Go Abroad

Study trip & practical internship:
Possibilities - Organisation - Funding

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GET OUT?!
Bringing international experience into your studies

- Get to know other countries and customs
- Study subjects not offered in Göttingen
- Fill transition term (between Bachelor/Master or Master/PhD)
- Recognition for master application in Göttingen (biology)
- I simply want to leave Göttingen.
- For personal growth and social competence
- Upgrade the CV!

Get Abroad at Faculty of Biology & Psychology - November 2022
Overview

1. General considerations

2. Study abroad
   - Erasmus/ Global Exchange Programme / lifeScience / self-organised
   - Funding/ Recognition

3. Internship abroad
   - With organisation/ self-organised
   - Funding/ Recognition

4. Prepare your stay abroad
Go abroad – general considerations

Preparation time: ca. 8 – 12 months

• Find a place to study/of supervision
• Find funding - deadlines for scholarships
• Language skills, visa, vaccinations, etc.
• Find housing

When: not before 3rd study semester

Duration: study -> min. 1 – max. 2 semester(s)
            internship -> min. 6 weeks – max. 1 year
Go abroad – general considerations

Leave of absence at the University in Göttingen (Urlaubssemester)

*Pro:* semester does not count as study semester

*Contra:* you cannot take new courses in Göttingen (e.g. block courses or language intensive courses in Feb/Mar or Aug/Sept)

- send application directly to Office of Student Affairs Göttingen
  → [www.uni-goettingen.de/en/52008.html](http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/52008.html)
Have in mind...

- plan your complete study programme (-> programme coordinator)
- extension of your studies is possible
- enrolment at Göttingen University necessary
- mandatory courses? (e.g. B.Bio.190.1 for BSc Biology)
- Language requirements
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- worldwide -> Global Exchange Programme
- lifeScience³
- self-organised

### Internship
- with organisation
- self-organised
Erasmus programme

• Each study field has its own contract (Bio und Psy separately)

• Duration of stay: 1 or 2 semester(s)
  - exemption of tuition fees
  - administrative support

• Inform yourself about:
  - Language requirements
  - Study possibilities (courses, prerequisites, bachelor/master level)
  - semester dates (examinations in Göttingen still possible?)

• Application for funding included

• Application deadline: 31.01.
Psychology - Erasmus+ SMS universities

Aarhus  
Ankara  
Bergen  
Bern  
Budapest  
Granada  
Istanbul  
Krakow  
Madrid  
Montpellier  
Nantes  
Neuchatel  
Padua  
Poznan  
Rome  
Salamanca  
Sevilla  
Torun  
Toulouse  
Valencia  
Zurich

Please note language requirements (B1 in language of instruction)
Information: Psychologie > Erasmus

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/627578.html

ERASMUS+

HERZLICH WÄHLE HIER UND ERHALTE DEINE ERASMUS+-INFORMATIONEN


ERASMUS-Infoveranstaltung am 05.11.2018 (Präsentationsfolien)

Informationsveranstaltungen von Göttingen International zum Erasmus+ Aufenthalt:

Es finden Info-Veranstaltungen für alle nominierten StudentInnen statt, die im WS19/20 einen Erasmus+ Aufenthalt planen.
1. Mittwoch, 05.06.2019, 14:30 Uhr bis 15:30 Uhr
Biology - Erasmus+ SMS universities

Aarhus    Rennes
Åbo (Turku) Rome
Barcelona Rotterdam
Bern     Rouen
Bilbao     Salamanca
Wroclaw   Tallinn
Budweis Turku
Ghent       Umeå
Gothenburg Valencia
Grenoble     Vienna
Groningen Warsaw
Helsinki     Zurich
Kalmar
Krakow
La Réunion
León
Leuven
Leiden
Lund
Madrid
Murcia
Oulu
Poznan
Prague
Information: Biologie > Studium > International

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/450662.html

Outgoings - Von Göttingen ins Ausland

- INFORMATIONSVERANSTALTUNGEN (zum Nachlesen)
- GUT ZU WISSEN
- STUDIUM IM AUSLAND

Erasmus+ für Studierende der Biologie


Erasmus+, das heißt unter anderem...
- Unterstützung bei den anfallenden Formalitäten
- keine Studiengebühren an der Gastuniversität
- finanzielle Unterstützung zur Deckung der Mobilitätskosten
- fachliche Betreuung vor Ort
- Anerkennung von Studienleistungen

NEU: Ausschreibung für Erasmus+ Studienaufenthalt im Sommersemester 2021! Bewerbung auf Restplätze bis 15.09.20 möglich.

- Informationsveranstaltung "Erasmus+ der Biologie" (pdf)
- Partneruniversitäten der Biologie und Erfahrungsberichte
- Bewerbung
- Fahrplan nach Platzzusage
Informational meetings – Erasmus+

Psychology
22.11.22 8:15 am GEMI

Biology
09.12.22 12:00 MN34
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  - worldwide -> Global Exchange Programme
  - lifeScience
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**Internship**
- with organisation
- self-organised
Global Exchange Programme – Partner universities

Canada
USA
Mexico
Costa Rica

Colombia
Argentina
South Africa
Chile

Russia
Israel
India

China
Taiwan
South Korea

Australia
Mongolia
Japan
Global Exchange Programme (G.E.P.)

• Study at a partner university of Göttingen University
  o Duration of stay: 1 or 2 semester(s)
  o Exemption of tuition fees at the partner university

• **NO** funding included

• Consultation with G.E.P. team recommended

• Inform yourself about:
  o Language requirements
  o Study possibilities (courses, prerequisites, bachelor/master level)
  o Semester dates (examinations in Göttingen still possible?)
  o Recognition
Global Exchange Programme - Application

• Deadlines:
  
  01.12. for the following winter term / full year
  
  01.06. for the following summer term

• Information: www.uni-goettingen.de/en/186506.html
Particular for USA & Canada

• Application in **winter semester only** (regardless period of stay abroad)

• USA: connected with Teaching Assistant/Management of the German House (German as foreign language)

• Selection interviews: knowledge about the USA/Canada and Germany necessary!*

• Excellent study results required

• Financing: [Fulbright Grant](#) possible
Counselling – prior to application

Team at International Office

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/602167.html

- General information on partner universities

Office of Studies Biology / Psychology

https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/84567.html

- study plan & recognition possibilities
Good to know: G.E.P. evaluation criteria

• Grade (35%)

• Motivation (35%)
  • university (modules/courses), country, match with previous studies and future goals

• language knowledge & others (20%)
  • language of instruction and of the country
  • further preparation(s)

• Further commitment (10%)
  • Any kind of voluntary engagement → PROOF NECESSARY

University-wide place assignment -> end of January
### G.E.P. - Timeline

#### Study abroad in the following winter semester or full academic year

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liveScience

Options (master students only):
• laboratory project
• master thesis

Partner universities for Biology:
• University of Talca (Chile)
• Aarhus University (Denmark)
• University of Rennes 1 (France)
• Free University Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
liveScience³

Funding included:
• Travel cost
• Monthly rate (up to 6 month)

Application & Information:
www.uni-goettingen.de/liveSciences3+Exchange
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Study abroad – “on your own”

Why:
• University/faculty has no contract with Göttingen
• University offers courses, which are important for your professional career
• You wish to experience a specific foreign country/university

How:
• Get into contact with the respective university -> apply directly

Consider:
• Tuition fees at host university may apply
• Preparation time 8-12 months (funding, housing, travel, etc.)
Australia & New Zealand – studies

https://gostralia-gozealand.de/

... supports for organisation of a self-organised study visit in Australia/New Zealand
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Study abroad - financing options

• „Auslands-BAföG“ (only study, only during standard period of study)
  • [www.auslandsbafoeg.de](http://www.auslandsbafoeg.de)

• PROMOS
  • suitable for GEP and self-organised
  • see criteria on PROMOS slides

• DAAD Scholarship (for studies only)
  • Different deadlines depending on country
  • Find scholarship [online](http://www.auslandsbafoeg.de)

• NAMASTE+
  • Scholarship for partner institutions in India (G.E.P.)

• Erasmus SMS scholarship (linked to Erasmus study place)

• lifeScience³ scholarship (linked to lifeScience³ study place)
Recognition (Biology) – study abroad

**Bachelor**

- Recognition as
  - Compulsory module: 😞
  - Key competence module: 😊
  - Selective compulsory module: ?/😊

**Master**

- Recognition as
  - Coremodule: 😞
  - Key competence module (not graded): 😊
  - Profile module (not graded): ?/😊

Contact the coordinator of your study programme **prior** to your stay abroad.
Recognition (Psychology) – study abroad

**Bachelor**

Contact Dr. Nuria Brinkmann

**prior** to stay abroad

**Master**
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Placement abroad: with an organisation

• Supervised and organised placement (housing, social events...)  
• Funding partly included  
• You apply for a pre-existing place  
• Several options listed at website of GI

IAESTE
• www.iaeste.uni-goettingen.de/en/iaeste  
• for natural scientists, placement usually during summer,  
• application deadline 30 November

AIESEC  
• www.aiesec.de/
Placement abroad: with an organisation

Carlo-Schmid-Programme

• www.daad.de/csp
• work in international administrations/organisations

RISE Worldwide

• research internships in science and engineering
• students at bachelor level only
• www.daad.de/rise/en/rise-worldwide/
• respect application deadlines
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Placement “on your own” - Procedure

Where do I want to go?
- country
- city
- field of interest
- institution (which academic institution or company)

How do I begin?
- research on the internet
- ask lecturers/supervisors for contacts
- read field reports

Getting in contact
- via e-mail
- address research group leader/person of interest
- short cover letter (purpose of your request, time window, motivation for exactly this institution/lab)
- duration: minimum 8 weeks (the longer the more attractive for the group)
- attachment: CV (studies, practical skills -> sell your knowledge)

-> always approach several groups (about 50 % will not answer)
-> after 14 days without answer re-send your request
... another option to reach your goal...

„Eines Abend sah ich mir eine dieser zahlreichen Sendungen über Naturschutzprojekte an, ...

... So befand ich mich zwei Tage - nachdem niedliche Tierchen im Fernsehen gezeigt wurden - in der Situation, völlig unvorbereitet ein Bewerbungsgespräch auf Englisch zu führen und zwar mit dem Direktor des Institutes [Jane Goodall Institut Westafrika] in Barcelona."

(Excerpt from a field report, internship in Senegal)
Informational meeting – International Office

https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/137352.html

Ways Abroad
Dec 14th

Erasmus KA 131 & SEMP
Dec 16th

Ways Abroad
January 11th

Enlight-Possibilites
January 13th

Internship -
January 25th
(all in German)
Internship – financing options

• **Erasmus SMP scholarship** *(Mix it)*

• **lifeScience³ scholarship** *(master thesis)*
  [www.uni-goettingen.de/liveSciences3+Exchange](http://www.uni-goettingen.de/liveSciences3+Exchange)

• **PROMOS**
Erasmus SMP (KA103) – Mix it

• for self-organised practical internships in Europe
• duration: 2 – 12 months
• confirmation of internship required

• respect application deadlines: latest 3 months prior to the planned stay abroad

Information:  [www.uni-goettingen.de/en/554971.html](http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/554971.html)

Contact: Patricia Missler (International Office)
Anke Schürer (signature on the LA/contract)
PROMOS

• **outside Europe** (for internships & and studies (G.E.P.)
• duration: 6 weeks – max. 6 months (per study level)
• Application deadlines:
  ➢ 31 March (for stay past 1 July the same year)
  ➢ 30 September (for stay past 1 January the following year)
• Placement acceptance must be submitted with application!
• Funding rate approx. 20 %

**Information:** [www.uni-goettingen.de/en/164293.html](http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/164293.html)
PROMOS – Evaluation criteria

- Grade (30 %)
- Letter of motivation (30 %)
- Internationalisation strategy of the faculty (40 %)

https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/document/download/3d170847403c8a458efa803ea2fe86cb-en.pdf/Bewertungskriterien%20Internationalisierungsstrategie%20Fakult%C3%A4ten%20(Stand%202022).pdf

- Thesis, self-organised -> Bio
- Research project, self-organised (recognition in studies possibly)
- Study abroad, self-organised (recognition in studies possibly)
- Study abroad with partner institution (e.g. G.E.P.) -> Psy
- Research project, self-organised (no recognition possible)
- Summer school
- Short time stay (e.g. for learning a specific method)
- Language course
Further funding possibilities

Bildungskredit
➢ www.bildungskredit.de
Parent-independent and non-income-related

Have a job
• Student assistant job at Uni Göttingen
  ➢ www.stellenwerk-goettingen.de/en/startseite-gottingen
• Unsolicited application to research institutes (e.g. MPI)
• Work/job during time between terms

Save money

Ask grandparents
Further funding possibilities

Scholarship databases
- [www.daad.de/ausland/studieren/stipendium/de/70-stipendien-finden-und-bewerben](www.daad.de/ausland/studieren/stipendium/de/70-stipendien-finden-und-bewerben)
- [www.scholarshipportal.eu](www.scholarshipportal.eu/)

Foundations
- for your studies in general (grant for stay abroad possible)
- Outstanding study performance
- Social engagement (depends on the foundation)
- [www.stiftungsindex.de](www.stiftungsindex.de) -> keyword Natural sciences
- [www.bmbf.de/de/die-begabtenfoerderungswerke-884.html](www.bmbf.de/de/die-begabtenfoerderungswerke-884.html)

Example: Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes
- [www.uni-goettingen.de/en/54057.html](www.uni-goettingen.de/en/54057.html)
  - Self-nomination possible
Recognition (Bio + Psy) – Internship abroad

• Recognition as module for curriculum **not recommended**
  • Effort not visible on your transcript/diploma
  • Get in touch with coordinator of your study programme

-> ask for a *letter of recommendation* at hosting institution!

  (this strengthens your CV most)
What else..

- study place, lab, foundation
- Funding
- (Sub)lease your apartment [https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/618501.html](https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/618501.html)
- Language requirements
- Housing (ask hosting lab for help and/or funding)
- Travel planning
- Insurances (health, accident, third party insurance)
- Vaccinations
- Visa
- “Country codes”
Preparation – Language & Culture

• **InDiGU** [www.uni-goettingen.de/en/108275.html](http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/108275.html)
  - Support of students from abroad
  - Subject specific partnerships
  - Writing partnerships (allocation at the beginning of the summer/winter semester)
  - Certificate: “Internationales” (ECTS)

**Foyer International** [www.uni-goettingen.de/en/2554.html](http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/2554.html)

  - “Country evenings”
  - “Language evenings”

**Language of instruction (& country)**

  - Rare languages: Seminars of the faculty of Philosophy
  - Adult education centre (VHS) [www.vhs-goettingen.de](http://www.vhs-goettingen.de)
  - Use institutions throughout Germany
Further Questions?

**General Questions:** Anke Schürer  
E-Mail: [erasbio@biologie.uni-goettingen.de](mailto:erasbio@biologie.uni-goettingen.de)  
Advisory service: [https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/84567.html](https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/84567.html)

**Erasmus Biology:** Anke Schürer  
see above

**Erasmus Psychology:** Nuria Brinkmann  
E-Mail: [erasmus@psych.uni-goettingen.de](mailto:erasmus@psych.uni-goettingen.de)  
Advisory Service: [https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/104814.html](https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/104814.html)
Good luck organising your time abroad!