

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES FOR STUDENTS

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WHAT IS AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE?

- An arrangement whereby a Conservatoire student can study for less than a year at a partner institution outside of Europe as part of their course
- A reciprocal relationship. Our students go to the partner institution and their students come to the Conservatoire. Numbers are small – 1 or 2 in, 1 or 2 out.
- It counts towards your degree. You study modules at the partner institution in the same way you would at the Conservatoire. If you're in year three of a four-year degree your marks will count towards your degree classification (i.e. full academic recognition)
- No tuition fees are payable to the partner institution. You continue to pay your fees to the Conservatoire while you are away

WHY SHOULD I GO?

- Experience
- different culture
- different music
- different approaches to learning/performing
- Gain an international outlook
- Forge an international career and make international connections
- Language skills
- Independence
- Confidence
- Self-reliance
- + 100 more reasons according to [Global Graduates](#)

WILL INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE SUIT EVERYONE?

Possibly not.....

Homesickness

Different approach to education and/or pastoral support

Language difficulties

Different standards of accommodation

You'll need to be resilient!

WHO CAN TAKE PART?

- Any Conservatoire student on a degree-level course
 - International students included (but subject to Tier 4 monitoring)
 - Students are still responsible for any conditions fixed by each of the participating countries - e.g. visa and immigration rules
- Participation is subject to:
 - acceptance by the partner institution (e-recording, portfolio audition)
 - authorisation by RCS Head of Programme/Programme Leader

WHEN CAN I GO?

- Study at one of our partner institutions for term 1 **or** terms 2 and 3 in academic year 2019/20
- Students on three-year programmes can go in year 2. Students on four-year programmes can go in years 2 or 3 (i.e. not in first or final year)
- No extensions of stay permitted

WHERE CAN I GO?

- A list of our current partners can be found at <https://www.rcs.ac.uk/apply/erasmus/internationalpartners/>

USA

CalArts – Valencia, California (BMus and BA PTM/PAD only)

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (BA Acting only)

Cleveland Institute of Music, Cleveland, Ohio (BMus and MMus only)

UArts, Philadelphia (BA Filmmaking only)

Chapman University (BA Filmmaking only)

Singapore

Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music, National University of Singapore (BMus and MMus only)

Hong Kong

Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Wanchai (BA PAD/PTM only)

Canada

Cape Breton University, Sydney, Nova Scotia (Traditional Music only)

Australia

Edith Cowan University (Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts), Perth (BA Acting and BA CPP) – up to 7 places available

University of Melbourne (Victorian College of the Arts), Melbourne (Acting, CPP, Production in term 1 only, BMus and MMus)

WHAT ABOUT LANGUAGE?

- All teaching at partner international exchange institutions is done in English



HOW CAN I DECIDE WHERE TO GO?

- Speak to your 1-2-1 teacher (music) and/or HoD/Programme Leader
- Speak to other students who have been
 - Alasdair Morton-Teng - Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music, National University of Singapore
- Research the teachers at the partner institutions
- Consider whether you have specific musical/performance interests on which to base your choice
- Look at partner information sheets on the student portal <https://portal.rcs.ac.uk/erasmus-and-international-exchange/>

The University of Melbourne

Exchange and Study Abroad



THE UNIVERSITY OF
MELBOURNE

Deadlines 2018

	Semester 1, 2018 (February – June)	Semester 2, 2018 (July – December)
Exchange Students	1 November 2017	1 April 2018
Study Abroad Students	1 December 2017	1 May 2018
Residential College Housing (all students)	10 December 2017	10 May 2018

Semester Dates

Semester 1, 2018

Melbourne Welcome

SAEX Enrolment Day (*compulsory*)

Orientation

Teaching period

Non-teaching period

Examination Period (including SV

Sunday 11 - Thursday 15 February 2018

Friday 16 February (to be confirmed)

Monday 19 February – Friday 23 February

Monday 26 February – Sunday 27 May

Friday 30 March – Sunday 8 April

Friday 22 June

Semester 2, 2018

Melbourne Welcome

SAEX Enrolment Day (*compulsory*)

Orientation

Teaching period

Non-Teaching period

Examination period (including SWOT Vac)

Monday 9 - Friday 13 July, 2018 (to be confirmed)

Monday 16 July (to be confirmed)

Wednesday 18 July – Friday 20 July

Monday 23 July – Sunday 21 October

Monday 24 September – Sunday 30 September

Monday 22 October – Friday 16 November

Please note:

- Orientation is compulsory:
www.mobility.unimelb.edu.au/inbound/life/enrolment-orientation.html
- Melbourne Welcome is optional:
www.mobility.unimelb.edu.au/inbound/life/melbourne-welcome.html

All students are required to remain in Melbourne until the conclusion of the Examination Period. Return airfares should be booked for dates after the end of the exam period. Rescheduling of exam dates is not commonplace and may only be approved in very special circumstances.

For more information, please see: http://www.unimelb.edu.au/dates?queries_year_fquery=next_year.

Eligibility Criteria

- Completion of two semesters of full-time tertiary study outside Australia at the time of entry to the University of Melbourne.
- Above average results: the equivalent to a minimum 'C' average in the European system; or 3.0 grade point average from the North American system.
- Proof of English language ability.
- Admission into some subjects requires proof of completion of prerequisites prior to commencing studies at the University of Melbourne and

English Language Requirements

The language of instruction is English. Applicants can satisfy the English language requirements in a number of ways. Note that the language requirements for undergraduate students and graduate students are not the same.

Details of the requirements are available at:

www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/entry-requirements/language-requirements.

Application

Students should apply online at: www.mobility.unimelb.edu.au/inbound/apply/. Please send your student(s) the *Student Instructions* to use when applying. These can be downloaded from our website at:

www.mobility.unimelb.edu.au/2018Unimelb_StudentInstructions.pdf.

Please note:

- that “@hotmail.com” email addresses are not accepted due to problems sending and receiving information from these accounts.
- while we require students to upload all their supporting documentation into the online application, you must still send a copy of their transcripts to us by email together with the Nomination form. DO NOT POST original documents to us unless requested by us at the time.
- Please ensure all supporting documentation is translated into English.

Subject Load

Terminology

- **Course:** A degree or program studied, for example, the Bachelor of Arts is an undergraduate course. Courses vary in length from three to seven years.
- **Subject:** A unit within a course, for example the subject “Aboriginal Art” can form part of the Bachelor of Arts course. You can search for u



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Students may take a **maximum** subject load of 50 points (usually 4 x 12.5 points per subject) for one semester. The minimum enrolment for student visa purposes is 37.5 points for one semester.

Study Abroad

Students may select subjects from any area as long as the subject is open for that semester, the student meets pre-requisites, and there are no faculty restrictions:

www.mobility.unimelb.edu.au/inbound/before-applying/faculty-requirements.html.

Exchange

If the exchange agreement between the home institution and the University of Melbourne is restricted to one faculty (e.g., Business), it may be necessary to get permission to take subjects outside that faculty. If the exchange agreement is a general agreement, students are usually able to take subjects from any area provided the subject is available that semester, the student meets pre-requisites, and there are no faculty restrictions:

www.mobility.unimelb.edu.au/inbound/before-applying/faculty-requirements.html.

For more information about selecting subjects, please see:

www.mobility.unimelb.edu.au/inbound/before-applying/selecting-subjects.html.

Overseas Student Health Cover

It is an Australian Government requirement that all international students must have health insurance, known as Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC), from an approved Australian provider. No Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) documents will be issued until a student has either purchased OSHC through the University of Melbourne or provided evidence of having purchased this insurance elsewhere.

For more information, please see:

- www.services.unimelb.edu.au/international/visas/oshc.html
- www.health.gov.au/internet/main/Publishing.nsf/Content/Overseas+Student+Health+Cover+FAQ-1#Doc

Visa Requirements

Students coming from overseas to study at the University of Melbourne must have a student visa unless they are an Australian or New Zealand citizen. Study Abroad or Exchange students apply for the **Student Visa (sub-class 500)**. They can do this once we issue the Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE). We do not issue this document until students have accepted their offers and met any conditions required.

In addition, the Australian Government has recently introduced a new visa processing arrangement which enables visas to be issued more quickly. In order to do that, students may be required to provide more information to us before we can issue the CoE. The information can be regarding: their health; their capacity to support themselves financially while studying in Australia; their ties to their home country, or country of residence, in order to demonstrate that they will be returning to there at the end of their time in Australia; and whether they have ever been refused an entry visa to a country. We will contact students and/or their agents/representatives if we feel we need to ask these questions.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

- Costs vary significantly. The following is for University of Melbourne.
\$1=£0.57

Housing type	Lease length	Meals included?	Average weekly rent ^①	Cooking facilities	Furnished	Shared bathroom	Utilities included in cost
Residential colleges	16–40 weeks	✓	\$575–\$752 ^②	x	✓	✓	✓
Student apartments	26–52 weeks	Varies	\$225–\$380 ^③	✓	✓	x	Varies
Semester in Australia	6 or 12 months	x	\$195–\$350	✓	✓	✓	✓
Independent share housing	20–52 weeks	x	Near to Parkville: \$200–\$250 ^④ 6km from Parkville: \$165–\$195 ^⑤	✓	Varies	Varies	x
Homestay	Varies	✓	\$220–\$300	✓	✓	✓	✓

— Establishment costs

Item	Cost ^①
Rental bond/deposit (usually one month's rent)	4.333 x weekly rent
Telephone/utilities connections	\$150–\$200
General furniture (not including white goods)	\$450–\$800
Books (for university)	\$200–\$350

— Ongoing living costs

Item	Cost per week ^①
Food and groceries (contribution)	\$150–\$200
Bills (electricity, gas, etc)	\$50–\$70
Telephone (mobile)	\$15–\$20
Public transport fares	\$40
Spending money	\$80–\$100

- CalArts 16/17 for one term. Exchange students must evidence funds well in excess of the amount below:

THE FOLLOWING IS AN ESTIMATE OF STUDENT EXPENSES:

Tuition	<u>\$ WAIVED</u>
Student Fees	<u>\$ 300</u>
Books and supplies*	<u>\$ 1,200</u>
Room**	<u>\$ 4,000</u>
Board	<u>\$ 2,250</u>
Transportation (after arrival)	<u>\$ 1,000</u>
Medical/Dental***	<u>\$ 1,100</u>
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 1,500</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 11,350</u>

* This figure varies depending on year level of student and métier

** This figure varies depending on type of housing accommodation

*** All International Students must carry CalArts health insurance

- Consider other factors such as:
 - Cost of flights
 - New passport (is applicable)
 - Visa application fee and travel to Embassy (only London or Belfast for USA)
 - Current property lease in Glasgow



APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Give official notification of interest via the Notification of Interest form on the portal at <https://portal.rcs.ac.uk/erasmus-and-international-exchange/> You need to do this between 26th November and 14th December 2018.

Erasmus+ and International Exchange 2019/2020

If you are interested in participating in either an Erasmus+ or International Exchange in Academic Session 2019/2020 please complete the attached [form](#).

How to apply for Erasmus

Most of our Erasmus partner institutions will be part of the EASY application system. You should apply via this system if your chosen institution is a member. <https://aec.dreamapply.com/>

2. Complete application via Association of European Conservatoire's [EASY](#) system. Most of our partners will use this system. Those who don't will accept an application via EASY but may also require you to complete their own online application system. EASY system will open for applications from RCS students at the start of the winter break – 15th December 2018 until the application deadline - 28th February 2019. You must adhere to this deadline even if your partner institution advertises a later deadline.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- 3. Upload the following Items to your application on EASY:
 - International Exchange Learning Agreement (signed by you and your Head of Programme) Will be sent to you electronically
 - Recording/audition portfolio
 - Reference
 - Transcript (available via your student contract)
 - CV
- 4. On EASY you'll be asked to complete a Study Plan. This lists the modules you will take on Erasmus. If you can find this information on the partner website, choose your modules, list them and make sure they amount to 60 SCQF. The modules listed should match those on your International Exchange learning agreement
- Application support workshops in the IT Suite will run in January 2019. Dates to be announced.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE – WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

We check that the application has been correctly completed and all the necessary uploads have been attached

We will then 'nominate' your application to the institution you want to apply to

You will receive an email from the EASY system to say that you have been 'nominated' and that you should await the outcome of your application

If the institution you want to apply to does not use EASY you should still submit your application via EASY by the deadline. We will email you with instructions on what else you must do to apply to that institution

APPLICATION PROCEDURE – TOP TIPS!

Do not leave this to the last minute. It's very time consuming!

Start your research early to enable you to complete the Notification of Interest Form before Christmas

Any problems, just email international@rcs.ac.uk

ASSESSMENT

- You will be expected to attend all classes and take all assessments while on mobility
- All credits will be 'recognised', i.e. all your credits while on exchange will be used towards your annual total of 120 SCQF
- Usually 60 SCQF (30 ECTS) on exchange and 60 SCQF (30 ECTS) at RCS
 - 1 US credit = 4 SCQF
 - 1 Singapore credit = 2.5 SCQF
 - 1 Hong Kong credit = 4 SCQF
 - 1 Australian point = 1.2 SCQF
- Your grades on exchange will count towards your degree classification if you go on mobility in year 3 of a 4 year honours degree

GRADES

YST Grading Scale	RCS Conversion
A+	A3
A	A4
A-	A5
B+	B1
B	B2
B-	B3
C+	C1
C	C2
C-	C3
D+	D1
D	D2
D-	D3
F	Fail

FAQS

- **Will I receive funding whilst I am on exchange?**

Scottish students: apply to SAAS in usual way for fees and student loan support.

English, Welsh, Northern Irish students: apply to Student Finance/self-fund as usual.

You will still receive a UK student loan and any Conservatoire scholarship

For many partners you will need to evidence a sum of money in order to be granted a visa

FAQS

- **Do I still get my student loan?**
 - Yes. You'll also still get any RCS scholarship you're in receipt of
- **Is funding available?**
 - For Singapore only. Funding for a full semester of housing (for a standard non air-conditioned room) estimated to cost about SGD2,090 (£1,180) per student
 - Check out the Fees and Funding page on the RCS website (under Apply) to research external funders
- **What if the partner's term dates do not match with RCS?**
 - It doesn't matter but in some cases the length of your academic year may increase, e.g. studying in Australia in term 1 could mean you're studying from July 2019 to June 2020 (July – November/December in Australia, January to June at RCS)
 - RCS term 1 = semester 2 in Australia
 - RCS terms 2 and 3 = semester 1 in Australia

HOW DO I APPLY?

1. Read the Erasmus and Exchanges page on the portal and the other useful websites
2. Research possible partner institutions from the list of current partners
3. Set up meetings with relevant teachers to discuss your options
4. Complete the Notification of Interest Form on the portal between 1st December and 14th December 2018
5. Complete the EASY application form between 15th December 2018 and 28th February 2019 and any other application you're advised to complete

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- All subsequent correspondence from the host institution will go directly to the I&SE team
- You should hear the outcome of your application by June 2019
- If your application is accepted, the I&SE team prepares an info pack with paperwork to be completed
- Mandatory pre-departure briefing
- Some paperwork is required before you leave and some after your return from exchange.
- After your exchange your host will send your transcript to the I&SE team

REMEMBER!

- Ensure you have enough time to complete your application form and collect documents and signatures before the deadline
- Deadline to submit applications for study in 2019/20 session: **28th February 2019**
- Can you afford to go? Plan your budget in advance
 - <https://www.fundmytravel.com/>
 - [Turn2Us grant search](#)

SUMMARY OF USEFUL LINKS

www.justlanded.com

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/study-work-create>

<https://globalgraduates.com/>

<https://portal.rcs.ac.uk/erasmus-and-international-exchange/>

<https://www.naric.org.uk/europass/>



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