

# **Turing Scheme Funding FAQs** **(2024-2025)**



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## What is the Turing Scheme?

The [Turing Scheme](#) is the UK government's programme to provide funding for international opportunities in education and training across the world. It supports Global Britain by providing an opportunity for UK organisations from the higher education, further education, vocational education and training and schools sectors to offer their students, learners and pupils life-changing experiences to study or work abroad. Each year universities must bid for Turing funding; therefore, it is important to note that Turing funding is **not guaranteed**, and students should budget for costs without relying on Turing funding.

## Who is eligible for Turing funding?

The following criteria is required for Turing funding:

- Students must have been accepted on the relevant international opportunity (funding is only available for activities of 28 days or more).
- Students cannot be in debt to LTU (including for accommodation).
- Students must submit relevant evidence (e.g. household P45 and payslips), if their household income has not been assessed by the Student Loans Company (SLC). This is applicable to all PG students.
- Students must complete the relevant paperwork and forms in a timely manner.

## Which projects and partners have Turing funding at LTU?

- **Think Pacific** – Bali and Fiji, projects of 28 days or more.
- **Play Action International** – Uganda and Kenya, projects of 28 days or more.
- **Travelteer** – Morocco and Sri Lanka, projects of 28 days or more.
- **All exchange partners** for lengths of 28 days or more.

If you are interested in another international opportunity that is not listed above please contact [studyabroad@leedstrinity.ac.uk](mailto:studyabroad@leedstrinity.ac.uk) to check if it's possible to get funding for your activity of 28 days or more.

## How will I know how much funding I get?

Grant rates depend on the destination country, length of your placement abroad and your individual circumstances.

The table below shows the rates applicable in AY24/25:

Country group*	Duration of placement abroad	Grant rate	
		Non-disadvantaged participant	Disadvantaged participant
Group 1	4-8 weeks (28 – 56 days)	£19 per day	£23 per day
Group 2		£17 per day	£21 per day
Group 1	2-12 months (57 – 365 days)	£14 per day	£18 per day
Group 2		£12 per day	£16 per day

\*Destination countries are grouped based on the cost of living, see [full list](#).

## Who is classed as a disadvantaged participant?

Disadvantaged participant criteria are based on the Turing Programme Guide, and includes:

- **Students with an annual household income of £25,000 or less\***
- **Students receiving Universal Credit or income-related benefits** because they are financially supporting themselves or financially supporting themselves and someone who is dependent on them and living with them, such as a child or partner. \*
- **Care leavers and students who are care-experienced**, this refers to anyone who has been or is currently in care or from a looked after background at any stage of their life, no matter how short, including adopted children who were previously looked after.
- **Students who have caring responsibilities**, a carer is anyone who has a commitment to providing unpaid care to a family member or friend who could not cope without their support.
- **Estranged Students**, a Participant is estranged if the Participant has had no contact with their biological/adoptive parents) for 12 months or more, or their relationship with their parents has broken down within the last 12 months and

they do not expect this to change in the near future.

- **Refugees and asylum seekers**

\*International students are not eligible to claim household incomes of £25,000 or less, or income-related benefits, as household incomes are based on UK salaries and cost of living.

## **Can I claim for any additional costs associated with going abroad?**

Students who meet the disadvantaged participant criteria above are eligible to claim the following:

- Passports
- Visa applications and reasonable associated costs such as translated documents and police certificates
- Vaccines
- Travel insurance
- Medical certificates

All receipts and proof of purchases must be kept and sent to [studyabroad@leedstrinity.ac.uk](mailto:studyabroad@leedstrinity.ac.uk) to receive funding.

## **Do I get any funding for flight costs?**

Students who meet the disadvantaged participant criteria are eligible for travel grants for one return journey. Destinations and rates can be found here: [List of destinations and grant rates - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Please note, travel grants are based on actual costs, therefore, we will require a copy of your flight booking confirmation. The amount listed is the maximum amount of funding you can receive for flights.

## **What happens if I leave my mobility early?**

The minimum duration for funding is 28 days, any mobility less than 28 days will not receive funding, unless for emergency reasons (force majeure). If you leave your mobility early and the total duration of your mobility is less than 28 days, **you will have to repay all Turing payments received.** If you leave your mobility early but your total duration is 28 days or more, you will be entitled to Turing funding calculated at a daily rate and you will have to **repay any Turing payments received over this allowance.**

## **How can I apply for Turing funding?**

1. Once your place has been confirmed by the relevant organisation you will need to send an email confirmation to [studyabroad@leedstrinity.ac.uk](mailto:studyabroad@leedstrinity.ac.uk) with the confirmation from the organisation that you have been accepted.
2. You will then be sent an application form.
3. If you declare that you meet any disadvantaged criteria this will be verified internally, if we cannot verify this information internally, we will have to ask for evidence to support your claim.
4. If the evidence does not support your declaration, you may still be offered the minimum amount of funding.
5. Turing funding is not guaranteed, and allocations will be prioritised to those students who meet any of the disadvantaged student criteria.
6. Students will be notified of their funding allocation within two weeks of submitting the application form.

## **How and when will I receive my payments?**

- Once your funding has been confirmed you will be sent a Turing Funding Grant Agreement, you will need to read this carefully then sign and return the agreement to [studyabroad@leedstrinity.ac.uk](mailto:studyabroad@leedstrinity.ac.uk).
- Payments will be paid in two instalments:
  - the first 80% will be paid prior to departure, after you have signed the grant agreement and completed the pre-departure survey.
  - the final 20% will be paid once you have returned and completed the necessary requirements, including the following: signed and returned your certificate of attendance, completed both the pre and post feedback surveys and sent a Go Global profile.

## **I have a negative balance with LTU can I still receive Turing funding?**

No, students will only be able to receive Turing payments once they have cleared any LTU debt, this includes accommodation.

## Can I receive Turing funding in addition to Student Finance?

Students going on a global opportunity who are eligible for a Turing grant, will be paid these grants in addition to any student finance. These grants do not have to be paid back unless you leave earlier than your expected end date, in which case you may be required to **return some or all** of your Turing payment. You will not be able to claim travel costs from both Turing and Student Finance, if you are planning on claiming your travel expenses from student finance you need to let [studyabroad@leedstrinity.ac.uk](mailto:studyabroad@leedstrinity.ac.uk) know as soon as possible.

## Country Specific Grant Rates:

Please see the rates for specific countries below:

For short-term opportunities please refer to the 28-day total amount, this will be the minimum amount of funding available.

For student exchange please refer to the country amounts (2 months/57 days) you can use these figures to work out a rough estimate of funding available.

Specific funding amounts will be detailed in Turing Grant Agreements.

### **Australia (2 months/57 days) - Group 1**

<b>Non-disadvantaged participant</b>	<b>Cost of living grant £798</b>
<b>Disadvantaged participant</b>	Cost of living grant £1026, travel grant up to £1360, eligible to claim for exceptional costs such as passport, visa, insurance etc. <b>Grant total: £2386</b>

### **Canada (2 months/57 days) – Group 1**

<b>Non-disadvantaged participant</b>	<b>Cost of living grant £798</b>
<b>Disadvantaged participant</b>	Cost of living grant £1026, travel grant up to £745, eligible to claim for exceptional costs such as passport, visa, insurance etc. <b>Grant total: £1771</b>

### **Fiji (28 days) – Group 2**

<b>Non-disadvantaged participant</b>	<b>Cost of living grant £476</b>
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<b>Disadvantaged participant</b>	Cost of living grant £588, travel grant up to £1360, eligible to claim for exceptional costs such as passport, visa, insurance etc. <b>Grant total: £1948</b>
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### France (2 months/ 57 days) – Group 2

<b>Non-disadvantaged participant</b>	<b>Cost of living grant £684</b>
<b>Disadvantaged participant</b>	Cost of living grant £912, travel grant up to £250, eligible to claim for exceptional costs such as passport, visa, insurance etc. <b>Grant total: £1162</b>

### Germany (2 months/ 57 days) – Group 2

<b>Non-disadvantaged participant</b>	<b>Cost of living grant £684</b>
<b>Disadvantaged participant</b>	Cost of living grant £912, travel grant up to £250, eligible to claim for exceptional costs such as passport, visa, insurance etc. <b>Grant total: £1162</b>

### Indonesia (Bali) (28 days) – Group 2

<b>Non-disadvantaged participant</b>	<b>Cost of living grant £476</b>
<b>Disadvantaged participant</b>	Cost of living grant £588, travel grant up to £905, eligible to claim for exceptional costs such as passport, visa, insurance etc. <b>Grant total: £1493</b>

### Ireland (2 months/ 57 days) – Group 2

<b>Non-disadvantaged participant</b>	<b>Cost of living grant £684</b>
<b>Disadvantaged participant</b>	Cost of living grant £912, travel grant up to £165, eligible to claim for exceptional costs such as passport, visa, insurance etc. <b>Grant total: £1077</b>

### Japan (2 months/ 57 days) - Group 1

<b>Non-disadvantaged participant</b>	<b>Cost of living grant £798</b>
<b>Disadvantaged participant</b>	Cost of living grant up to £1026, travel grant £905, eligible to claim for exceptional costs such as passport, visa, insurance etc. <b>Grant total: £1931</b>

### Malaysia (2 months/ 57 days) – Group 2

<b>Non-disadvantaged participant</b>	<b>Cost of living grant £684</b>
<b>Disadvantaged participant</b>	Cost of living grant £912, travel grant up to £905, eligible to claim for exceptional costs such as passport, visa, insurance etc. <b>Grant total: £1871</b>

### Morocco (28 days) – Group 2

<b>Non-disadvantaged participant</b>	<b>Cost of living grant £476</b>
<b>Disadvantaged participant</b>	Cost of living grant £588, travel grant up to £325, eligible to claim for exceptional costs such as passport, visa, insurance etc. <b>Grant total: £913</b>

### South Korea (28 days) – Group 2

<b>Non-disadvantaged participant</b>	<b>Cost of living grant £476</b>
<b>Disadvantaged participant</b>	Cost of living grant £588, travel grant up to £905, eligible to claim for exceptional costs such as passport, visa, insurance etc. <b>Grant total: £1493</b>

### South Korea (2 months/ 57 days) – Group 2

<b>Non-disadvantaged participant</b>	<b>Cost of living grant £684</b>
<b>Disadvantaged participant</b>	Cost of living grant £912, travel grant up to £905, eligible to claim for exceptional costs such as passport, visa, insurance etc. <b>Grant total: £1817</b>

### Spain (2 months/ 57 days) – Group 2

<b>Non-disadvantaged participant</b>	<b>Cost of living grant £684</b>
<b>Disadvantaged participant</b>	Cost of living grant £912, travel grant up to £250, eligible to claim for exceptional costs such as passport, visa, insurance etc. <b>Grant total: £1162</b>

### Sri Lanka (28 days) – Group 2

<b>Non-disadvantaged participant</b>	<b>Cost of living grant £476</b>
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<b>Disadvantaged participant</b>	Cost of living grant £588, travel grant up to £905, eligible to claim for exceptional costs such as passport, visa, insurance etc. <b>Grant total: £1493</b>
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### Sweden (28 days) – Group 2

<b>Non-disadvantaged participant</b>	<b>Cost of living grant £476</b>
<b>Disadvantaged participant</b>	Cost of living grant £588, travel grant up to £250, eligible to claim for exceptional costs such as passport, visa, insurance etc. <b>Grant total: £838</b>

### Sweden (2 months/ 57 days) – Group 2

<b>Non-disadvantaged participant</b>	<b>Cost of living grant £684</b>
<b>Disadvantaged participant</b>	Cost of living grant £912, travel grant up to £250, eligible to claim for exceptional costs such as passport, visa, insurance etc. <b>Grant total: £1162</b>

### Uganda (28 days) – Group 2

<b>Non-disadvantaged participant</b>	<b>Cost of living grant £476</b>
<b>Disadvantaged participant</b>	Cost of living grant £588, travel grant up to £745 eligible to claim for exceptional costs such as passport, visa, insurance etc. <b>Grant total: £1333</b>

### United States (2 months/ 57 days) – Group 1

<b>Non-disadvantaged participant</b>	<b>Cost of living grant £798</b>
<b>Disadvantaged participant</b>	Cost of living grant £1026, travel grant up to £745, eligible to claim for exceptional costs such as passport, visa, insurance etc. <b>Grant total: £1771</b>

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