

Personal Declaration for Study Abroad

School of Genetics and Microbiology

Please read this declaration carefully, in full, before signing and submitting your application

Study abroad does not suit everyone. Before applying, students should reflect carefully on their individual academic goals, learning styles, personal circumstances etc.

1. You should have confidence in answering 'YES' to the following statements:

- I am aware of the academic and personal challenges that can arise during study abroad.
- I am not aware of any specific issue(s) or factor(s) that would adversely affect my ability to adapt to a different learning environment or to integrate smoothly into a different cultural environment.
- (where applicable) I realise that I will have to adapt to a different linguistic environment and am confident in my language abilities.

2. Respect for host University:

Exchange students must follow the rules of their host university, particularly with regard to subject assessment and examinations, and accept that conditions may differ from those in Trinity.

I understand that:

- it is my responsibility to inform the host University of any needs I may have.
- the School of Genetics and Microbiology in Trinity College Dublin cannot guarantee accommodations abroad.
- the School of Genetics and Microbiology in Trinity College Dublin cannot review the decisions of partner universities.

3. Compliance with institutional, national, EU and international regulations:

- College-Wide exchanges: I understand that my exchange is governed by the International Admissions and Study Abroad Office, while I am subject to School of Genetics and Microbiology rules, I am aware that my point of contact is the International Admissions and Study Abroad Office and that the School of Genetics and Microbiology merely facilitates this process.
- European exchanges: I understand and accept that study abroad is governed by regulations and procedures set out in ERASMUS and other relevant literature published by the EU, the Higher Education Authority (Ireland) and other relevant national and supranational bodies.



4. Conversion of Marks

I understand that the School of Genetics and Microbiology converts grades in the fairest way possible, with great concern for its student's grades and future prospects. I accept that conditions in my host university may differ from those in Trinity and realise that this may have an effect on my results.

Please note that the School of Genetics and Microbiology does its utmost to ensure that the translation of results from your host university to Trinity's marking system is fair and reflects your achievements abroad. The Court of Examiners cannot, however, guarantee that the process of translation of marks will equal out all differences between the marking structures in different countries and amongst the host universities. The School of Genetics and Microbiology International Committee bases its conversions on conversion tables but retains a discretion to ensure broad equivalence. Trinity's conversion tables are attached to this document.

Individual marks are also carefully reviewed prior to sending them to the Court of Examiners. The distribution of grades in the host and home university may also be taken into account (i.e. your relative position in the class may also be considered), as well as the course load taken.

5. Meeting degree programme requirements

Prior to leaving for exchange, I have conducted extensive research on the institutions I have selected.

- I am aware of my course requirements in terms of credits and have discussed the same with the exchange coordinator(s) for all of my subjects.

Within two weeks of arriving at my host University I will:

- Email a scanned copy of my Learning Agreement, signed by my TCD coordinator(s) and host University to my programme administrator.

While on exchange I will:

- Obtain the permission of my coordinator(s) for any changes I am proposing to my learning agreement while away and resubmit my signed learning agreement to my programme administrator
- Inform my coordinators immediately on any difficulties, including failing modules, that may impact on my ability to progress

Prior to submitting this application, I have conducted extensive research on the institutions I have selected.

- I am aware of all of the information and course requirements which are highlighted in the Erasmus and Exchange Rules 2024/25.
- I understand that I am going abroad as a Trinity student. I therefore understand that I am an ambassador for the College and for the School of Genetics and Microbiology. I will bear this in mind in all my conduct abroad, both academic and personal.
- I am aware I must obtain not less than 25 ECTS credits, or equivalent, from the host university while studying abroad during semester two.
- I confirm that I have read and accept in full the content of this declaration and I confirm that the information provided by me in the application form for study abroad is correct.

(Please type your name below if you are submitting the document electronically)

Name: _____ Date: _____