cambodia
- India
- Nepal
- Panama
- Peru
- Tanzania
- Thailand

Travelteer

<https://travelteer.co.uk>

Travelteer provides the perfect blend of awe-inspiring travel and high impact volunteering! Join us for a life changing experience that truly makes a difference. Whether you want to get stuck into environmental conservation or give back to local communities, Travelteer has the project for you. Your fundraising will be allocated to the programme of your choice - meaning your hard work really does make an impact!

- Programme Fee: living costs will be £32-£35 per day with registration fee of £175 (as of 2026)
- Pay: N/A

Opportunities:

- Marine & Wildlife Conservation
- English Development
- Sports Development
- Mental Health Placement
- Medical Elective

Countries:

- Sri Lanka
- Nepal
- Morocco





Summer Schools

Step into a new culture through a summer school opportunity with one of our partners from Japan or South Korea! Experience life abroad, join exciting cultural activities, and immerse yourself in a new language all while studying in a vibrant international setting.

Who can join?

Open to all students from any degree background (excluding final-year students and graduates).

Please note: you can't take part in the summer directly before a study abroad placement.

How to apply?

To apply for a funded summer school place, please apply for Turing funding. If successful, we will reach out regarding your summer school options and allocation.

Programme Fees:

Tuition & accommodation typically range from £300 - £700 for one month

Opportunities:

- Short term study abroad
- Degree related classes (for some summer schools)
- Language learning
- Cultural immersion
- International networking

Countries:

- South Korea
- Japan



Turing Funding

The Turing Scheme is the UK government's programme to provide funding for international opportunities in education and training across the world. All projects listed in this leaflet that take place between 1st September 2025 and 31st August 2026 are eligible for Turing funding.

Priority Group Funding

The Turing scheme prioritizes the following groups for funding:

- Students with an annual household income of £35,000 or less Students who have caring responsibilities
- Care leavers and students who are care experienced Estranged students

Please note that international students are not eligible for priority group funding.

What may I be eligible for if I am in a Turing priority group?

You will receive:

- cost of living grant travel grant
- readiness to travel costs claims: such as visa, passports, insurance, and vaccines
- SEND claims: such as, solar panel charger for insulin pump, appropriate alternative accommodation

Standard Funding

What may I be eligible for if I am not in a Turing priority group? You will receive:

- cost of living grant
- SEND claims: such as, solar panel charger for insulin pump, appropriate alternative accommodation

Turing funding will be allocated to students based on information disclosed during the application process.

Deadline for funding applications:

Early applications are strongly advised.

- Application Deadline: January 9th 2026
- Results shared: by March 9th 2026

Please scan the QR code to access the Turing funding application:



**Turing Application -
Summer 2026**

Below you can find the minimum and maximum day rates for each country, including the travel grant amounts that you will receive if you are a priority student granted funding.

Destination	Travel grant rate	Non-Priority Day Rate	Priority Day Rate
Morocco	Up to £325	£12.00/£17.00	£16.00/£21.00
Ghana	Up to £745	£12.00/£17.00	£16.00/£21.00
India	Up to £745	£12.00/£17.00	£16.00/£21.00
Kenya	Up to £745	£12.00/£17.00	£16.00/£21.00
Nepal	Up to £745	£12.00/£17.00	£16.00/£21.00
Tanzania	Up to £745	£12.00/£17.00	£16.00/£21.00
Uganda	Up to £745	£12.00/£17.00	£16.00/£21.00
Cambodia	Up to £905	£12.00/£17.00	£16.00/£21.00
Indonesia	Up to £905	£12.00/£17.00	£16.00/£21.00
Panama	Up to £905	£12.00/£17.00	£16.00/£21.00
Peru	Up to £905	£12.00/£17.00	£16.00/£21.00
South Africa	Up to £905	£12.00/£17.00	£16.00/£21.00
South Korea	Up to £905	£12.00/£17.00	£16.00/£21.00
Sri Lanka	Up to £905	£12.00/£17.00	£16.00/£21.00
Thailand	Up to £905	£12.00/£17.00	£16.00/£21.00
Fiji	Up to £1360	£12.00/£17.00	£16.00/£21.00
Canada	Up to £745	£14.00/£19.00	£18.00/£23.00
United States	Up to £745	£14.00/£19.00	£18.00/£23.00
Japan	Up to £905	£14.00/£19.00	£18.00/£23.00

Fundraising

We encourage students to fundraise for volunteering programmes to contribute/ pay for programme fees.

It can be daunting to think about the amount of money you may need to fundraise for your overseas opportunity, but we and your organisation are here to support you every step of the way in achieving your goals!

Here's how to get started:

- Book an appointment through Handshake with the Global Opportunities team where we can discuss your support needs and realistic fundraising plans.
- Contact the organisation that you're fundraising for, most organisations have fundraising advisors who can help you with planning and ideas.

What can I do?

Make the most of your university community!

- Contact your Students' Union who can help you to organise pub quizzes and events
- Ask Societies to sponsor you
- Organise bakes sales and activities to take place on campus

Common fundraising ideas include:

- Raffles
- Bake sales
- Crowdfunding
- 100 square bingo

"I raised £1300 for my summer opportunity in 2022 through crowdfunding, a raffle, and 100 square bingo. My advice would be to get the word out and be proud of what you are doing, you will be surprised at how many people are excited to support you!"

Steph Palterman Psychology Graduate,
Think Pacific



How to apply



If you are not applying for YSJU Turing funding, you only need to apply to the host organisation.

Support

What support will I have at YSJ?

Our Global Opportunities team will be able to assist with the following:

- Information provided on the opportunities available.
- Support planning your fundraising activities
- Information on funding options.
- Turing funding applications.
- In person one on one or group meetings.



Please scan the QR code below to book a one-on-one appointment through 'York Global Opportunities Appointments' on Handshake



Please scan the QR code below to book onto a 'Global Opportunities Information Session' on Handshake

If you are unable to find the information you need, please either book a meeting, attend an information session, or send an enquiry through the Student Hub.



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