NTU GLOBAL TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS 2020/21

TERMS AND CONDITIONS



NTU Global and Santander Universities are pleased to offer financial support to fully-enrolled undergraduate and postgraduate students at NTU who wish to undertake a study, work* or volunteering-related international experience for a period of time departing the UK **after** 1 October 2020 and **before** 31 December 2021.

<u>Awards</u>

The Travel Scholarships are in the amount of £200 or £500, depending on the location of the experience:

International Experience Destination	Award Amount
Travel within Europe	£200
Travel outside of Europe	£500

Which Award can you apply for?

International Travel Bursary	International Travel Scholarship**	
Apply for this if you are a UK undergraduate student in receipt of an NTU Bursary and/or have a combined household income of £25,000 or less (as assessed by Student Finance).	 Apply for this if: you do not meet the eligibility criteria for the International Travel Bursary you are a PG or a PhD student. 	
Your application will be reviewed as a priority and you will be notified of your scholarship outcome within 15 working days. Awards will be made until the application deadline date of 1 st June.	These scholarships are competitive and applications are open in two rounds (see below).	
	You will be notified of the outcome within 15 working days of the application deadline below. **We are unable to award all students who apply.	

Travel Scholarships application rounds:

Round	Applications open	Applications close
Round 1= mobility must end by 31 August 2021;	1 st October 2020	1 st December 2020
Round 2 = departure must be before 31 December 2020.	4 th January 2021	9 th May 2021

What can be funded? In order for an application to be successful, the mobility experience must be:

• A study, work* or volunteering experience outside the UK:



- Exchange or study abroad schemes (semester or full-year);
- Work placements* or internships abroad which relate to / will enhance your NTU course;
- > Optional course trips or study visits;
- Volunteering activities which will enhance your NTU course (excluding NTU International Volunteering Scheme) please refer to the <u>NTU Volunteering</u> website before choosing your volunteering organisation;
- Language courses abroad;
- Summer schools or short courses.
- A period of mobility which clearly advances the international experience of the student, and benefits his/her academic studies and personal and professional development, and this is made clear in their personal statement;
- Departure for travel must take place after 1st October 2019 and before 31st December 2020;
- NTU Course Leader or Personal Tutor supported and NTU approved (see above).
- Travel (economy only), accommodation, subsistence and other necessary costs for an overseas visit.

Exclusions:

- Students in receipt of ANY other **travel** funding or subsidy from NTU, e.g. Vice-Chancellor's Mandarin Scholarship, RISE Bursary*, other NTU travel award, bursary or initiative etc., for this mobility;
- Students in receipt of an Erasmus grant;
- Students receiving funding for the NTU International Volunteering Scheme;
- Incoming / visiting Exchange Students;
- Students whose period of mobility does not occur in the dates indicated above;
- Students who have already departed for their overseas experience awards cannot be made retrospectively;
- Final year students who will graduate during, or will graduate before, their dates of travel.

*<u>RISE Bursaries</u>

a) if you are travelling overseas for your formal sandwich year placement you may be eligible for a 'RISE Sandwich Placement Bursary'

b) if you are travelling overseas for formal unpaid work experience you may be eligible for a 'RISE Work Experience Bursary'

If you qualify for, or are awarded, a RISE Bursary you are NOT eligible to apply for a Travel Bursary/Scholarship.

The NTU Global Office will consider all applications fairly and consistently and will approve projects where it is considered that the activity will advance the international experience of the student **and** there is academic support for the student to undertake the proposed activity. **The decision of the NTU Global Office is final and there is no opportunity to appeal against this decision.**

Students can only receive **ONE** Travel Bursary/Scholarship from NTU Global per academic year.

How to apply: Application is via Mobility Online.

Notification process: You will receive email notification, through Mobility Online, of the outcome of your application within 15 working days of the date of submission (International Travel Bursary only) or the application deadline.

Successful applicants will be sent a bank transfer form and a risk assessment form. Both forms need to be downloaded, completed and uploaded as soon as possible and within **one calendar month** of email otherwise the award will be withdrawn. Upon receipt of these fully completed forms, the Award will be transferred into your bank account within 10 working days.

Award requirements

- 1. Proof of travel (copy of travel ticket, acceptance letter or official flight itinerary confirmation, etc.) must be uploaded online portal prior to departure. Failure to comply with this condition will result in an immediate requirement for you to repay the Award in full.
- 2. You are <u>required</u> to download, complete and upload a reflective feedback of your international experience via Mobility Online, within 1 month of return. Students who are awarded a Santander Travel Scholarship* will also have their report shared with Santander. Nottingham Trent University reserves the right to reclaim (in full) any award from students who fail to submit an account of their International Experience.

Notification of any changes

A change in your circumstances may affect your entitlement to the International Travel Scholarship / International Travel Bursary or the award amount. Please therefore inform <u>NTU Global immediately</u> should any of the following changes, or any other changes not listed here that impact on your funding status, occur:

- Reassessment of receipt of means tested full government maintenance grant;
- Receipt of additional travel related funding from NTU;
- Deferral/Suspension of studies / Withdrawal from studies / Transfer out from NTU to another institution;
- Any changes to the submitted International Experience Project Plan, including early return;
- No longer able to undertake your planned International Experience Project.

The NTU Global Office will review any changes and will advise you if your change in circumstance has affected your award. Where a change in circumstances has resulted in an award being reduced or withdrawn and a transfer of the bursary has already been made, you will be required to repay funds within 15 working days.

Additional information

- NTU reserves the right to not award an otherwise eligible student when the University feels there is a significant risk posed to the student by the student's proposed international experience project plan;
- If, in the reasonable opinion of NTU, you have failed to provide us with all relevant information or have supplied false or misleading information relating to your application, we shall be entitled to seek full reimbursement from you the Student Code of Behaviour may be invoked, and disciplinary action may be taken against you.
- The University reserves the right to discontinue the Travel Scholarships Scheme at any time without prior notice. The associated terms and conditions are contained within this document.

Any questions should be sent to Faye Martin at mobilityfunding@ntu.ac.uk

Data Protection Statement

*Nottingham Trent University ("the University") is a Data Controller in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. The University will use the information you provide in these forms to process your application to the Santander Student Mobility Scholarship. At the application stage the information you provide will be used only to consider your application for the scholarship.

Should your application be successful, the University will share information you have provided on your application form with Santander Universities which will identify you as a recipient to Santander (including



photographs taken at celebration events). In addition, you confirm consent to sharing any celebration stories that you provide to the University whether you provide these through the celebration event organised by the University, through blogs or other written articles.

The information shared with Santander Universities will be used by them to analyse the impact of the scholarship. You may be contacted by Santander directly with a request for further information about the scholarship and how it has benefitted you.

The University does not share the information you have provided with any other third parties, however, external auditors are obliged to certify that University funds have been allocated in accordance with the relevant guidelines. As part of this process, auditors may wish to view a small sample of application forms.

You may exercise your rights of access to information by submitting your request to the <u>University</u> and/or <u>Santander UK Plc</u>.

By completing and submitting an application for an International Travel Bursary / Scholarship you are agreeing that you understand and accept the full terms and conditions of the scheme as presented here.