# **Study Abroad Application Guidance Notes**

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All applicants to the Study Abroad or exchange research programmes at King's College London should apply online following the guidance notes below:

## Registering

To apply for a Study Abroad or exchange research programme at King's you will first need to <u>register on our online application system</u> and then complete the online application form. Please ensure that you attach all relevant documentation to your online application. Guidance on required supporting materials can be <u>found on our website</u>.

The email address you use to register your application will automatically be used for any email communications King's has with you prior to your arrival, therefore please ensure you provide an email address that you check regularly and that will not be deactivated, i.e. a university email.

NB: When inputting your name, **please include** <u>all</u> **names stated on your passport**. It is important that we have your full name, as stated on your passport, before an offer can be made. This is to ensure your details are correct on any correspondence issued by King's to support your visa application. If it appears we do not have your full name this may delay a decision on your application.

NB: Please take care to ensure that your date of birth is stated in UK format on the application form (Date/Month/Year)

If you have any questions *before* submitting your application, please raise these with the Global Mobility Office via the following email address: <a href="mailto:studyabroad@kcl.ac.uk">studyabroad@kcl.ac.uk</a>.

## **Using the application portal ('King's Apply')**

After submitting your application, the main way the Admissions Team at King's College London communicates with Study Abroad applicants is through the messaging function on the 'King's Apply' portal.

Please ensure that you regularly log in to the portal and check for messages from the Admissions Team. Once your application has been submitted, the team will not communicate with you via email but through messages on the portal.

If you cannot provide all the supporting documents required at the time of submitting your application, it is particularly important that you check the portal for messages from Admissions regularly. You will be able to send additional documentation to the Admissions Team via the message function.

If you need to contact the Admissions Team about your **submitted** application, please log in to the portal and send the team a message via the 'View and send messages' section.



You will also be able to view the status of your application and, if successful, your offer details. The Admissions Team aims to process applications in four to six weeks, however this may vary depending on the time of year.

Please ensure that your application form is complete with all supporting documents upon submission. Any incomplete applications will be delayed until relevant documents are received. The Admissions Team will contact you via the portal if any documents are missing, however it is your responsibility to ensure all documents are provided on time.

## How to complete the application

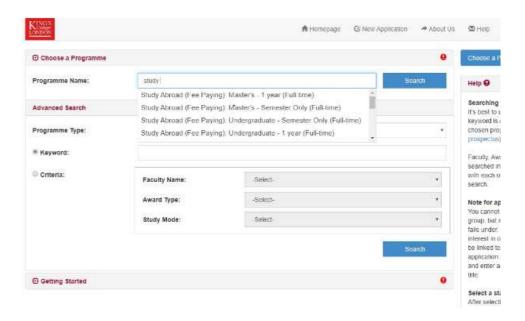
After the initial registration page you will be directed to the Homepage where you will need to select 'Create New Application' and follow the steps below:

#### 1) Choose a Programme

In this section you will be asked to search for the programme of study you wish to apply for.

Enter 'Study Abroad' in to the 'Programme Name' field and select your specific programme from the dropdown list that appears.

<u>Full year applicants should select the programme title that includes '1 year'</u>, and students applying for semester <u>should select the programme title that includes 'Semester'</u>



## Study Abroad (Fee Paying): Undergraduate

For students currently enrolled on an undergraduate degree programme outside of the UK, wishing to apply as an **independent** student for a Study Abroad period at King's. This is a fee-paying programme.

#### Study Abroad: Health and Society

As above, but with a compulsory element: 'Health and Society' module incorporated into the programme of study (fee-paying).

#### Study Abroad (Fee Paying): Master's

For students currently enrolled on a master's degree programme outside of the UK, wishing to apply as an **independent** student for a Study Abroad period at King's. This is a fee-paying programme.

## Study Abroad Exchange (Undergraduate, Master's or Postgraduate Research)

For students of all levels (undergraduate/master's/postgraduate research) who are currently enrolled on a degree programme outside the UK with one of King's partner institutions. Students applying for this programme **must be nominated** by their home institution to come to King's as part of a mutual exchange agreement (this includes Erasmus exchange). Students should not apply until they have received confirmation from King's that they have been nominated. This programme is fee neutral.

Any application made on those programs by students who should be fee-paying will be rejected and they will need to re-apply on the correct program.

#### **Erasmus+ Traineeship (Research Only)**

For students currently enrolled on an undergraduate, master's or postgraduate research degree programme within the EU (not the UK), wishing to come to King's to work on **research-only** (no classes) with a member of academic staff (supervisor must have been identified before you can apply). This programme caters for Erasmus+ Placement students. Further information can be found here: <a href="https://www.kcl.ac.uk/abroad/study-in-london/erasmus-traineeship">https://www.kcl.ac.uk/abroad/study-in-london/erasmus-traineeship</a> and the specific <a href="https://www.kcl.ac.uk/abroad/study-in-lond

#### **Getting Started**

In this section you will be asked the following question:

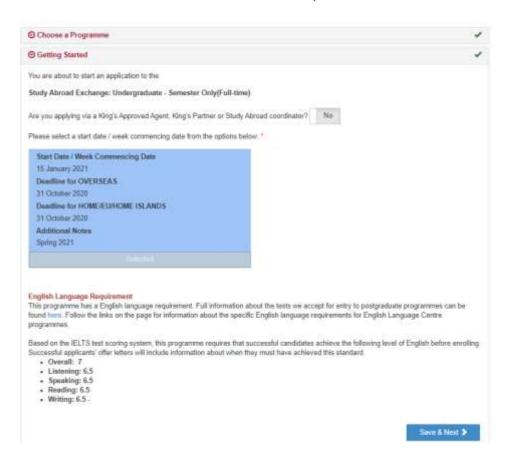
'Are you applying via a King's Approved Agent, King's Partner or Study Abroad coordinator?'

<u>It is not necessary for applicants to input an agent code</u> and you should be able to bypass this when completing the application form, by answering 'No' to this question.

The agent code is only for institutions who have specifically requested to be set up as an agent, so that they can manage their students' applications. If this is relevant to you, you will need to answer 'Yes' to this question and input your 'Agent Code' into the relevant field. Your home university will already have told you about the code.

If you enter an Agent Code there will be a second question - 'Mail correspondence should be sent to — Agent or Applicant'. If you will be replying to messages yourself, please select 'Applicant'. If you are managing the full application process on behalf of a student, including responding to messages, please select 'Agent'.

You will then be asked to select the start month; select the relevant month and click save.



NB: For Study Abroad programmes, as a way to manage the large number of applications we receive, we prioritise applications for the soonest start date. For instance, when we are open for applications to programmes starting in September you will not be able to apply for January entry. For Research exchanges you will still be able to apply for start dates further in advance, however those starting soonest will be given priority.

#### **English Language Requirement**

If you have not completed an <u>approved English language test</u>, such as an IELTS, please move forward with your application and if the Admissions Office requires any further evidence of English language proficiency they will contact you.

Due to changes in UK visa regulations, we now require all students to submit results from an approved English language test should they need to apply for a Student Visa. Please make sure you have read through our <u>English language requirements (under Band B)</u> carefully before you make your application.

You do not need to have completed an English language test before submitting your application as it is possible for the Admissions Team to make conditional offers.

#### 2) Personal Information

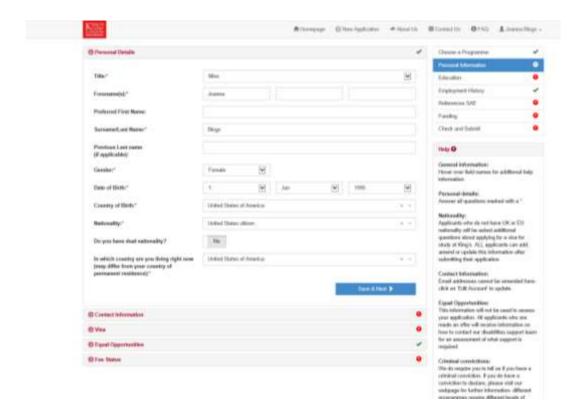
#### **Personal Details**

In this section, enter your personal details as requested and click 'Save'.

NB: Your nationality refers to the country for which you hold a passport.

If you have dual nationality, please only state this in the application form if you hold a valid passport for both countries. Those who require a visa to study in the UK and have dual nationality should state the nationality they intend to travel on and apply for their visa with first.

If your second nationality is UK and you do not require a visa to study at King's because you will be entering the UK on this passport, please send the Admissions Team a message confirming this through the portal.



#### **Contact Information**

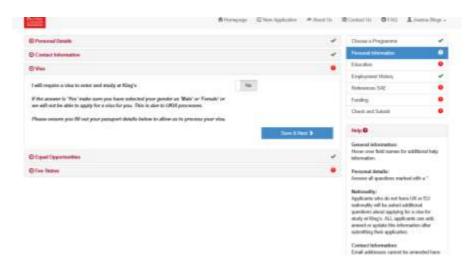
In this section, you will be asked to enter the details of your permanent home address and your correspondence address, if this is different.

#### Visa

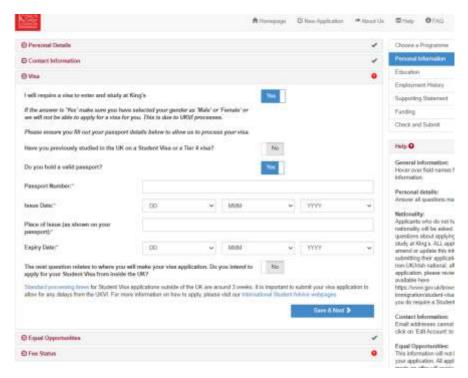
Students planning on attending King's for longer than six months (i.e. on our full year programme) will be required to apply for a <u>Student Visa</u> prior to arriving in the UK. Students studying for six months or less (i.e. on our semester programme) can enter the UK on a <u>Standard Visitor Visa</u>. Please check the <u>UK government advice</u> <u>pages</u> to see if you need to apply for this visa in advance.

If the 'Visa' section is not visible to you (it should only be the case for EU nationals), once you have submitted your application, please send a message through the portal and provide all the requested passport details and a scan of your passport and Admissions will update this information for you.

The visa section of the form allows you to confirm whether you will require a visa (visitor or student) to enter the UK and study at King's.



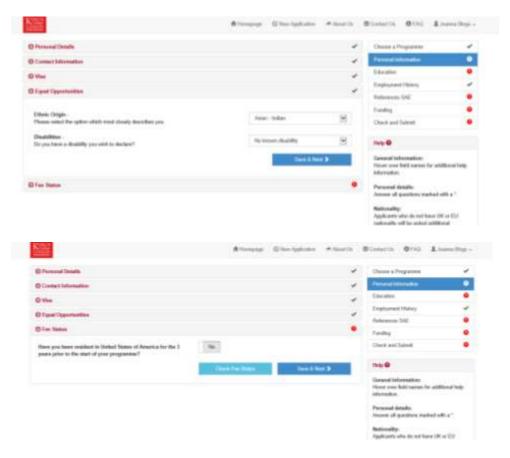
If you do require a visa to enter the UK and study at King's you will need to answer 'yes' to this question and complete as required. Please see below screenshot for reference.



#### **Equal Opportunities and Fee Status**

Please complete sections as required and click save at the end.

Equal Opportunities answers do not affect your application; it is collected for statistics purposes only, to help us maintain equal opportunities best practice and identify barriers to equality and diversity.



NB: 'Fee status' does not apply to Study Abroad applicants in the same way as fee status for applicants of full degree programmes. If you are a fee-paying Study Abroad applicant and not applying as part of an exchange agreement, then you will incur <u>Study Abroad-specific fees</u>.

#### 3) Education

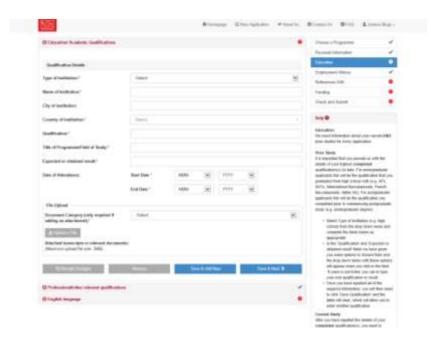
## **Education/ Academic Qualifications**

In this section you need to tell us about your highest completed qualification (any studies undertaken prior to commencing your degree programme).

For undergraduate applicants this will be the qualification that you graduated from high school with (e.g. APs, SATs, International Baccalaureate, French Baccalaureate, Abitur etc.). For postgraduate applicants this will be the qualification you completed prior to commencing postgraduate study (e.g. undergraduate degree).

On the application form please provide the following details:

- Select Type of Institution (e.g. high school) from the drop-down menu and complete the fields below as appropriate
- In the 'Qualification' and 'Expected or obtained result' fields we have given you some options to choose from and the drop-down menu with these options will appear when you click in the field. If yours is not listed, you can in type your own qualification or result.
- Once you have inputted all of the required information, you will then need to click 'Save Qualification' and the table will clear, which will allow you to enter another qualification.



After you have inputted the details of your highest completed qualification(s), you will need to tell us about your current programme of study at your home institution.

On the application form please provide the following details:

- Select Type of Institution (e.g. University) from the drop-down menu and complete the fields below as appropriate
- Please note for the Name of Institution field you will need to start typing the name of your home
  institution and wait to see if it is available on the institution list that appears. Please be patient as there
  may be a slight delay between the text being inputted and the list of institutions appearing. You may
  need to try a few different searches to find your home institution. Please take care in selecting the correct
  institution from the list. If your home institution is not available on our list, please input the full name of
  your home institution
- In the 'Qualification' and 'Expected or obtained result' fields we have given you some options to choose from and the drop-down menu with these options will appear when you click in the field. If yours is not listed, you can in type your own qualification or result
- Upload official transcripts for any university study (interim transcripts are OK if study is incomplete)
- If you want to enter another qualification, click 'Save Qualification' and the table will clear, which will allow you to enter another qualification
- When you have finished click 'Save' to store your data

## NB:

- 'Qualification' refers to the type of study you have or are undertaking. E.g. APs, SATs, International Baccalaureate, French Baccalaureate, Bachelor of Arts/BA, Bachelor of Science/BSc, Masters/MA etc.
- 'Title of Programme/Field of Study' refers to the subject of your degree. E.g. English Literature, Economics etc.
- 'Expected or obtained result' refers to a) prior study your final grade for any study undertaken prior to your degree programme, and b) current study your average/Grade Point Average (GPA) for your current degree programme
- 'Date of Attendance': Start date should be the date your course started at a) prior study your high school (or university if you are a postgraduate applicant), and b) current study at your home university. End date should be when you a) prior study have completed your high school qualification(s) (or university qualification if you are a postgraduate applicant), and b) current study will complete your degree at your home university after your study abroad period at King's
- For your current study please attach a transcript indicating your current GPA as this will be needed for assessment; this is mandatory for assessment.

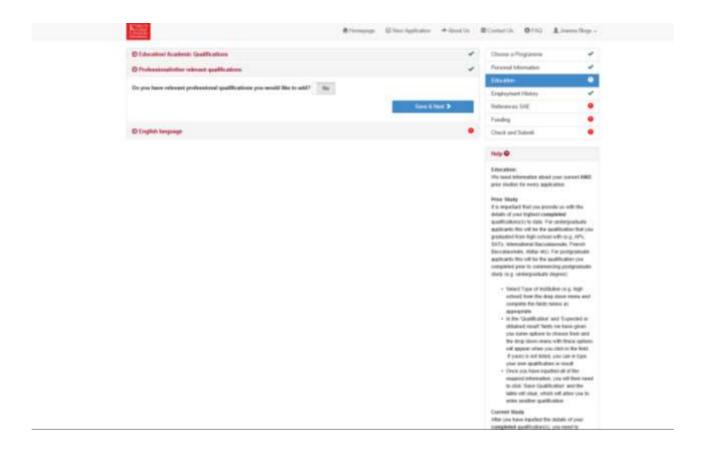
#### All transcripts must be submitted in English\* and must include:

- Name of your home university
- O Name of your programme of study, course or major
- o Grade Point Average (GPA) or equivalent

If you have previously studied in the UK, please ensure that you enter details of any programmes completed that required you to have a student visa (including any professional training courses you have undertaken). If the programme didn't have an award, please type 'no award' in the Final Grade section. If you didn't complete the programme, please type 'incomplete'.

#### Professional/other relevant qualifications

Please check 'No' or 'Yes' as required; if 'Yes', complete fields as requested.

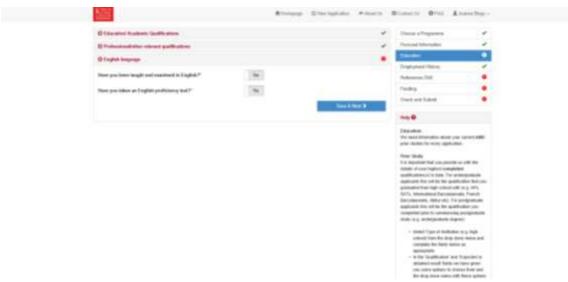


#### **English language**

Please complete the fields as required.

IMPORTANT: English language proficiency tests are only valid if they have been taken within two years of the start date of the study abroad programme you are applying to.

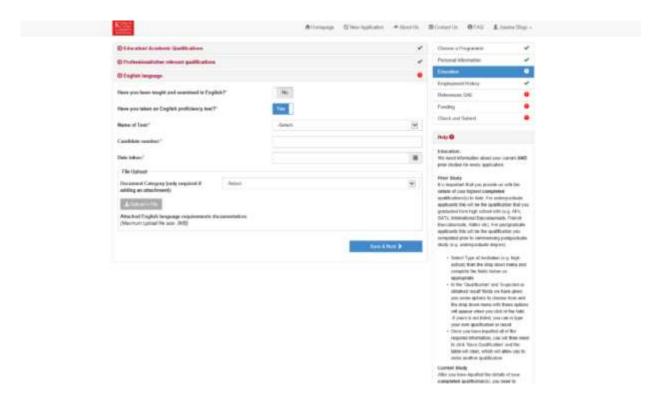
<sup>\*</sup>Please note we will only accept transcripts in English. If your original transcript is not in English, you must provide an official translation.



If you are applying from a non-native English-speaking country and have not completed an English language proficiency test, you can still submit your application and the Admissions Team will contact you if further evidence of your English language proficiency is required.

Guidance on acceptable English language tests is available on <u>our website</u>. All Study Abroad students need to meet the requirements of Band B. Some international English language qualifications may be considered, however, if you require a Student Visa to study in the UK we can only accept qualifications listed in **sections 1-4 of Band B.** 

If you have completed an English language proficiency test, please complete the relevant fields and upload your certificate.



## 4) Employment History

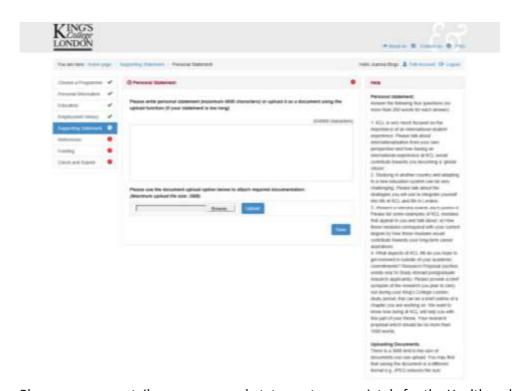
#### **Employment Details**

If you want to provide us with details of relevant work experience, please do so here.



## Supporting Statement (Personal Statement): Health and Society applicants only

Study Abroad: Health and Society applicants are required to provide a personal statement outlining their reasons for applying to the Study Abroad programme at King's and how it relates to their academic goals and personal interests. For guidance please refer to the 'Personal Statement' section under 'Supporting Materials' on our 'How to Apply' page.

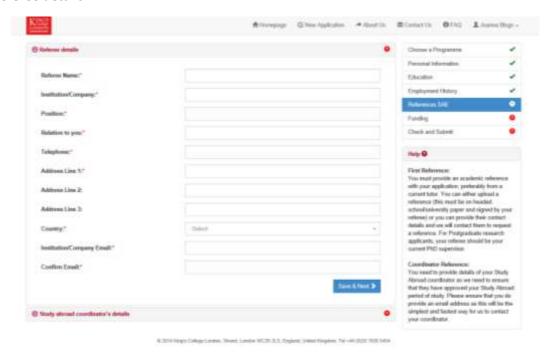


Please ensure you tailor your personal statement appropriately for the Health and Society programme.

#### 5) References

If you are applying for the exchange program, this section should not appear, as you would have been nominated and therefore do not need to provide references. If for some reason it does appear, enter your Exchange Coordinator's details and they should ignore any automatic emails regarding references.

#### Referee details



#### **First Reference:**

You must provide an academic reference with your application from a tutor who has recently taught you and who is familiar with your academic abilities and suitability for the programme.

You can either upload a reference (this must be on headed school/university paper and signed by your referee), via the messaging after you submitted your application, or you can provide their contact details and we will contact them to request a reference. If you are providing your referee's contact details, please ensure that you provide us with their university email address, rather than a personal email address.

Please do not provide a work reference in place of an academic tutor.

If you are applying for the Health and Society programme, it is advised that you provide a reference from a tutor who has taught you in a subject that is relevant to the programme.

### **Second Reference:**

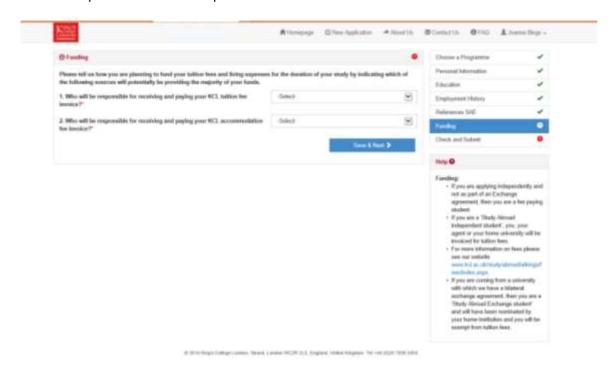
The second referee should be your Study Abroad Advisor and will only be contacted if we need to clarify the period for which you will be studying away from your home university.

Please only include the details of your Study Abroad Advisor at your home university under the section 'Second referee details'

**NB**: Your applicant portal will state that this second reference is incomplete. We do not require a reference from your second referee, and this is not an indication that this is preventing the Admissions Team from processing your application. You do not need to contact your Study Abroad Advisor to request a reference be submitted.

#### 6) Funding

Please complete the fields as required



#### Funding terminology explained:

Home institution: This means that King's will send tuition/accommodation invoice(s) to your home institution and they will pay this on your behalf.

Intermediary Agency: This means that King's will send tuition/accommodation invoice(s) to your agency/provider (e.g. Arcadia, IFSA) and they will pay this on your behalf.

Self: This means that King's will send tuition/accommodation invoice(s) to you for payment.

NB: If you are applying to study abroad at King's as an exchange student, you will need to stipulate 'Home institution' for your tuition fees, though you will NOT incur fees.

## 7) Check and Submit

#### **Attachment Summary**

Please check that you have attached the documents specified below to avoid delays in your application being processed.

- 1. Academic transcript
- 2. Personal statement (only if applying to the Health and Society programme)
- 3. Details of academic referee and Study Abroad Advisor (if not on exchange)
- 4. English Language proficiency information and certificate if required if you have not completed this at the time of application, this can be attached at a later date.

#### **Declaration**

Please tick the box to indicate that you agree with the King's 'Declaration' and then 'Submit' your application.

The Admissions Team aims to process applications within four-six weeks\*, as long as you have submitted a complete application and we do not have to request any additional documents.

\*May vary depending on time of year.

