

The logo for Bournemouth University, featuring the letters 'BU' in a stylized, white, outlined font.

Bournemouth  
University

A young woman with long dark hair, wearing a bright yellow jacket and a black lanyard, stands smiling in front of a large, vibrant mural. The mural features various colorful elements including a large red heart, a yellow star, a rainbow, and the word 'Virgin' in a stylized font. The background is a mix of red, yellow, and blue tones with abstract patterns.

**Where will your course take you?**

Employability, Global Experiences & Placements

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#buopenday



# Employability at the heart of the BU experience

**“89% of graduates employed/in further study within 15 months of graduating” (Graduate Outcomes Survey)**



- Courses driven by our vision of Fusion - combining education, research and professional practice
- Every student has the opportunity to undertake a work placement or some practical experience
- Strong professional orientation and accreditation
- International experiences.

## Careers support throughout and beyond your studies



- Careers appointments
- Faculty-based support
- Webinars and workshops
- Events & fairs
- Online resources
- Mentoring
- Entrepreneurship



# Skills Development Programme

- A structured, optional programme open to all BU students
- Combines live workshops with online learning and resources and gives recognition for extra curricular achievements
- Interactive masterclasses delivered by employers, focused on supporting students to develop their professional and personal skills ready for the workplace

**BU**  
Bournemouth  
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**CareersBU**

Open to all  
BU students

Physical  
and virtual  
workshops  
available

Delivered  
by industry  
experts

## Skills masterclasses

Supporting you to build in-demand  
skills for today's job market

-  Sustainability
-  Human compassion
-  Digital
-  Professional
-  Global

Book Via MyCareerHub  
[mycareerhub.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/events](https://mycareerhub.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/events)



# What is a placement?

- Placements prepare you for the workplace by building networks, professional experience and key skills.
- Mandatory or optional
- Long or short
- Mandatory placements are a year long (minimum 30 weeks), allowing you to apply the knowledge and skills gained in your first two years, before your final year when your study will benefit from your placement experience.



# At home or abroad?



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## Before your placement

### **Our role:**

***Help you identify placement opportunities and prepare to apply.***

- Dedicated staff teams
- Placement team in Faculties
- Careers advisors
- Course leaders
- Events
- Societies
- Placement Opportunity fund.

### **Your role:**

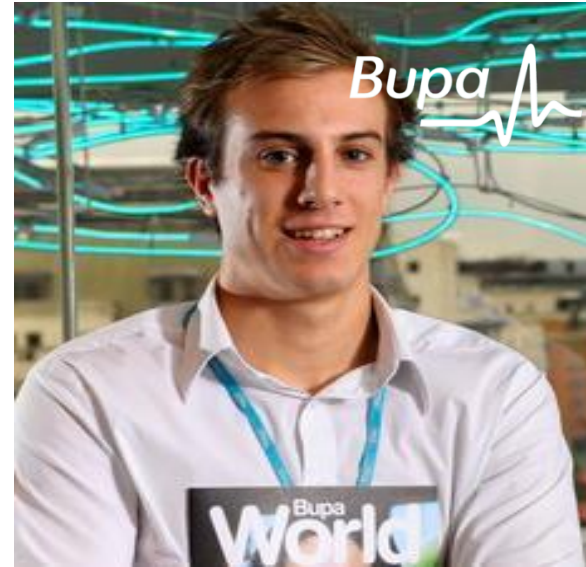
***Find, confirm and actively participate in your placement or work experience.***

- Challenge yourself
- Broaden your experience & enhance your employability
- Take up support in timely fashion
- Check placement requirements for your course
- Search & apply
- Consider finances etc.
- Inform placement office for approval.



## During placement

- Support from a dedicated Placement Development Adviser (PDA); key contact for you and your employer
- On going registration entitlements
  - Library, sports and music facilities
  - Careers support
  - Clubs and societies
  - Personal support





# The big questions

## How much does it cost?

- There is a **reduced tuition fee** whilst you are on placement
- **Reduced Maintenance Loans** are available
- Most placements are paid, but if you are unsure or want advice on taking unpaid work – check with your Faculty Placement Coordinator

## Other questions

- Will you find my placement for me?
- What if I can't find a placement?
- Where will I live?

[PLAY: My Placement Story](#)



# Creating global talent

**Preparing you for your future profession through a range of employability activities** – placement, careers guidance and support, global opportunities, Skills Development Programme

## BETTER DEGREES AND BETTER JOBS

STUDENTS WHO GO ABROAD ARE:

**9%**

**MORE** likely to gain a 1st or 2:1 degree

**24%**

**LESS** likely to be unemployed

**9%**

**MORE** likely to be in 'graduate' jobs six months after graduation

**5%**

**HIGHER** wage earners six months after graduation

Compared with those that don't.

Source: UUKi (2017) Gone International: Mobility Works.



## INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS

Students who go abroad build new international long-term social, academic and professional networks that can increase global job prospects further down the line



## It's competitive out there

- Securing a placement and employment after university will be easier with a range of experience and a strong CV.
- You can develop your global competence with a number of opportunities as part of your course, and opportunity for work, study or extra-curricular activities here or abroad

### Study

Study a **semester abroad** at a university that has been especially selected by BU

### Work

Undertake a **work placement abroad** as part of your placement year, placement option or elective (FHSS)

### Extra-curricular

Other **international activities** that are not part of your course but will help you to develop global skills within your chosen field.

1,200+

BU students studied,  
worked or volunteered  
abroad since 2017.

## But why..

Spending time abroad **builds confidence** as well as other attributes





But why..

# WHY SHOULD STUDENTS SPEND TIME ABROAD?



## SKILLS FOR SUCCESS

International placements develop important global skills for students, such as:



✓ **INTERCULTURAL AWARENESS**

✓ **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

✓ **KNOWLEDGE OF OTHER COUNTRIES**

✓ **CONFIDENCE**

✓ **TOLERANCE**

✓ **SELF-AWARENESS**

✓ **SOCIABILITY**

✓ **PROBLEM-SOLVING**

✓ **DECISIVENESS**

✓ **ADAPTABILITY**

✓ **CURIOSITY**

These skills are indicators of both personal and professional success.<sup>4</sup>



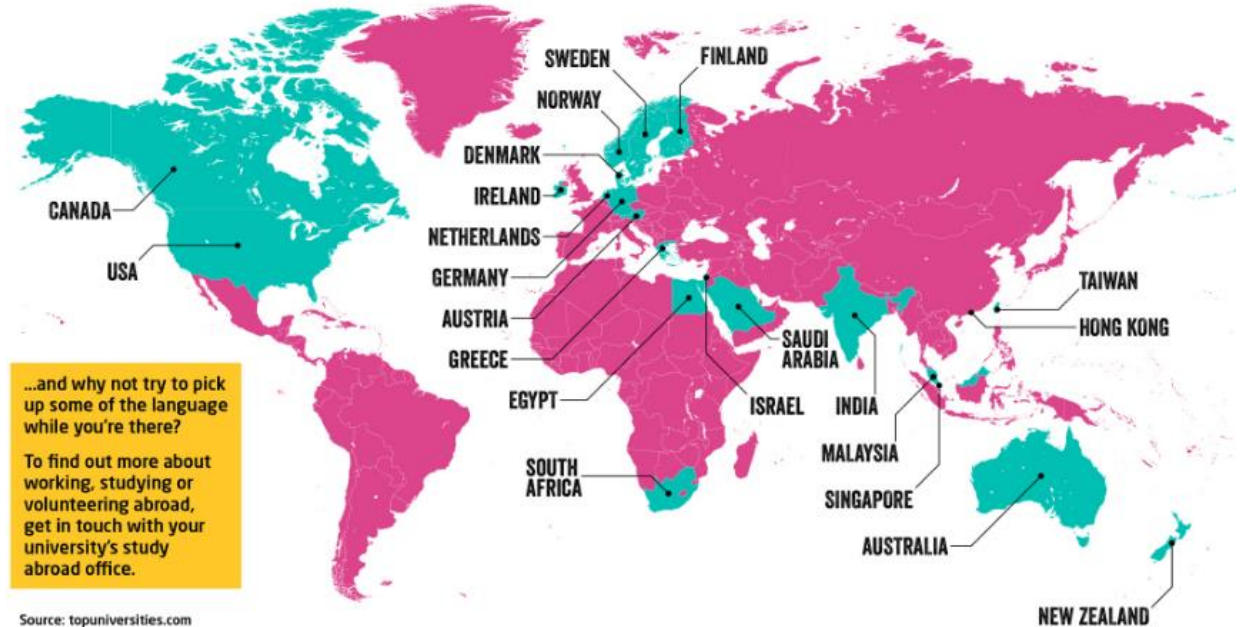
- Choose from over 70 **top** universities across the globe from France to Florida
- Study abroad during your second year
- Need to apply in your first year
- All courses are taught in English
- Keep student loan, no extra tuition fees
- Fully supported by staff at BU and at the host university
- External funding: Erasmus+ and Turing Scheme

Find out where you can study for your chosen course on our webpages:

[www.bournemouth.ac.uk/student/study-abroad](http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/student/study-abroad)

## NO SECOND LANGUAGE? NO PROBLEM!

You can study, work or volunteer abroad in English in countries across the world. Here are some destinations highlighted by QS for English speakers:





## Activities that are not compulsory but related to your field of studies and will enhance your global skills

- Language course/Immersion programme (living with a host family)
- Volunteering
- Individual project
- Research – add an international element to your dissertation
- Summer Schools
- Conference Participation
- Course related field trip.



[Play : Your Career Week](#)

# Take your placement even further

Work

- Take advantage of your placement year (or placement unit) to gain a valuable **international experience** in your field of study
- Global Mobility team support with opportunities, on-placement experience





# Going abroad doesn't have to be expensive



**TURING**

**SCHEME**

Funded by the UK's global programme to study and work abroad







**Bournemouth  
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A group of graduates in black gowns and blue stoles are celebrating on a beach. They are throwing their black mortarboards into the air, and some are cheering with their arms raised. The background shows the ocean and a cloudy sky.

**Questions? We've got answers.**

For more information come and see us today at the Global Opportunities stand and the Student Services stand (for careers and placements) in the Exhibition.

Email: [internationalgrants@bournemouth.ac.uk](mailto:internationalgrants@bournemouth.ac.uk) (for global opportunities funding information)

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