**St George’s University of London: Turing Scheme FAQ’s**

1. *What is the Turing Scheme?*

The Turing scheme is the UK Government’s initiative which allows for worldwide student mobility. The scheme, named after British code breaker and mathematician, Alan Turing, will provide £110 million in funding for approximately 35,000 students from schools, colleges and universities across the UK to go on placements abroad.

SGUL is committed to providing a wide range of student mobilities and we are pleased to confirm that our institutional Turing grant application to the amount of £62,000 has been confirmed for academic year 2022-23. Please note that individual student funding is not guaranteed since there is a stipulated process to apply for Turing funding. The programme team and the Study Abroad team together manage the process of applying towards Turing funding for students who are keen to apply to the Turing scheme.

1. *Who is eligible for Turing funding?*

The Turing scheme is open to all SGUL students. Recent graduates who have completed their course in the last 12 months are eligible for Turing funding for work placements (but not study placements).

1. *What are the funding amounts available and which countries can students go to as part of their mobility?*

Turing funded mobility can take place in any country outside the UK as long as there is no Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) advice against travel to that country. Please refer to the latest travel advice here [Foreign travel advice - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice)

Turing funding amounts differs for countries which have been grouped depending on high, medium and low cost of living. Cost of living groups (by country/ territory) can be found here <https://www.turing-scheme.org.uk/cost-of-living-groups/>

The amount of funding available according to mobility duration and cost of living groups, as below. Please note that placements lasting nine weeks to twelve months will receive the rates identified for this category for the full duration of the mobility and not the higher rates for the initial period of eight weeks.

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| Duration | Destination | Weekly/ monthly amount |
| Four to eight weeks | Group 1 | £136.25 per week or £545 per month |
| Four to eight weeks | Group 2 and Group 3 | £120 per week or £480 per month |
| 9 weeks to 12 months | Group 1 | £380 per month |
| 9 weeks to 12 months | Group 2 and Group 3 | £335 per month |

**Important**: Participants from disadvantaged backgrounds are eligible for additional cost of living grant which will be established at the time of initial student grant request. Further details on eligibility criteria for disadvantaged students can be found here <https://www.turing-scheme.org.uk/about/widening-access/>

1. *What is the minimum and maximum duration of student mobilities?*

The Turing scheme allows for the differences in academic periods or term dates across different countries. However, majority of the project/ placement duration must take place within the academic year for which funding has been requested for and granted. For instance, for academic year 2022-23, majority of the project must occur between 1 September 2022 and have an end date of 31 August 2023. Funding can only be used for activity within these dates and any mobility outside of these dates will not be funded by the Turing scheme.

1. *How can students apply for Turing funding?*

Students cannot apply directly for Turing funding since the process is managed by the programme team and the Study Abroad team who work closely to apply for specific study abroad opportunities which the student is interested in. It may well be that the programme has an established partnership with partner organisations or that they may be able to facilitate mobilities where students have identified the University they wish to go to for their mobility. Students and the programme team (including course director and/or academic adviser) need to identify and discuss details of their mobility including project duration, destination and subject area of interest and any follow-on assessments which may need to be completed as part of the placement or study abroad project.

Once the Turing funding amount is confirmed, students will be contacted by the Quality and Partnerships Officer to complete mandatory paperwork such as Student Learning Agreement, Student Grant Agreement, Student Arrival/ departure forms.

1. *When do students receive their grant funding?*

Once the student funding request is approved by Capita, students receive 80% of the total amount of mobility funding at the beginning of their stay/ mobility and the remaining 20% after such mobility is complete subject to satisfactory completion of paperwork including proof of fulfilment of assessments or skills gained during the placement. In addition, students from disadvantaged backgrounds might be asked to submit additional documents to receive the top up funding, such as proof of family income etc.

1. *Student responsibilities as recipients of Turing funding*

Arrival certificate signed and stamped by the host university and a completed and signed departure form before departure from host university. Students are required to be present in the host country for the entirety of the placement duration. Holidays are excluded from such requirement but students are not allowed to study online and receive the funding. In addition, and as mentioned in question 6 above, each programme might have different requirements in terms of completing the placement or project such as writing a report, making a presentation, completing an assessment etc. Please note that the full monies from the Turing scheme will be paid to the student only on satisfactory completion of end of placement/ training year assessments. Please discuss this aspect with your programme team.

1. *Where can I get advice about visas?*

Students are responsible for making their own travel arrangements including arranging visas allowing for as much visa processing time as possible. Students will need to carry out their own research to ensure that they are visa compliant at destination country. We suggest that students also check FCDO’s webpage for any travel guidance.

In some cases, the host or partner university’s international office may contact you with details about visa requirements.

1. *Who do I get in touch with to discuss my interest in applying for the Turing scheme funding?*

In the first instance, please get in touch with your Course Director and programme team to discuss what Turing mobility opportunities, if any, are available within your programme.