



Turing Scheme Funding FAQs **(2025-2026)**

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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 14 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.
- Placements must end by **31st August**.

Which projects and partners have Turing funding at LTU?

- **Think Pacific** – Bali and Fiji, projects of 14 days or more.
- **Travelteer** – Morocco and Sri Lanka, projects of 14 days or more.
- **Play Action International** – Uganda and Kenya, projects of 14 days or more.
- **Volunteer HQ** – 50 countries, project of 14 days or more.
- **Intern Abroad HQ** – 26 countries, internships of 14 days or more.
- **All exchange partners** for lengths of 14 days or more.

If you are interested in another international opportunity that is not listed above please contact studyabroad@leedstrinity.ac.uk to check if it's possible to get funding for your activity of 14 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 AY25/26 for **disadvantaged participants**:

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

The table below shows the rates applicable in AY25/26 for **non-disadvantaged participants**:

Duration of placement abroad	Country group*	Grant rate
2-8 weeks (14 – 56 days)	Group 1	£19 per day
	Group 2	£17 per day
2-12 months (57 – 365 days)	Group 1	£14 per day
	Group 2	£12 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. Students will need to contact their DWP adviser / helpline to discuss any impact going abroad has on their benefits. *

- **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 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 \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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 14 days, any mobility less than 14 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 14 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 with the confirmation from the organisation that you have been accepted.
2. You must apply for Turing funded opportunities **a minimum of 2 months before** your departure date to allow sufficient time to prepare for your departure. The latest we can accept applications is **18th June 2026.**
3. You will then be sent an application form.
4. 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.
5. If the evidence does not support your declaration, you may still be offered the minimum amount of funding.
6. **Turing funding is not guaranteed**, and allocations will be prioritised to those students who meet any of the disadvantaged student criteria and applications where applicable.
7. 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.

- 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 know as soon as possible.

Country Specific Grant Rates – Short-Term Opportunities:

Please see the rates for specific countries below:

For short-term opportunities please refer to the 14-day total amount, **this will be the minimum amount of funding available.**

Fiji (14 days) – Group 2

	Disadvantaged Participant	Non-Disadvantaged Participant
Cost of Living Grant (14 Days)	£294	£238
Flight Grant	Up to £1,360	Not eligible
Exceptional costs (such as passports and visa)	Eligible	Not eligible

Indonesia (Bali) (14 days) – Group 2

	Disadvantaged Participant	Non-Disadvantaged Participant
Cost of Living Grant (14 Days)	£294	£238
Flight Grant	Up to £905	Not eligible
Exceptional costs (such as passports and visa)	Eligible	Not eligible

Kenya (14 days) – Group 2

	Disadvantaged Participant	Non-Disadvantaged Participant
Cost of Living Grant (14 Days)	£294	£238
Flight Grant	Up to £745	Not eligible
Exceptional costs (such as passports and visa)	Eligible	Not eligible

Morocco (14 days) – Group 2

	Disadvantaged Participant	Non-Disadvantaged Participant
Cost of Living Grant (14 Days)	£294	£238
Flight Grant	Up to £325	Not eligible
Exceptional costs (such as passports and visa)	Eligible	Not eligible

South Korea (14 days) – Group 2

	Disadvantaged Participant	Non-Disadvantaged Participant
Cost of Living Grant (14 Days)	£294	£238
Flight Grant	Up to £905	Not eligible
Exceptional costs (such as passports and visa)	Eligible	Not eligible

Sri Lanka (14 days) – Group 2

	Disadvantaged Participant	Non-Disadvantaged Participant
Cost of Living Grant (14 Days)	£294	£238
Flight Grant	Up to £905	Not eligible
Exceptional costs (such as passports and visa)	Eligible	Not eligible

Sweden (14 days) – Group 2

	Disadvantaged Participant	Non-Disadvantaged Participant
Cost of Living Grant (14 Days)	£294	£238
Flight Grant	Up to £250	Not eligible
Exceptional costs (such as passports and visa)	Eligible	Not eligible

Uganda (14 days) – Group 2

	Disadvantaged Participant	Non-Disadvantaged Participant
Cost of Living Grant (14 Days)	£294	£238
Flight Grant	Up to £745	Not eligible
Exceptional costs (such as passports and visa)	Eligible	Not eligible

Country Specific Grant Rates – Student Exchange:

Please see the rates for specific countries below:

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

	Disadvantaged Participant	Non-Disadvantaged Participant
Cost of Living Grant (57 Days)	£1026	£798
Flight Grant	Up to £1360	Not eligible
Exceptional costs (such as passports and visa)	Eligible	Not eligible

Canada (2 months/57 days) – Group 1

	Disadvantaged Participant	Non-Disadvantaged Participant
Cost of Living Grant (57 Days)	£1026	£798
Flight Grant	Up to £745	Not eligible
Exceptional costs (such as passports and visa)	Eligible	Not eligible

France (2 months/ 57 days) – Group 2

	Disadvantaged Participant	Non-Disadvantaged Participant
Cost of Living Grant (57 Days)	£912	£684
Flight Grant	Up to £250	Not eligible
Exceptional costs (such as passports and visa)	Eligible	Not eligible

Germany (2 months/ 57 days) – Group 2

	Disadvantaged Participant	Non-Disadvantaged Participant
Cost of Living Grant (57 Days)	£912	£684
Flight Grant	Up to £250	Not eligible
Exceptional costs (such as passports and visa)	Eligible	Not eligible

Ireland (2 months/ 57 days) – Group 2

	Disadvantaged Participant	Non-Disadvantaged Participant
Cost of Living Grant (57 Days)	£912	£684
Flight Grant	Up to £165	Not eligible
Exceptional costs (such as passports and visa)	Eligible	Not eligible

Japan (2 months/ 57 days) - Group 1

	Disadvantaged Participant	Non-Disadvantaged Participant
Cost of Living Grant (57 Days)	£1026	£798
Flight Grant	Up to £905	Not eligible
Exceptional costs (such as passports and visa)	Eligible	Not eligible

Malaysia (2 months/ 57 days) – Group 2

	Disadvantaged Participant	Non-Disadvantaged Participant
Cost of Living Grant (57 Days)	£912	£684
Flight Grant	Up to £905	Not eligible
Exceptional costs (such as passports and visa)	Eligible	Not eligible

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

	Disadvantaged Participant	Non-Disadvantaged Participant
Cost of Living Grant (57 Days)	£912	£684
Flight Grant	Up to £905	Not eligible
Exceptional costs (such as passports and visa)	Eligible	Not eligible

Spain (2 months/ 57 days) – Group 2

	Disadvantaged Participant	Non-Disadvantaged Participant
Cost of Living Grant (57 Days)	£912	£684
Flight Grant	Up to £250	Not eligible
Exceptional costs (such as passports and visa)	Eligible	Not eligible

Sweden (2 months/ 57 days) – Group 2

	Disadvantaged Participant	Non-Disadvantaged Participant
Cost of Living Grant (57 Days)	£912	£684
Flight Grant	Up to £250	Not eligible
Exceptional costs (such as passports and visa)	Eligible	Not eligible

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

	Disadvantaged Participant	Non-Disadvantaged Participant
Cost of Living Grant (57 Days)	£1026	£798
Flight Grant	Up to £745	Not eligible
Exceptional costs (such as passports and visa)	Eligible	Not eligible

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