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Where will your summer take you?

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What is a Summer Global Opportunity?

From summer schools to international volunteering and summer camps, there is a summer opportunity for everyone. During your next summer break, you could find yourself anywhere from Nepal to South Korea, from Uganda to Fiji. These short-term global opportunities start from just 1 week and are available for all students on any degree.

At York St John University we believe that international opportunities are extremely important to your personal and professional development as students and graduates. We want to help you get involved in experiences where you will learn new skills and build new relationships in a structured and fun way. All opportunities that we promote in this booklet are provided by organisations that we are partnered with and trust. In collaboration with these overseas organisations, we will support you to take on new adventures and fulfil your potential!

The benefits of taking part in a Summer Global Opportunity

- Grow your cultural awareness by engaging with individuals from across the world.
- Communicate effectively with a range of people from diverse cultures.
- Build confidence and resilience in unfamiliar, but structured and organised situations.
- Make a positive impact on the lives of others.
- Develop your career prospects through valuable international experiences.
- Make life-long memories and connections in beautiful locations!

*The programme fees set by our partners are listed throughout this leaflet and are correct at the time of print.

- Additional costs for programmes include: flights
- Additional costs for programmes may include: Visas, medical, insurance, DBS checks, accommodation, food, travel, etc.

Please visit organisation websites for more information and the most up to date costs

Volunteer with Think Pacific



Scan here to visit their website!

Think Pacific is a UK social enterprise and registered Fijian charity, which works with local government partners to achieve ethical, responsible and sustainable development in remote Fijian communities, whilst allowing university students to have a structured and rewarding experience. On a 16 day or one-month team expedition, international volunteers live at the heart of a Fijian village, experience challenges, teamwork and cultural differences and work side-by-side with Fijian youths to discuss, explore and implement sustainable projects to tackle a range of social issues. Anyone can complete any expedition although some may compliment specific degrees.

This is open to all students from any degree type.



Think Pacific – Fiji Mental Health Project 2022

“ An incredible opportunity that I would highly recommend to everyone! I was warmly welcomed into a local Fijian household and allowed to experience Fijian culture at its more raw moments, in the heart of a traditional village. I facilitated workshops on mental health, alongside local mental health practitioners, educating and raising awareness of what is such a taboo topic in Fiji. We witnessed the locals and ourselves develop an understanding of mental health at a deeper level and open up about their experiences, whilst we provided information on services that exist in Fiji. This was such an eye-opening experience that I never believed I would be capable of doing. I made friends for life, learned new things about myself and witnessed with my own eyes the positive change I helped to make.

By Steph Palterman – Psychology Graduate.



What key skills might I gain/ improve upon on this programme?

You will become a part of a close-knit community that will allow you to experience the Fijian culture without pretences. This will increase your ability to adapt and interact with different cultures in your personal and professional life.

- Problem Solving
- Decision Making
- Teamwork
- Organisation
- Adaptability

Where can I go?

Fiji

What opportunities are available?

- Community Build: Construct a Village Health Clinic
- Youth Empowerment: Collaborate with Fijian Youths
- Mental Health: Promotion and Advocacy Initiative
- Sport Development: Community Sport Coaching
- Public Health: Community Health Project

How long is it?

Projects can last for 16 days or 1 month

When?

Start dates available from May through to August 2024

What is the organisation's programme fee?

£195 registration fee

Project fees:

- £1400 for 16 days (Includes Accommodation)
- £1950 for one month (Includes Accommodation)

How do I fund it?

- We encourage and support all students to fundraise for their summer opportunity.
- Consider applying for YSJUs International Volunteering Fund.
- Limited Turing Funding Available for 4-week programmes.

*See funding section on page 23 for more information.

Volunteer with Challenges Abroad



Scan here to visit their website!

Challenges Abroad is a Social Enterprise, where decisions are driven by the interests of people and our planet. Challenges Abroad have been working with universities over the past 10+ years since Challenges Abroad was founded in 2012. During this time, they have hosted over 5,000 students who have made a significant impact overseas and raised a significant amount for their international development charity, The FutureSense Foundation. Programmes run for 1 to 4 weeks in a variety of locations and projects around the world.

This is open to all students from any degree type.

Challenges Abroad Case Study



The school was a great experience, it brought many memories from when I lived in Chile. The kids were adorable and had a great laugh. Each day

we would run a workshop focusing on Global warming and environmental impact and action.

From origami to solving different puzzles and making models of different environmental phenomena. In the end, we completed two major projects outside of workshop enabling. We completed a hanging garden and painted the wall around it, and we also completed a library space that was inaccessible prior to our work.

Every Wednesday we had salsa night, where for the first hour the instructor taught the basics of salsa and after that, it was free salsa dancing. A really enjoyable time for good laughs and bonding time with people in my group and other groups. On my one and only free weekend, a group of us decided to go to Machu Picchu.

Andrew Morrison – 1st Year International Relations Student.



What key skills might I gain/ improve upon on this programme?

Challenges Abroad have a strong ethos about helping people develop themselves as global citizens and future leaders. The projects you will be involved with will expose you to international issues that will widen your critical thinking and social awareness.

- Creative Thinking
- Critical Thinking
- Work Ethic
- Organisation
- Communication

What is the organisation's programme fee?

Programme fees are between £1250- £1995 depending on project and duration (Includes accommodation)

How do I fund it?

- We encourage and support all students to fundraise for their summer opportunity.
- Consider applying for YSJUs International Volunteering Fund.
- Limited Turing Funding Available for 4-week programmes.

*See funding section on page 23 for more information.



Where can I go?

Cambodia, Nepal, Thailand, Peru, Finland, India or Tanzania.

What opportunities are available?

- Social impact
- Creative Arts
- Climate Action
- Health and Wellbeing
- Public Health
- Sports Challenge
- Business in the Community

How long is it?

7 days - 4 weeks

When?

Start dates available from June through to September 2024

Volunteer with Play Action International



Scan here to visit their website!

Play Action International are passionate about play! They work to give disadvantaged children access to playgrounds which support their healthy development through the language they know best - PLAY! During either a 2 or 4-week programme with them you will join their team to help build a playground and run various play workshops at one of their partner schools in Uganda or Kenya.

This is open to all students from any degree type.



Play Action International Case Study

“ My time in Uganda was full of extreme highs, life changing moments and long-lasting memories. Being immersed in a rural school community for 4 weeks allowed me to fully experience what life is like in a completely different culture. There are so many moments from my time in Uganda that have had a positive effect on me now I am returning to life back in England. I can assure anybody that working with Play Action International in Africa will be a life-changing experience and one that you will remember and treasure forever.

Josh Thorpe (Uganda 2023)



Where can I go?

Uganda or Kenya

What opportunities are available?

- Uganda Volunteer Project- Building Playgrounds
- Kenya Volunteer Project- Building Playgrounds

How long is it?

2 weeks or 4 weeks

When?

Start dates from the 3rd of June through to the 29th of July 2024



What key skills might I gain/ improve upon on this programme?

You will gain tangible skills through working with equipment to build the play areas for the children of the community you will be volunteering in. This will aid your teamwork experience and your understanding of what social impact these structures or organisations can have on a community.

- Creative Thinking
- Time Management
- Teamwork
- Work Ethic
- Communication

What is the organisation's programme fee?

Registration Fee £245 (£195 if you attend an information session)

2 Weeks £1350 or 4 Weeks £1750 (Includes accommodation)

How do I fund it?

- We encourage and support all students to fundraise for their summer opportunity.
- Consider applying for YSJUs International
- Volunteering Fund. Limited Turing Funding Available for 4-week programmes.

*See funding section on page 23 for more information.

Volunteer with Travelteer



Scan here to visit their website!

Travelteer is at the forefront of responsible travel and ethical volunteering. They have seen first-hand the positive impact that volunteering can have on local communities and they have created a variety of charitable programmes that utilise volunteer skill sets to make a real difference. They specialise in providing university students with quality placements in Sri Lanka, Costa Rica and Nepal. Have an adventure of a lifetime alongside other University students from all over the country.

This is open to all students from any degree type.

travelteer

Travelteer Case Study

“ I've had such an incredible time volunteering in Nepal! The experience was beyond words! Some of the highlights of my trip include helping out in the local schools and experiencing traditional Nepalese culture when staying in the mountain village. ”

Google Reviews



Where can I go?

Nepal, Costa Rica and Sri Lanka

What opportunities are available?

- Marine & Wildlife Conservation
- English Development
- Sports Development
- Textiles & Design
- Mental Health
- Community Development
- Turtle Conservation

How long is it?

Projects can last between 2 and 4 weeks

When?

Start dates available from June through to September 2024

What key skills might I gain/ improve upon on this programme?

The range of programmes available from Travelteer all offer specific and action-based opportunities that will help you gain hands-on experience. You will be connected to authentic experiences with people, wildlife, and environments around the world through specific roles that will carry on to lifelong skills through your career or personal development.

- Problem Solving
- Decision Making
- Teamwork
- Organisation
- Adaptability

What is the organisation's programme fee?

- £168 place holding registration fee
- £29 per day (e.g. 4 weeks is £812)
- £75 per week fundraising target (e.g. £300 for 4 weeks)

How do I fund it?

- We encourage and support all students to fundraise for their summer opportunity.
- Consider applying for YSJUs International Volunteering Fund.
- Limited Turing Funding Available for 4-week programmes.

*See funding section on page 23 for more information.



Study in International Summer Schools

Coming Soon for Summer 2024!

Travel to Japan or South Korea where you will have the opportunity to learn in a different country, experience cultural activities, and immerse yourself in language. These summer schools are designed for students to study for a short time in Japan or South Korea, all whilst getting an enriching view of the country's culture.

More information is soon to come on these exciting opportunities, so please keep an eye out on our 'Global opportunities' webpage or email us to be placed on our mailing list!

This is open to all students from any degree type, excluding final year students.

Where can I go?

South Korea and Japan

How long is it?

4 weeks

What key skills might I gain/ improve upon on this programme?

- Creative Thinking
- Critical Thinking
- Work Ethic
- Organisation
- Communication

How do I fund it?

- Limited Spaces for Turing Funding Available for 4-week programmes

*See funding section on page 23 for more information.

International Summer School Case Study

“ The food, the people, and the overall vibe of the city was truly spectacular. As someone from a rural village, the life of being in a city was so exhilarating and new, and Seoul is really the place to go and experience that way of life! From learning about the history of Korea in the National Museum to late night trips to 7 Eleven, Korea has been a place that I have fallen in love with and am already planning on going back to! I am so grateful that I have come across this opportunity, and it has created memories that will stay with me forever.

Hollie Whittle, 2023
(South Korean Summer School)



Train and Teach English with TTI Recruit



Scan here to visit their website!

TTI Recruit is one of the largest English language providers in Asia. Train and teach English abroad in Thailand for 11 weeks over the Summer. Spend 4 weeks in-country earning a TEFL certificate and then the next 7 weeks teaching in a local school whilst earning a salary! This opportunity will enable you to interact with local people, help children to reach their potential, and open you up to an array of opportunities in the future. In your free time you can immerse yourself in Thai culture, explore the country and make lifelong memories.

This is open to all students from any degree type.



Case Study

“ I have always wanted to teach abroad but it felt too scary to organise myself. TTI Recruit have made the whole process feel a lot less daunting and have been there every step of the way... I highly recommend TTI Recruit as I think you would struggle to find a recruitment company that gives you such a personalised experience. ”

Google Reviews



Where can I go?

Thailand

How long is it?

6 weeks-11 weeks

What key skills might I gain/ improve upon on this programme?

With TTI recruit, you will get the necessary training you need to become a TEFL qualified English teacher whilst also getting over a month of in-class experience. Attending this programme will give you a strong platform to continue in TESOL education (if you wish to do so) and will give you an eye-opening view of international education.

- Creative Thinking
- Critical Thinking
- Work Ethic
- Organisation
- Adaptability

What is the organisation's programme fee?

- Fee: £1950 (includes accommodation and a TEFL qualification)
- Participants are paid £800 - £1000 depending on the exchange rate

How do I fund it?

- Limited Turing Funding Available for this programme

*See funding section on page 23 for more information.

Work in Summer Camps (USA)

An All-American tradition, between June and August each year over a million children and teenagers attend summer camps in America for between 1-8 weeks as Camp Counsellors and Activity Specialists.

With over 10,000 camps, there are thousands of summer camp roles and camp vacancies open for international applicants – from working with young people with disabilities, to running crafts and teaching sports.

We partner with organisations (CCUSA, USA Summer Camp, and BUNAC) who provide camp opportunities in the USA. With these opportunities, you can travel to the US to gain experience working with children whilst earning an income.

Each programme offers different services and opportunities. You can find out more about what each programme offers through the QR codes below.

This is open to all students from any degree type.

What key skills might I gain/ improve upon on this programme?

Summer camps are a great opportunity to expose yourself to a working lifestyle that will benefit you through responsibility, versatility, and to give you international working experience without long-term commitment.

- Creative Thinking
- Critical Thinking
- Work Ethic
- Organisation
- Adaptability

BUNAC (USA Summer Camp)



Scan here to visit their website!

You'll live in phenomenal locations, make friends for life and help to shape the children you work with. This means you must have some experience working with children. Applicants don't always realise they have this, so speak to BUNAC first to check what qualifies.

"Don't visit, live it." Make travelling abroad work for you by earning as you go and gaining career-focused skills in the USA. Don't put off your career, start it on an adventure with BUNAC.

Where can I go?

300 Summer Camps across the United States of America

What opportunities are available?

- Activity Specialist
- Camp Councilor
- Special Needs Councilor



How long is it?

9 weeks with the option to travel in the US for 30 days after camp has finished.

When?

Starting between May/June until mid-August.

What is the organisation's programme fee and what is included?

£379 total programme fee
(Includes accommodation)

A final summer camp salary of USD \$2000.

How do I fund it?

- Paid Role
- Limited Turing Funding Available for this programme

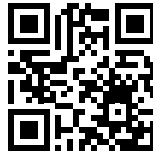
*See funding section on page 23 for more information.

“ I would have never been able to do this on my own. I would highly recommend BUNAC to anyone wanting to work/travel abroad!
Jenny, Trustpilot. ”

Other Camp Opportunities

CCUSA

CCUSA has programmes in the American Camp style which take place in Canada, Croatia, and Russia. For 4-8 weeks during the summer months, immerse yourself in a different culture while having the support of the Camp around you to learn and thrive in earning your own income!



Scan here to visit their website!

USA Summer Camp

With USA Summer Camp, earn a minimum of \$2,000 while supporting children in activities like climbing, archery, water sports, photography and many more pursuits. Enrich your summer with a job teaching these fun activities while gaining experience for the next step in your career path.



Scan here to visit their website!

Camp America

With Camp American explore the Grand Canyon, shop in New York City, hike Yosemite, or hit the beach in Miami for 30 days after you have worked to support children in a variety of activities. Formed in 1969 this camp has a range of experiences and opportunities for you to blend learning new skills with enjoying a summer abroad.



Scan here to visit their website!

*There are many additional summer camps that students may attend if they would like. Please do your own research on additional opportunities that may be available for you.

There is no YSJU funding available for the 'other camp' opportunities, however, these are often paid roles. For more information, please visit the organisation websites through the above QR codes.



Internships with Pagoda Projects



Scan here to visit their website!

Interested in developing your skills with an international internship? With Pagoda Projects, an internship will be facilitated for you through their trusted partners. These range from small startups to large household names like Bosch and Marriott Hotels, offering professional internships across more than 40 sectors. During each programme, Pagoda organises social events, tourist activities, weekend trips and networking dinners to encourage students to socialise and help them make the most of their time overseas. This means students can explore their host country, with their own personal tour guide. Adhering to their Internship Quality Policy, Pagoda Projects ensures that each host company offers high-quality, relevant and interesting opportunities, delivered in a supportive working environment.

This is open to all students from any degree type.



Pagoda Projects Case Study

“Great company to find international internships as a UK university student. Process was quick and simple, and the programme was fun and entertaining!”

Google Reviews



“Pagoda Projects is an incredible adventure; the people and the vibe is so up lifting when it comes to you as a human and an active participant of this society. Learning is a process, and you will never feel left on your own.”

Google Reviews



Where can I go?

Portugal or Vietnam

What opportunities are available?

(unpaid) internships in your chosen destination, sector and host company. We will sponsor two students for this programme (please see funding section below for more information on eligibility).

How long is it?

8 weeks (4 weeks online and 4 weeks in-person)

What key skills might I gain/ improve upon on this programme?

With over 800 internships available in 40+ sectors, taking part in Pagoda Projects exposes you to a range of work lifestyles and cultures across the globe. This is an opportunity to start a career in another country or understand how the connections that companies have across countries to strengthen relationships is invaluable.

- Problem Solving
- Work Ethic
- Critical Thinking
- Organisation
- Communication

What is the organisation's programme fee?

- £3000 (Portugal)
- £2500 (Vietnam)

(Includes accommodation)

How do I fund it?

YSJU will sponsor two students for this opportunity. This sponsorship will include:

- Full programme fee (£2500/£3000)

Allocation of this sponsorship will be based on the Turing criteria (outlined in Turing section of this leaflet) and is limited to two students. Limited Turing Funding Available for this programme.

*See funding section on page 23 for more information.





Funding

Fundraising for Volunteering Programmes

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 who is willing to support you.

”

Steph Palterman –
Psychology Graduate

YSJU International Volunteering Fund

At York St John University we want to give all students the opportunity to have life changing experiences through international volunteering opportunities. It may be that you are wanting to undertake a shorter 2-week opportunity, or you don't meet the personal criteria for Turing Funding. The YSJ International Volunteering Fund exists to support those who are not eligible for Turing Funding and can help you achieve your fundraising goal or support with living costs whilst you are volunteering overseas.

More information on the YSJ International Volunteering Fund will be released from January 2024.



Turing Scheme Funding

The Turing Scheme is the UK government's programme to provide funding for international opportunities in education and training across the world. York St John University have a limited number of spaces available for eligible students on projects for Summer 2024. In this leaflet you can see what projects qualify for funding.



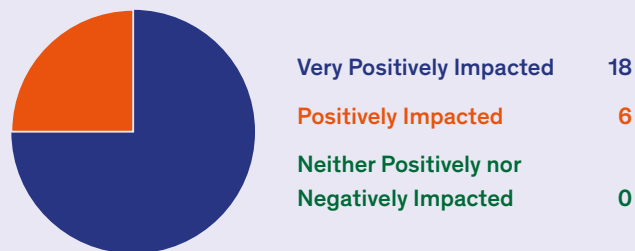
The Turing scheme prioritises the following groups for funding:

- Students with an annual household income of £25,000 or less
- Students who have caring responsibilities
- Care leavers and students who are care experienced
- Estranged students

Deadline for funding application:

Apply to us for Turing funding between November 1st- 15th.

How much did the Turing Funding positively impact your ability to participate in the programme/summer opportunity?



The above stats have been gathered from Turing Funded students from Summer Global Opportunities 2023

What may I be eligible for if I qualify for Turing Funding?

You will receive a monthly cost of living grant, as well as a travel grant. You may also have essential costs, such as visa, insurance and medicals refunded. Any costs associated with SEND may also be refunded.

Cost of Living Monthly Grant	Programme
£655	Japanese Summer School (Between 4-8 weeks)
£590	Think Pacific, Play Action International, South Korean Summer School, Travelteer, Pagoda (Between 4-8 weeks)
£490	BUNAC (From 9 weeks)
£445	TTI Recruit (From 9 weeks)

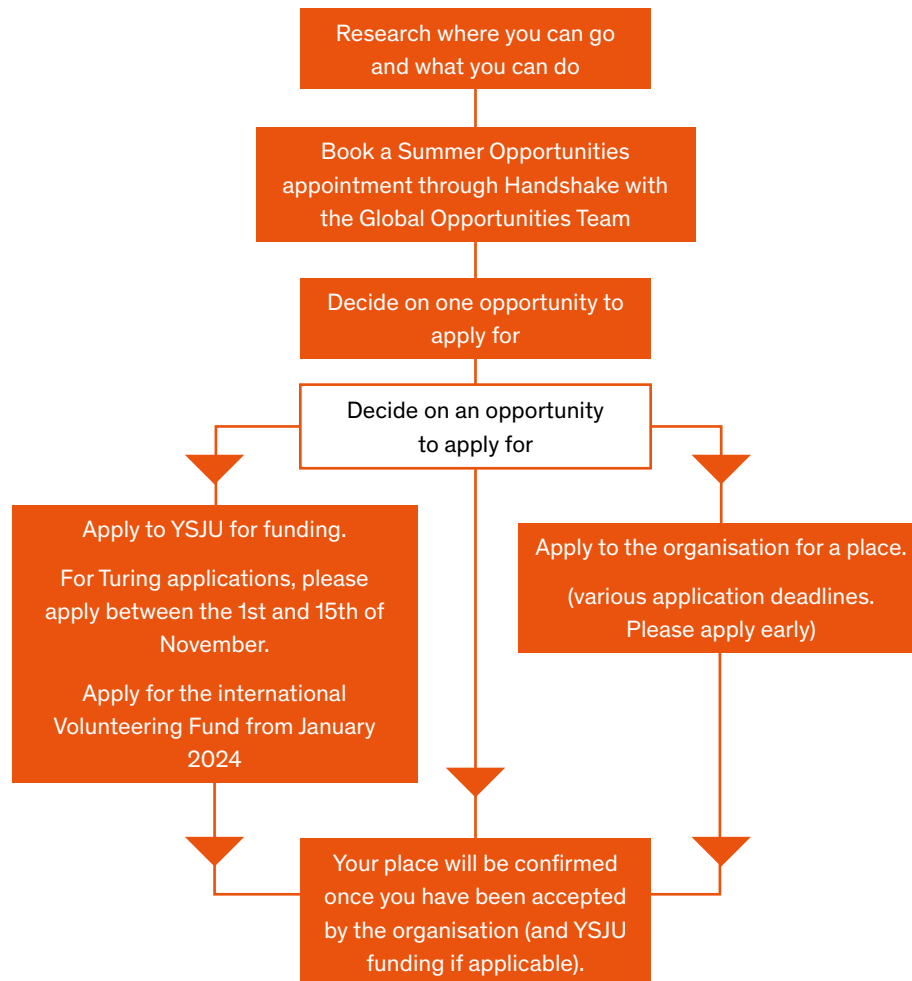
Flight Grant	Location
£1,360.00	Fiji
£905.00	South Korea, Japan, Sri Lanka, Costa Rica, Vietnam, Thailand, USA (depending on distance)
£745.00	Nepal, Kenya, Uganda, USA (depending on distance)
£250.00	Portugal

Turing funding will be allocated to students based on information disclosed during the application process. There may be Turing funding for students who do not meet the above criteria, but this is subject to Turing funding availability and will be a lower rate.



Next Steps

How to apply (Funded Students)



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

Support

What support will I have at YSJ?

Our Global Opportunities Team will be available to assist with the following:

- Information provided on the opportunities available.
- Support planning your fundraising activities.
- Offer further information on funding options.
- Short-Term Summer Opportunities Application.
- Opportunity to meet in-person or online with a member of the team.



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