GO ABROAD INFORMATION SESSION
ORDER OF PRESENTATIONS

- **VLIR-UOS Reisbeurzen (i.e. travel grants)**
  ✓ Presented by Ms. Annabel Van Damme

- **China Summer School & Partner university scholarship**
  ✓ Presented by Mr. Maarten Gernay afterwards

- **Erasmus+, Generic scholarship, and Priority countries programmes**
  ✓ Presented by Ms. Louise Debeer

- **The Washington Center**
  ✓ Presented by Mr. Casper Mazijn

- **Questions & Answers**
VLIR-UOS SCHOLARSHIP REI
WHAT ARE REI SCHOLARSHIPS?

In the framework of internship or research (thesis) in the South

Travel grant of €1000-

Min. stay of 4 weeks (28 days)

In one of the 31 VLIR-UOS countries (list will change 01/09/2022):

▶︎ Africa: Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, DR Congo, Ethiopië, Guinee, Kameroen, Kenia, Madagascar Mali, Marokko, Mozambique, Niger, , Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Zuid-Afrika
▶︎ Lat. America: Bolivia, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haïti, Nicaragua, Peru
▶︎ Asia: Cambodja, Filipijnen,, Indonesië, Vietnam
▶︎ Palestina
TRAVEL GRANTS... FOR WHOM?

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

▶︎ EEA students / Belgian students

▶︎ enrolled at a Flemish university or university college under a diploma contract

▶︎ enrolled in one of the following courses:
  ▶︎ Professional bachelor's degree
  ▶︎ Academic bachelor's degree
  ▶︎ Master's degree
  ▶︎ Specific teacher training
  ▶︎ Master's degree preparation programme
  ▶︎ Pre-master programme
  ▶︎ BanaBa
  ▶︎ MaNaMa
OTHER REQUIREMENTS? YES...

- The stay is part of a recognized course unit
- You follow a UCOS preparation day **before** submitting your application
Internal VUB call launched by IRO:


- 2 submission rounds (Dec; May)
- IRO checks file for completeness
- Call for 2021 closed 31/07/21
- Next call expected May 2022 for departure in AY 2022-23

Online via VLIR-UOS database

https://data.vliruos.be/

Upload docs (5):

- Letter of recommendation from the VUB promoter;
- Invitation letter from local promoter;
- Personal motivation letter;
- A copy of your VUB student ID or your registration certificate;
- The certificate of the preparation day organized by UCOS.

Check out manual for more information:
https://cdn.vliruos.be/vliruos/fc65e3d250b64e851724b8841f539999.pdf
TIPS FOR APPLICATION

- Personal motivation
- Relevant language knowledge: application in FR/ENG; Spanish speaking country: knowledge of Spanish
- Development relevance: added value for local partner
- Academic relevance: added value within your studies
- Are you going with 2? No Ctrl+C and Ctrl+V...
Correct!

- Submit report after return
- Receive 2nd half of the travel grant
ANY MORE QUESTIONS?

Read the call on our website:

THANK YOU!

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT THE VUB INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE DOES?

WWW.VUB.BE/EN/INTERNATIONAL
INTERNATIONAL.RELATIONS@VUB.BE
Study in China
VUB Go Abroad Fair 2021
GOING TO CHINA IN 4 STEPS

Why study in China?

What programme to choose?

Where to start?
WHY STUDY IN CHINA?

- Personal growth through cultural experience
- Add value to your professional future
- It’s fun!
WHAT PROGRAMME TO CHOOSE?

Summer School

Chinese Government Scholarship Programme

Erasmus+ Programme
SUMMER SCHOOL

EXAMPLES

- **Shanghai** Summer School
- **Xi’an** International Summer Camp of Xidian University
- **Beijing** summer School
- **Sichuan** University Immersion Programme—Select courses of your own choice
WHAT?
WHAT PROGRAMME TO CHOOSE?

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CHINESE GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP

**Exchange level**
- Young people (age 18-35)
- from EU countries
- high school diploma at least
- 2 types: CSC-EU and CSC-Flanders

**Duration**
- 1 semester
- 1 academic year

**Scholarship**
The scholarship covers:
- Monthly stipend
- Enrolment fee in host university
- On-campus accommodation
- Fee for basic study materials
- Health insurance for international students
Information about mobility destinations online
- Website of the Chinese Ministry of Education
- Yearly call by Flemish Government / EU
- high school diploma at least

Procedure
- Choose 1 academic programme
- Choose 3 universities by preference
CHINESE GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP

HOW?

▶️ Application deadline
- Application deadline is **1st April**
- Advise: apply early! Call for applications launched in **February**

▶️ Application documents
- Application form (on website)
- Copy of highest diploma
- Copy of your transcripts in English
- A Study Plan (500 words)
- Your motivation letter in English
- Medical examination (if longer than 6 months)
- Recommendation letters
  (not compulsory for language and bachelor applicants)
CHINESE GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION PROCEDURE

prepare application documents

online application AND send hard copies to the China Mission

admission notice and visa application form
Consultation
- Consult the exchange coordinator of your faculty!
- Do so before you start the application for your exchange study!

China mission EU window
- More information will become available on the website of the China Mission
- Call for applications is in February (together with all application information and procedures)
- Call by Flemish government is communicated on IRMO website

http://www.chinamission.be/eng/zglx/
WHAT PROGRAMME TO CHOOSE?

Summer School
Partner University Scholarship Programme
General Programmes
Destinations
- VUB exchange agreements with several Chinese partner universities
- Mainly 4 Chinese cities (Beijing, Shanghai, Xi’an and Chengdu)

Competitive
- High competition for grants and available places
- Limited number of available scholarships

Consultation
- Consult the exchange coordinator from your faculty
- Do so before the start of your application

Scholarship
- Tuition fee waiver
- VLUHR (€ 700 /month + fixed fee for travel costs)

Links
- https://internationalisering.vluhr.be/studentenmobilititeit/generieke-beurzen
### Partner University Scholarship

#### Mobility Destinations

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<th>City</th>
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| Shanghai (1) | Tongji University  
                     | Fudan University       |
| Beijing (2)  | Renmin University of China                        |
| Chengdu (3)  | Sichuan University                               |
| Xi’an (4)    | Northwestern Polytechnical University            |
PRACTICAL INFO

- **Application Deadline**
  - official website of the partner university
  - Website of scholarship organisation (CSC)
  - Application periods start in **February**

- **Consult your exchange coordinator!**

- **Come to IRMO if you’re interested**
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND MOBILITY OFFICE

What?
- Opportunities to study abroad for Belgian and European students
- Development cooperation
- International programmes

Where?
- Pleinlaan 5, 1050 Brussels, Ground Floor

Contact
- Front desk at office hours
- Appointment with specific officer
- Email: international.relations@vub.be
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10 REASONS TO STUDY ABROAD

❖ Obtain VUB credits for all approved academic coursework abroad
❖ Study & learn differently
❖ Brush up on your language skills
❖ Boost your employment opportunities
❖ Gain a global mindset
10 REASONS TO STUDY ABROAD

❖ Enhance your intercultural competences
❖ Learn about yourself & your culture
❖ Boost your self-confidence & independence
❖ Be adventurous & explore the world
❖ Friends for life from all over the world
VUB EXCHANGE CONTACTS

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- Grade conversion
- Credit recognition

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student.vub.be/go-abroad
EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

- **Studies or Traineeship**
  - Always *during & part* of your VUB studies, never after graduation (excl. Erasmus+ Traineeships)
  - **Studies**: course package at VUB is substituted by course package at host institution
    - You take courses and exams abroad
    - Obtained credits abroad are recognized at VUB
    - Grade conversion by Faculty (not always a 1:1 conversion)
  - **Traineeship**: recognition based on Traineeship agreement (credits, part of thesis work)

- **Apply following VUB’s exchange procedure**
  - i.e. selected by Faculty, according to their procedure, and nominated towards IRMO
  - Exchange officially confirmed after exam period
  - Host institution/organisation needs to accept the exchange as well
EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

☑ Grant – Included? Amount*?
✓ If awarded a scholarships; must meet the administrative requirements:
  ✓ All programmes: complete and signed 1) Learning Agreement for Studies or Traineeship, 2) Grant Agreement, 3) Certificate of Arrival and 4) Certificate of Departure.
  ✓ Some cases: non-binding language test, essay and/or survey upon return
✓ Nationality is not a criterion, but you should be enrolled fulltime at the VUB

☑ Tuition Fee Waiver

☑ Min – max duration

☑ Study level

☑ EU or non-EU host institution

* Amounts are subject to change
EU DESTINATIONS
ERASMUS+ KA1

- Studies & Traineeships (during & after studies)

- Studies: € 279 - € 379/month (+ €100 ‘Vlaamse Studietoelage’ ~ Flemish study allowance)
- Traineeships: € 429 - € 529/month

- Studies: Min. 3 – max. 10 months
- Traineeships: Min. 2 months – max. 10 months

- Sufficient funds (if not, Faculty ranking)
  - Exc. Traineeship after graduation (apply externally, first-come-first-served)

- Online Linguistic Support (test & courses) & Online survey upon return
ERASMUS+ KA 1 HOST INSTITUTIONS

- General: all 28 EU member states, FYROM, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, Turkey
- Studies: Specific cooperation agreements per programme
- Traineeship: Approval Exchange Coordinator
- More info per programme & exchange coordinator
- Swiss European Mobility Programme (SEMP)
  - Switzerland
  - Grants paid by Swiss host institution
  - +/- 400CHF/month
ERASMUS BELGICA

- Studies: Specific cooperation agreements per programme
- €100 (1x)
- Min. 2 - max. 10 months
- Master

- Sufficient funds (if not, Faculty ranking)
NON-EU DESTINATIONS
NON-EU HOST INSTITUTIONS

- Studies: general VUB exchange agreements
  - Tuition fee waiver
  - Min. 5- max. 10 months

- Traineeship: host organisation approved Exchange Coordinator

- No grant guaranteed
- Higher competition for grants and available places

- Preparing for a non-EU exchange application: more effort

- Teaching language: English or local language (Spanish, Portuguese, etc.)
NON-EU HOST INSTITUTIONS

- Studies: general VUB exchange agreements:
  - Brazil (Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paolo, Santa Catarina, Santa Maria)
  - Canada (Québec)
  - Chile (Santiago)
  - China (Beijing, Shanghai, Sichuan, Xi’an)
  - Japan (Kobe)
  - Mexico (Guadalajara, Mexico City, Puebla)
  - Morocco (Rabat)
  - USA (North-Carolina, Washington)
  - Russia (Moscow, St. Petersburg)
  - South-Africa (Bloemfontein, Bellville)
  - South-Korea (Seoul)
NON-EU HOST INSTITUTIONS

- Contact IRMO by e-mail to express your interest and receive more detailed info on the specific host institutions the latest 15 December 2021

- Look up the offered programs online and compose a draft study plan
  - Individual match for courses
  - You will need approval from your exchange coordinator
  - You can be nominated for one non-EU destination only &
    You can select one EU back-up destination too

- Apply for a grant, if applicable
NON-EU HOST INSTITUTIONS

- Host organization: university, research institute, company, NGO, etc.
- Find a host organization yourself or through the contacts of your VUB programme
- Anywhere except an EU member states, FYROM, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, Turkey
- Approval Exchange Coordinator

- No grant guaranteed
NON-EU SCHOLARSHIP

- Flemish government scholarship: return ticket, 700–900 EUR/month
- Min. 1 – max. 12 months (some exceptions) & depending on available funds

- “Generieke Beurzen” (i.e. generic scholarships) (Studies & Traineeship)
  - If nominated by your Faculty, you receive information on the VUB call (after March 15th)
  - Apply to IRMO and selection at VUB (period of May)
  - Priority to exchanges to VUB partner institution
  - At least 25% of the selected candidates receive a Flemish study allowance

Find more information online
NON-EU SCHOLARSHIP

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- **Priority Country Programme** (Studies & Traineeship) > [information online]
  - 9 countries: Brazil, Chile, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, Russia, South Africa, Turkey, USA
  - Express interest to IRMO (15 December) & if nominated by your Faculty, you receive information on the call (deadline mid-Feb)
  - Application at IRMO and external selection
  - Max 2800 EUR

Find more information online
**APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

**Application at Faculty**
- Application file (host institution, scholarship programme)
- You compose a first study or training plan, viz. a Learning Agreement (LA)

**Nomination**
- Your faculty nominates you officially to IRMO, after faculty internal deadline
- IRMO nominates you to your host institution

**VUB Application**
- IRMO sends you the VUB procedure, SOP Mobility-Online
- You compose a final LA
- Your faculty approves your LA
APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Host Institution Application
- You apply to your host institution

Official Approval
- Your faculty officially confirms your exchange after the June and/or September exams
- Acceptance by the host institution

Departure Administration
- IRMO invites you to a take-off meeting
- IRMO sends you the scholarship administration
PRACTICALITIES

- Choice of Host Institution
- Required language knowledge
- Selection procedure
- Registration & tuition fee
- Courses, exams & resit exams
- Recognition & credit transfer
PRACTICALITIES

- Insurance
- Childcare benefits (‘kindergeld’)
- Housing
- Finances
  - VUB Social, Legal & Financial Support Team (Team Studentenstatuut & Studiefinanciering)
  - student.vub.be/studiefinanciering#ondersteuningsaanbod
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Internship & seminars in Washington (USA)  9,000 or 12,000 euro

Certain areas of study  Deadline mid February

Find more general info online
Internship & seminars in Washington (USA)

- Your exchange coordinator awards 30 ECTS
- 15 weeks
- Autumn semester
THE WASHINGTON CENTER

➢ Advocacy
➢ Service & Arts
➢ Business & Global Trade
➢ International Affairs
➢ Law & Criminal Justice
➢ Media & Communication
➢ Politics & Public Policy
➢ Science, Technology & Society

Certain areas of study

The exchange needs to be accepted by your faculty!
The amount depends on whether you are already on a Flemish scholarship ("Beursstudent")

9,000 or 12,000 euro
THE WASHINGTON CENTER

➢ Express interest to IRMO by **mid December**
  ➢ If nominated by your faculty, you get more info on the next steps
➢ Flemish government’s deadline: **mid February**
  ➢ Afterwards there’s an internal selection
➢ All info and requirements via
  ➢ http://www.twc.edu/
  ➢ Casper.mazijn@vub.be