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Considering Where To GO

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If you do have a dream location, we encourage good faith applications to it



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Where can I GO?

There are two main exchange programmes available: Non European Exchange and European. Most non-European partners teach in English, however, places are more competitive. The teaching language of European partners varies from partner to partner. The number of European placements means most (90+%) of students receive an offer of a place and the number of department to department exchange links means that there is a page dedicated to European placements.

Things to consider when thinking about where to GO →



Full Year Study Abroad Partnerships

Durham has full-year Study Abroad exchange partners across the globe. Please click on the regions tabs or scroll down for a list of all partners. If you are interested in a shorter study option, please click on the yellow Summer School opportunities below.

See our Summer School opportunities →



Africa →



Latin America and the Caribbean →



Asia →



Middle East →



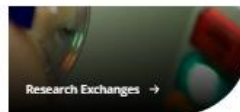
Australasia →



North America →



Europe →



Research Exchanges →

Check the 'Where can I GO' pages for a list of our EU and non-EU destinations



Non-European Exchange – Where can I GO

<https://www.durham.ac.uk/global-durham/global-opportunities/go-study-abroad/where/>

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List of all non-European exchange partners

Asia

China (Mainland)

- [Chinese University Hong Kong, Shenzhen](#) - Shenzhen
- [East China Normal University](#) (ECNU) - Shanghai
- [East China University of Political Sciences and Law](#) (ECUPL) - Shanghai
- [Nanjing University](#) (NJU) - Nanjing
- [Peking University](#) (PKU) - Beijing
- [Tsinghua University](#) - Beijing
- [Zhejiang University](#) - Hangzhou

Hong Kong & Macau

- [Chinese University Hong Kong](#) (CUHK)
- [City University Hong Kong](#) (CityU)
- [Hong Kong Polytechnic University](#) (PolyU)
- [Hong Kong University](#) (HKU)
- [Lingnan University](#)
- [University of Macau](#)

India

- [Ashoka University](#)

Japan

- [Chiba University](#)
- [Hitotsubashi University](#) - Tokyo
- [International Christian University](#) (ICU) - Tokyo
- [Keio University](#) - Tokyo
- [Kumamoto University](#)
- [Kyoto University](#)
- [Kyushu University](#) - Fukuoka
- [Nagoya University](#)
- [Osaka University](#)
- [University of Tokyo](#)
- [Tohoku University](#) - Sendai
- [Waseda University](#) - Tokyo

Korea

- [Korea University](#) - Seoul
- [Seoul National University](#) (SNU)
- [Yonsei University](#) - Seoul
- [Pohang University of Science and Technology](#) (POSTECH) - Pohang
- [Sungkyunkwan University](#) - Seoul

Malaysia

Check the 'Where can I GO' pages for a full list of non-EU destinations



European Exchange – Where can I GO

<https://www.durham.ac.uk/global-durham/global-opportunities/go-study-abroad/europe/>

GO Study Abroad: Europe

With over 200+ exchange agreements, there is a wide range of European GO options. Many of these agreements are departmental specific. If you are interested in a Non European exchange, please visit our Non European page by clicking on the yellow link below.

[Find out about Non European study abroad →](#)



Where can I go?

Each academic Department has a different set of partners. Please click on your relevant Department to find the agreements available to you. If you are a combined or joint honours student, you are able to choose any department from your subject areas. Students are required to seek approval from all departments including the Combined Honours exchange coordinators.

Anthropology	Archaeology	Biosciences	Business School
Chemistry	Classics	Computer Science	Earth Sciences
Education	Engineering	English Studies	Geography
Govt. & Int. Affairs	History	Law	Mathematics
Modern Languages	Music	Physics	Philosophy
Psychology	Sociology	Sports & Exercise	Theology & Religion

Select your
department for a full
list of European
destinations



University of Calgary

With an excellent campus that occupies 213 hectares, the University of Calgary is a leading Canadian research university.

Find out more at Calgary's exchange webpages →



Number of places available: 1 full year place

- [Calgary University website](#)
- [Exchanges website](#)
- [UCalgary Factsheet 2025-26](#)
- **Important Visa Information:** Students applying for Canadian study permits will be required to travel to London to complete a bio metrics register. The High Commission in London has advised that the minimum time for turn around of visa's is two months. For more information click [here](#).
- **Videos:** [Calgary Your City of Choice](#) and [We Are UCalgary](#)

Dates

Term dates:

← If you apply, it could be you. But what if you don't get the place?



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Rankings

Possibly the worst
way to select a
destination

Rankings – Just a made-up algorithm

World rank =
$$\frac{\text{Undisclosed performance indicators, citations, reputation based on peers, medical School, research, outlook etc}}{\text{Standardized using a cumulative probability function}}$$

Year abroad destination = Academic Fit, Personal Fit, Career Fit, Support etc

Rankings – Hong Kong Example



Durham

#175th
THE World
Ranking



PolyU

#83rd
Four subjects
top ranked in
HK.



CityU

#75th
Various top
ranked subjects.
1st for citations
& patents.



HKU

#33rd
Top ranked in
HK but not in all
subject areas



CUHK / Lingnan

#41st / 301st
LU – Lib Arts
speciality. CUHK
various top
ranked areas.

0%

0%

75%

16.5%, 8.5%

% 1st ranked application choice by students selecting HK in 2023

Do your research

Primary Considerations

- Academic course
- Geography
- Language
- Activities and ambitions
- You and your support needs
- Be open





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Academic Course

Shape your year to
suit your academic
ambitions

Academic Course

Course: by selecting modules you get to dictate the academic shape of your year abroad. You may:

- add depth to a subject you have already started studying;
- add breadth by learning about new areas in your field.

Languages: some non-anglophone universities (and most of Durham's Departmental Exchange Coordinators) will allow a (beginners) language module to be taken.

Do your research! Check the course catalogues of multiple universities to compare courses appropriate to you. Hints:

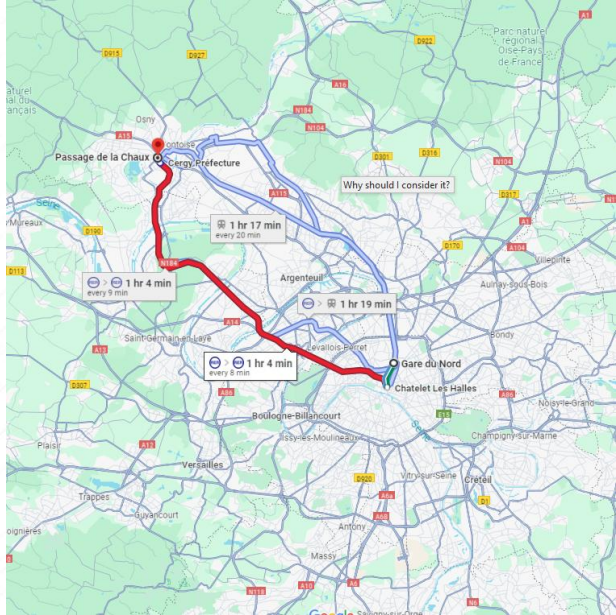
- Search online: '[Name of University] Incoming Exchange'.
- Check: what the full year workload is.



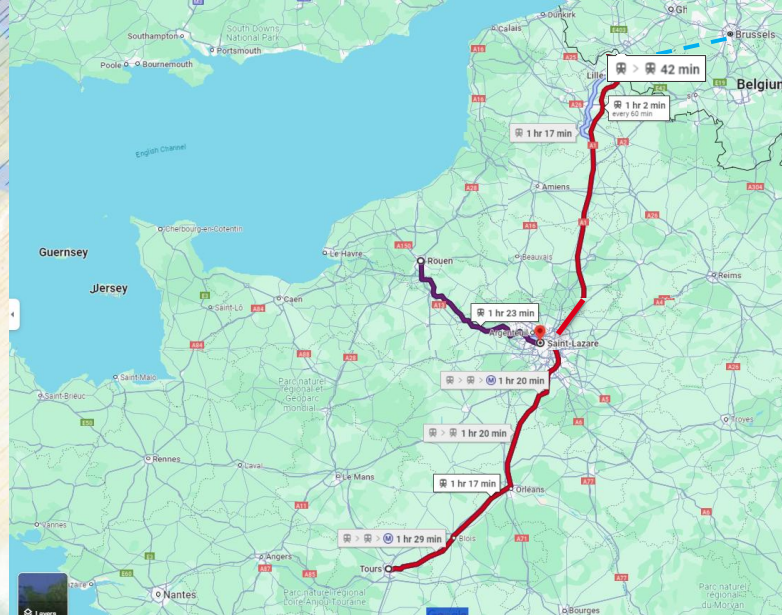
Geography

Explore the world

Think Geography!



Paris Cergy to Paris Centre



Lille, Rouen, Tours to Paris Centre



“Asia”

PKU, Tsinghua.

KoreaU, SNU, SKKU,
Yonsei.

POSTECH

Nanjing
ECNU, ECUPL,
Zhejiang

Ashoka

CUHK-Shenzhen
CityU, CUHK, HKU,
Lingnan, PolyU

Chulalongkorn

Malaya

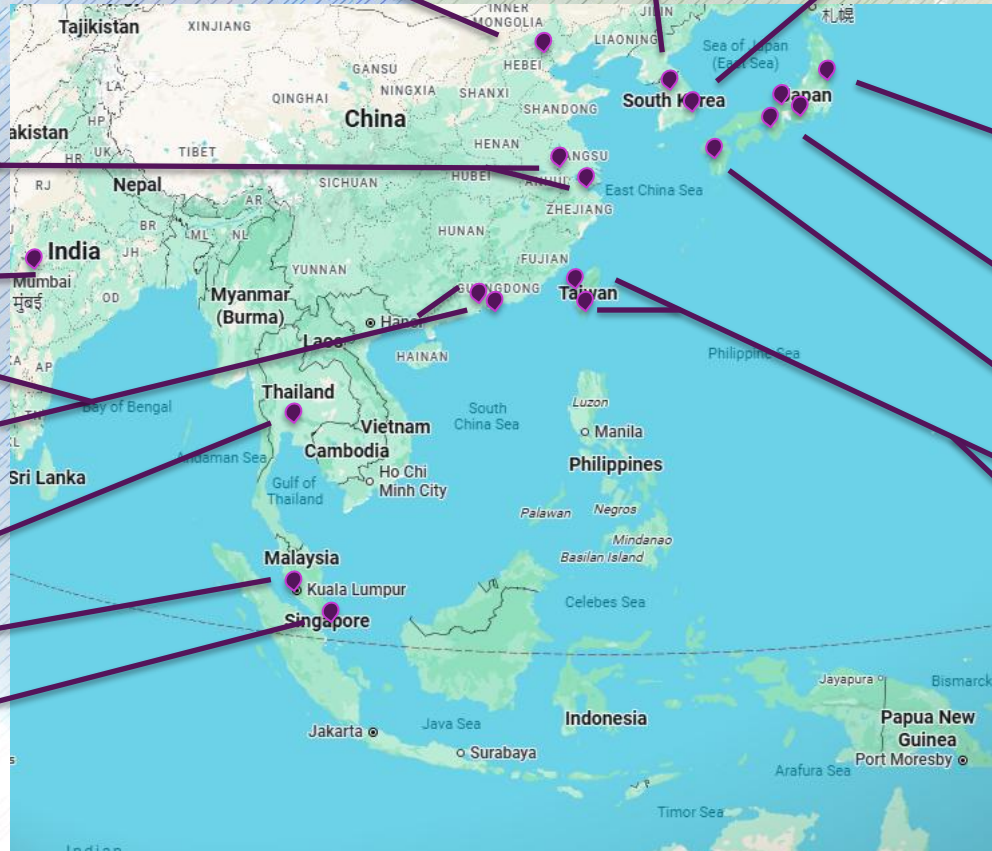
NUS, SMU

Chiba, Hitotsubashi, ICU,
Keio, Tohoku, UTokyo,
Waseda

Kyoto, Nagoya, Osaka

Kumamoto, Kyushu

NTHU, NTNU, NTU
NSYSU





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Languages

You don't have to
know a foreign
language – but you
could learn one

Languages

- Partner websites: you may be surprised which universities and countries teach in English
- Check out the elective language or pre-sessional courses. Most partners in non-anglophone countries offer languages courses
- Location: embedded with locals vs a year as a tourist

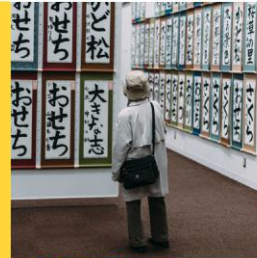
Turku, Finland, a student city with five universities. Many Scandinavian partners teach in English



The **Centre for Foreign Language Study** offers language courses for Durham students.

From Beginners to Higher Advanced level, courses are flexible, in a variety of formats and lengths, with start dates throughout the year.

www.durham.ac.uk/cfls/



Languages (for beginners) at partners

Intensive Thai Program (ITP)

at CTFL

beginner
courses 1-3

intermediate
courses 4-6

advanced
courses 7-9

Monday to Friday
(9:00-12:00 or 13:00-16:00)



FEE: 23,000THB (for online course)
29,500THB (for on-site course)

WHY CTFL?

- Learning Thai in one of Thailand's prestigious universities
- Intensive courses covering beginner to advanced levels
- Daily practice and prompt feedback
- Knowledgeable and experienced instructors
- Getting to know classmates from all over the world
- Enriching cultural extracurricular activities
- Friendly learning environment and convenient location
- Taking part in campus life (on-site course)

Contact: Center for Thai as a Foreign Language (CTFL), Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University
Phayathai Road, Pathumwan, Bangkok, Thailand 10330 Tel.: (662) 218-4886, (662) 218-4924 Email: ctf@chula.ac.th



Study Research Continuing education Transfer University

- **Free intensive German course lasting 6 weeks.** To ensure you are prepared for the lecture term and can communicate with local people, we offer two different courses starting during the orientation month. Each semester, there is a course for beginners and one for advanced learners. The course content varies depending on the prior knowledge of our incoming students.
- **A varied and free programme of day trips and evening events organised by our International Club.** The club organises cultural events, various city breaks and other activities throughout the semester. These events are a great opportunity to get to know the other international students and some local students. The International Club's activities are organised by a group of students from our university. Of course, participation is not compulsory, and events take place in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. You will receive the full programme for the International Club at the start of the orientation period.



國立清華大學
NATIONAL TSING HUA UNIVERSITY

中文 簡體字



About NTHU Academics Study @ NTHU Research Campus Life Administration Academic Info System
Information for parents University Science Park

Chinese Language Center

Chinese Language Center of National Tsing Hua University (NTHU) was founded in 2010 to offer Mandarin courses to foreigners living in Hsinchu. Classes at our Center include both NTHU international students and foreign professionals working in Hsinchu Science Industrial Park.

We currently offer courses at different levels from beginning to advanced. They help students develop accurate communication and pronunciation skills in order to more fully enjoy life in Taiwan.

For further information, please link to <http://clc.site.nthu.edu.tw/>

Check out whether a partner offers a free language programmes for exchange students



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Activities and ambitions

What make you you?
Can you do it abroad?
What may you want to try?



國立中山大學
National Sun Yat-sen University



Faculty & Staff

Student

Alumni

中文

Q Keyword

Welcome to National Sun Yat-sen University

Study

Research

About NSYSU

Yes, that is an
on-campus
beach

UNESCO city with weekly events

- 17 Oct - Irish Folk Festival
- 26 Oct - Jazzfestival
- 09 Nov - Chaos Unity Festival
- 11 Nov - Yogafestival
- 23 Nov - Baphofest - Winternights
- 25 Nov - Women in Film Festival
- 29 Nov - Psychedelic Network Festival
- 29 Nov - Christmas Market



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DEGLI STUDI
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Only 20 miles from Venice, but
like Durham, a UNESCO city
with a non touristy homely feel



You and your support

You and your support - Accommodation



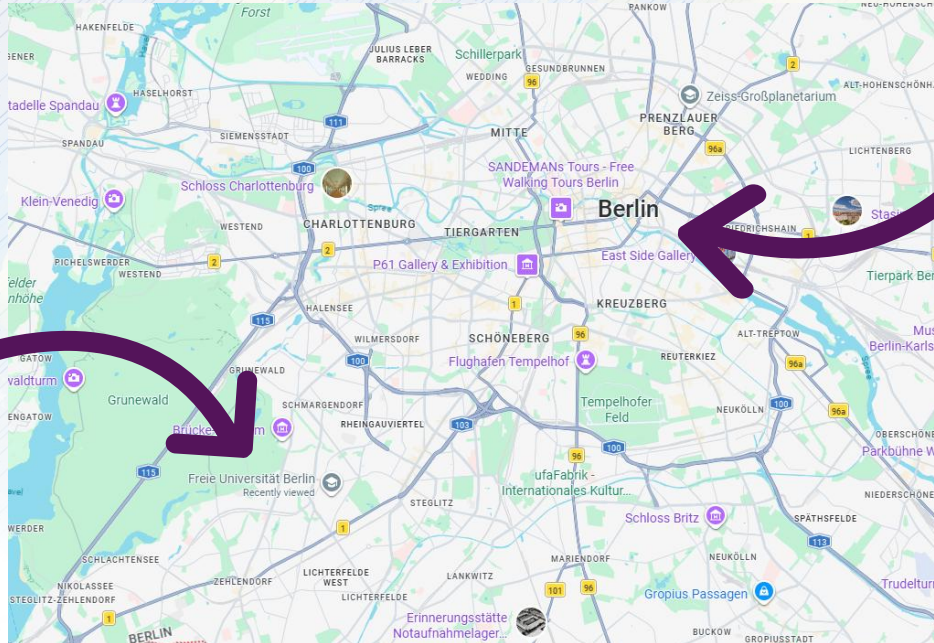
- Check the (partner's) website
 - Non-EU – more likely to offer uni accommodation
 - Europe – a mix depending on location
- If not (or you don't want to live in university accommodation?)
 - Check forums online. Some cities are more challenging.
- Price
 - Some countries / locations are more expensive than others.

You and your support

Location

- Size of city. Big vs. small. Suburbs vs. centre.
 - Walking or commuting distance?
 - Environment around the university?

Freie Universität Berlin
Parks, forests, lakes botanic gardens, metro to the centre



Humboldt Universität Berlin
Directly in the city centre

Both are great universities!
Both are in the capital and both will be different to Durham. Have a think about but which 'vibe' you may be happier at.

You and your support

Student support

- Integration programme?
- Accommodation offered?
- Support services?
- Gender identity, expression and sexual orientation

Activities and interests

- Local culture/sport programme
- Your interests offered and distance?



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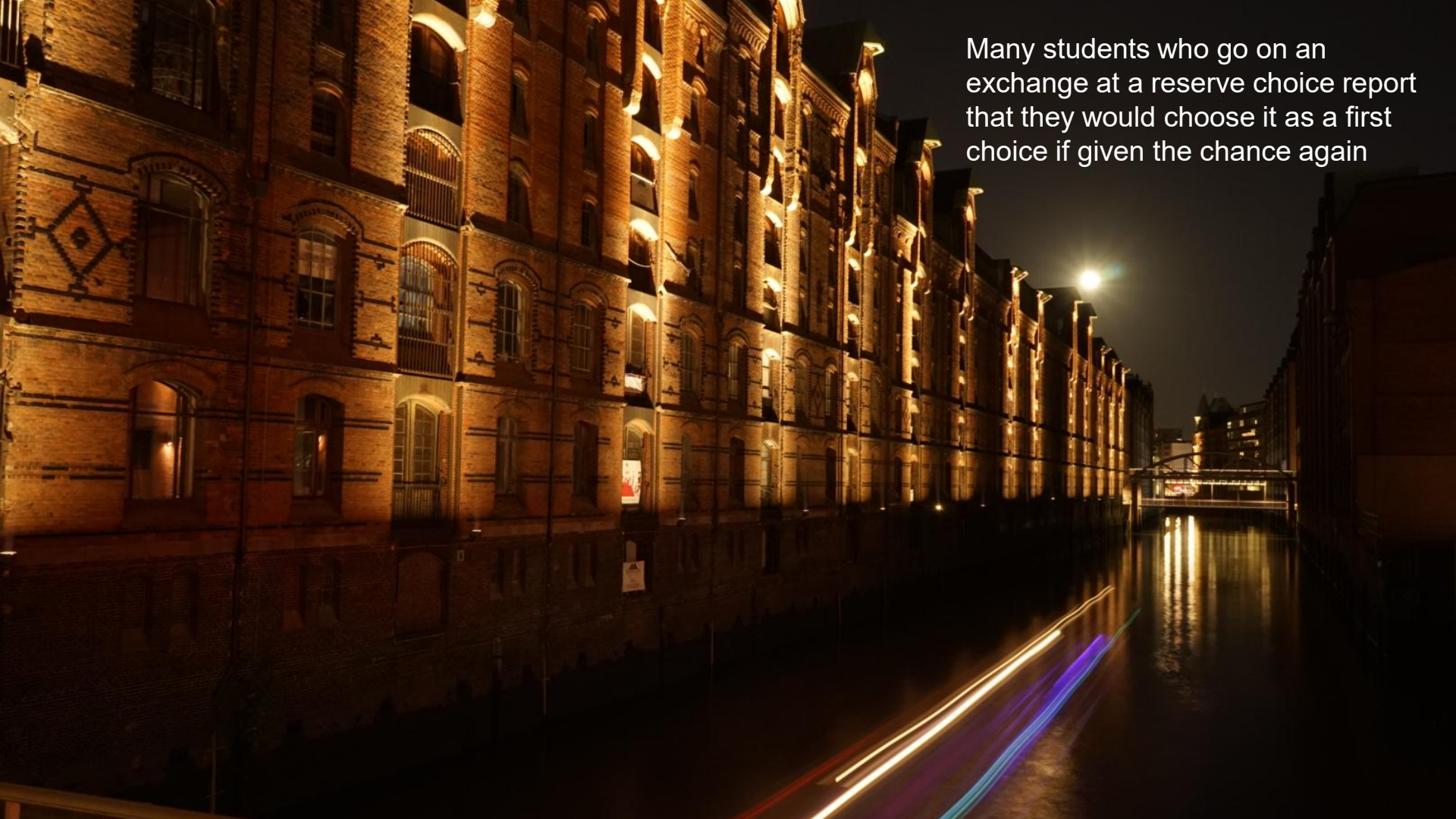
Be open: Plan B?

Secondary Considerations

Most non-European exchange applicants are not placed at their first-choice university

- Be prepared to accept your second and third choices.
- There are always unallocated “reserve” places at other universities.
- Are you prepared to be open or more adventurous?
- The European exchange programme.





Many students who go on an exchange at a reserve choice report that they would choose it as a first choice if given the chance again