McMaster Exchange Program

Statement of Interest: Study Abroad

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Your Statement of Interest is your opportunity to tell us why you are interested in the McMaster Exchange Program and how the program will help you to meet your personal, academic and/or professional goals.

Your statement responses should be presented in a well written and concise manner using proper grammar and punctuation. Word count has been noted to guide your response length.

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Student Name:

Student Number:

## Full-year applicants

Competition may sometimes restrict us from granting full-year stays. What is most important to you, studying at this particular destination or the duration of your exchange? Would you consider a single-term exchange in order to be placed at your first choice?

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would consider a single term exchange in order to be placed at my first choice.

\_\_\_\_ No, I wish to be considered for a full year at my second or third choice, if available.

\_\_\_\_ Not applicable

## Single-semester applicants

To receive a seat at your chosen university(s), are you willing to study abroad in either term, assuming it fits with McMaster term dates?

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am willing to study abroad in either term in order to receive my preferred choice.

\_\_\_\_ No, for personal or academic reasons I must go in the semester indicated.

\_\_\_\_ Not applicable

1. Why do you want to study abroad? Explain how an exchange fits with your personal and/or professional goals (250 words).
2. Global learning is a journey, not a destination. Tell us about your pathway to global learning so far; what actions have you taken to learn about global issues, engage meaningfully with others from different cultural backgrounds, and reflect on what it means to be a global citizen? (250 words)
3. Prospective applicants are required to meet with an academic advisor to receive guidance on course selection. Briefly explain the academic reasons behind your initial course selections. Note any specific courses of interest/or reasons of academic impact (250 words).
4. What extra-curricular programs, clubs, athletics, competitions, community organizations and/or conferences are available in your host communities abroad that interest you? (250 words)
5. Travel safety is an important consideration when choosing a study abroad destination. Review the [Global Affairs Canada Travel Advice and Advisories](https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories) for each of your prospective exchange destinations. Comment on the general travel risks found (250 words).
6. What additional scholarships or bursaries will you apply for, or are you eligible for to financially support your exchange? (100 words)
7. Other comments (Is there anything else we should know that is important to your application?)

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