



Welcome to the Global Opportunities Autumn 2022 newsletter. It's a new academic year already and we're excited to share a little bit about all of the upcoming opportunities you can take advantage of as a Cardiff Met student.

A big hello to you if you are new to Cardiff Met or have not taken part in a Global Opportunity before! Maybe this is your year to get out there and try something you've never tried before!

The Global Opportunities team is your port of call for any international opportunities outside of your course. This covers a really wide range of things, from study and work abroad placements all over the world, to group trips, international short courses, funding opportunities, and more.

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Upcoming Dates

September 26th - [Intercultural Award call for applications opens](#)

September 26th - [GO Global Bursary call for applications opens](#)

September 26th - [Babbel Language Competition opens](#)

September 30th – [Play Action International: volunteer Uganda opens](#)

September 30th – [Challenges Abroad: volunteer Cambodia opens](#)

September 30th – [Think Pacific: volunteer Fiji opens](#)



September 30th – [BUNAC: intern USA opens](#)

September 30th – [Virtual Internships: worldwide internships opens](#)

October 12th – [GoCon Day 1: Introduction to study abroad](#)

October 19th – [GoCon Day 2: Think Pacific, Virtual Internship and Play Action International](#)

October 26th – [GoCon Day 3: Challenges Abroad, BUNAC, Pagoda](#)

October 27th – [Fundraising for your trip: all you need to know](#)



Intercultural Award:

What is it and how can you take part?

The Global Opportunities Intercultural Award will give you the opportunity to complete a number of globally themed modules, work as a Global Opportunities ambassador over the academic year and have the opportunity to participate in one mobility to Europe.

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Award is an excellent your skillset - important CV you're thinking your toes into the Global but not sure if you're plunge and travel just yet, this is the for you!

Email globalopportunities@cardiffmet.ac.uk if you are interested in participating in the Intercultural Award.

For more information visit the Intercultural Award webpage – [Award](#)



Study and work abroad:

What is the Turing and Taith Schemes?

Turing Scheme

You may have heard that the UK will no longer be part of the Erasmus+ Scheme.

While this is the case, there are always new opportunities for you to take part in.

Last September we saw the first UK students participate in the Turing Scheme. This exciting scheme helps students at UK universities to take part in a study, work or volunteering abroad placement *anywhere* in the world. Whether you are volunteering for a few weeks over the summer in Cambodia, or want to study for a full year at one of our partner universities, you may be able to receive a grant from the Turing Scheme to help your Global Opportunity become a reality.



Taith Scheme

Taith is Wales' new international learning exchange programme, creating life-changing opportunities to travel, volunteer, learn and experience.

This academic year will see the first UK students participate in Taith. Current students can take part in a study, work or volunteering placement abroad and if you are graduating this academic year, you can carry out a traineeship abroad which can last 2 weeks to 12 months following graduation.

Cardiff Met students who are enrolled in studies leading to a recognised degree can take part in the Taith scheme. Students do not need to be UK nationals to be eligible for the scheme and can be studying full time, part time or have recently graduated.



Upcoming opportunities abroad through Turing and Taith

These are just a selection of funded opportunities available. You may also choose to study a semester or a year abroad. There are also non-accredited internships or work placements available.

Play Action International: With over a decade of experience, and with ethics, sustainability, fun and adventure at the heart of Play Action International's (PAI) volunteering programmes, PAI is the perfect option for your volunteering adventure! PAI pride themselves on providing a sustainable in-country programme that meets the needs of the community and is led by local communities. PAI have everything sorted, from cultural training to ensure you are responsible and respectful in country, to making the most of your experience to gain future employment. The call is now open.



Think Pacific: A fantastic volunteering opportunity in Fiji. You can get involved with a project related to your field of interest, for example health, education, or sport. You also get excellent support from the Think Pacific team, and get to know other participants through cultural events, all in the beautiful country of Fiji. Funding is available and the call is now open.



BUNAC: The 8-week summer programme will allow you to work abroad as a Camp Counsellor, Activity Specialist or Special Needs Counsellor.

Throwing yourself into the spirit of Summer Camp USA will be a rewarding, skill-enhancing and best summer of your life! You will work alongside fellow camp counsellors to develop lifelong leadership skills as well as lifelong friendships. The call is now open.

For more information visit the Volunteering Opportunities and Summer Camp webpages – [Volunteering](#) and [Summer Camp](#)

Santander Universities Funding

With Santander funding, we are able to organise some amazing group cultural and employability trips. In June 2022, 27 students were able to take part in a fully-funded trip to Lyon, France and 26 students went to Amsterdam, Netherlands. With both a study and a cultural element, this is a great way to see another country and get to know other students from courses across the university.



In 2023 Global Opportunities team is aiming to organise another fully-funded cultural and employability trip within Europe. During the week you will take part in classes, workshops and cultural activities. Applications are welcome from students across Cardiff Met.

Keep an eye on the Santander webpage for more information on the call for application – [Santander](#)

GO Global Bursary

We are thrilled to announce that we will be running our GO Global Bursary scheme again this year. The GO Global Bursary allows you to apply for up to £500 towards your own unique Global Opportunity, whether that's study, work, or volunteering abroad. Applications are welcome for placements anywhere in the world outside of the UK and can last anywhere from 1 to 7 weeks.

Some examples of what the GO Global Bursary has funded previously...

- Virtual summer schools at our exchange partner universities based in Sweden and Switzerland
- Summer placements with Think Pacific in Fiji
- Cricket tour around South Africa
- Pagoda Projects virtual programmes
- Camp America summer placements
- Academic conference in Portugal

The GO Global bursary call for application is now open and closes on 20th March 2023.

Please visit the GO website for more information [Global Opportunities Cardiff Met GO Global Bursary](#)



Kieron Addis-Mirfield - BA (Hons) International Hospitality Management



I was so lucky to be given the opportunity to go to Slovenia to help out at the Unesco Unitwin Conference.

It was an amazing opportunity supported by Cardiff Met and the Tourism, Hospitality and events department (THE). Thank you to Go Bursary for all their support too.

It was an amazing conference meeting people from Tourism and Hospitality industries. I was able to connect and meet some incredible people and made some friends with some fellow THE students at Turistica University.

Thank you to Turistica University for hosting this amazing event. I'm happy we were able to help and I now know how to make the best Italian Coffee!

Upcoming Virtual Opportunities

Over previous academic years, we have seen around 364 Cardiff Met students take part in virtual mobilities for the first time. While virtual placements became popular in response to the pandemic, we have heard excellent reports from students who took part. We love that these placements create more accessible and sustainable opportunities for many students, which is why we are continuing to offer virtual placements, even as travel restrictions ease.

Global Opportunities is excited to be partnering with Virtual Internships again this year. Whether you're a first-year student looking for a summer internship, or you're looking to boost your resume/CV with a graduate internship, VI offer guaranteed remote internships with major companies in 18 career fields, alongside personalized support and coaching, and access to their award-winning professional development hub.

You may choose either 16-week placement, working 10 hours a week during term time or summer 4 weeks placement. Want to know more? Visit the Virtual Opportunities webpage – [Virtual](#)



Student Stories:

Ellie Hartshorne - BSc (Hons) Health and Social Care

One-week virtual placement

I completed the weeklong Grand Challenge with Think Pacific after one of my Lecturers suggested it to me. I wasn't sure what it entailed but thought I would be good to see what it is about and to I'm always up for learning new things.

I am so pleased I went out of my comfort zone to complete it; it was so informative and I learnt so much on Fijian culture as well as global issues and sustainable development. I also built on my professional skills and gained confidence in doing presentations.

I enjoyed this week so much I have decided to partake in one of the 8-week remote internships, to better my knowledge and to try and make a small difference in the world. Cardiff Met Global Opportunities team have been so helpful in every process, and their communication with students is brilliant.



Fizz Harper - BSc (Hons) Sport Management

Semester abroad at Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

My semester exchange was in Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario at the Lazaridis School of Business and Economics. The course options are wide ranging and provide choices which are different to the choices given at Cardiff Met. However even though they are not specific sports modules they allowed me to added to my knowledge and understanding and gave me a chance to study something different. The programmes were interesting but also challenging with more emphasis on in-class learning and exams.



Everyone was really welcoming, especially the Global Exchange team at WLU who were helpful with every query and there whenever you needed them. Through this exchange I have been able to meet so many new people and travel around to places such as Niagara Falls, Toronto and the Blue Mountains, and saw a lot of snow! There were also lot of sporting opportunities on offer, and the chance to watch interuniversity matches in Ice Hockey and Basketball.

The exchange has been a really amazing experience at university even during the pandemic but I would really recommend it to anyone!

GoCon Autumn 2022

Date for your diaries – **October 12th, 19th and 26th** ([click here for timetable](#))

Join the Global Opportunities team and many of our partners to find out about all the amazing opportunities available to you as a Cardiff Met student.

- [Pagoda Projects](#)
- [Virtual Internship](#)
- [Play Action International](#)
- [Think Pacific](#)
- [BUNAC](#)
- [Challenges Abroad](#)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cardiff-met-gocon-oct-2022-tickets-427129655297>



By signing up and attending, you will be automatically entered to be in with the chance of winning a £50 voucher.



Digital Badges

By taking part in a Global Opportunity, you will receive a digital badge to display on your CV, LinkedIn profile, or anywhere else you like! You can earn a badge in the following categories...



Also, for this academic year, you will receive a digital certificate.

We have been so pleased to see so many of you show off your digital badges on LinkedIn, and can't wait to see what else students will achieve with Global Opportunities this upcoming academic year!

Global Opportunities Application System

If you are interested in any of our amazing global opportunities, you will need to submit your expression of interest or application via the Global Opportunities Application system. Please visit the following website for the link to enter the application system and also information on the step-by-step guides on how to apply - [Global Opportunities application](#)



Once you have applied you will then be able to upload all your paperwork and go through the whole process from beginning to end, all on one handy platform.

Contact us

We're always happy to hear from you and help you with your Global Opportunities queries in any way we can. You can get in contact via email at: globalopportunities@cardiffmet.ac.uk.

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