APPLICATION PROCESS 17/18: STATISTICS

We are pleased to see that students are making the most of their degree at Sussex and we share their enthusiasm about study abroad. In the recent years, we have noticed an increase in the number of applications received to study abroad, which it’s fantastic, however, places at our partner universities have always remained limited. This means that we have more students wanting to study abroad than we have places available. Please bear in mind that for many of our partner institutions we have only 1 or 2 places per year. This, as a result, has made the selection and allocation process very competitive, especially when universities were heavily oversubscribed. If you are not offered one of your preferred universities, but there are places available at other institutions, we will give you the opportunity to consider these after all the allocations have been made.

We encourage Sussex students to apply for a study abroad experience first and foremost – the destination should be a secondary consideration. The emphasis should be on your desire to enhance your degree by experiencing your studies from another country’s perspective irrespective of where you may study. The success of your time abroad depends on you rather than the destination where you may study.

Often, our English-speaking partner universities are the most demanded institutions. In the next pages, we wanted to show you a chart of each region we manage, showing the number of places we had for 17/18 year abroad scheme vs the number of times that university was listed in voluntary application forms. Below you will also find the figures related to the number of students who applied last year as per January 2017.

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<th>Total number of voluntary students applying</th>
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<td>Total number of students selected to study abroad at a partner university of their choice</td>
<td>292 (86.4%)</td>
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<td>Total number of students whose application was unsuccessful</td>
<td>46 (13.6%)</td>
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When students are unsuccessful with their application forms we understand that this can be upsetting and sometimes difficult to assimilate. Unfortunately it is not possible for us to place every student who submits an application. When application forms are unsuccessful this can be for a variety of reasons, such as:

- The student listed only the most popular institutions which were oversubscribed (and therefore selection and allocation have been fiercely competitive) and they were not interested in any of the destinations still available.
- Their application as not as strong as others. When assessing applications we take into account the student personal statement, reference, attendance and grades achieved so far. The universities we work with demand high academic standards and engagement from our students, so applicants need to be able to demonstrate this.
- Suitability of that place to the student’s degree.

We do study every application very seriously and each student is treated in a fair way. The selection and allocation process is really thorough, with meetings that can take all day.
Asia

Number of places available for 17/18
Number of times listed in 17/18 voluntary application forms
North America (US and Canada)

- University of Alaska at Fairbanks
- University of Arkansas, Fayetteville AND Walton Business School
- California State University at Monterey Bay
- Elon University, North Carolina
- Florida State University
- University of Kentucky at Lexington
- University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
- Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona
- University of Ottawa, Ontario
- University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY
- University of Waterloo, Canada, Ontario

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