

STUDENT MOBILITY EXPERIENCES PROJECT – INFORMATION SHEET

This program is currently in development; features may change before delivery begins.

Share your authentic perspectives about being a Queen's student studying abroad through blogs, vlogs, and pictures, and reflect on your host culture(s), personal journey, successes, and challenges.

By sharing your insights and experiences abroad, you can give other students a little preview of what may lie ahead for them, help them make informed choices, and hopefully inspire them to also study abroad.

Who is the program for?

A maximum of 14 students, in any faculty and any discipline taking part in a Fall and/or Winter term mobility program (e.g., exchange, BISC).

Priority will be given to students who are in equity-deserving groups including BIPOC, 2SLGBTQ+, First Generation, Low-income students and students with disabilities. Participants may choose but are not required to post topics that touch on one or more of the identities they hold.

What would I need to do?

Provide 2 blogs while abroad (per semester), either written or video, plus 1 upon return. Blogs will be shared on university websites and social media. Participants may choose to share their identity/identities for publication but are not required to.

Participants would be expected to attend all wraparound support sessions and workshops.

Why would I take part?

The Student Mobility Experiences Project will look to provide wraparound support to all program participants. This will include pre-departure sessions with practitioners in the fields of international education and human rights to explore relevant concepts. One example might be to reflect on and discuss how identity impacts experience (and vice versa). During the semester there will be several check-ins where students will have the opportunity to share experiences and receive further training and support. And upon re-entry we are planning a series of de-briefing workshops for students to help reflect on and analyze their semester abroad.

As part of this program, we also hope to connect students with alumni from a variety of relevant fields (e.g., journalism, international NGOs, advocacy work) who can provide career and industry-related guidance to help students when creating their content.

What do I get out of the program?

We aim for the program to help participants:

- have the opportunity to analyze and critically prepare for, participate in, and reflect on their short-term mobility experience.
- gain insight into alumni career journeys, and potentially build contacts for post-graduation.
- feel confident about articulating their study abroad experience in the context of career-readiness.

Participants will receive a \$500 honorarium per semester they are abroad/3 blogs.