

# Graduate Degree Programs Abroad

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Considering pursuing a graduate degree? Think about doing it overseas! There are thousands of colleges and universities worldwide that offer every imaginable degree. Plus, there are numerous benefits to earning a degree overseas such as:

- A foreign degree can set you apart from others by showing that you are independent, unique, and have a global perspective - all traits that are attractive to potential employers;
- You do not typically have to take a GRE to be admitted into an international graduate degree program;
- In many programs, you can earn a Master's degree in one year at an internationally acclaimed university. Each university is different, but the average overseas Masters program is 1-2 years, MBA programs are usually completed within 1 year, and PhD programs are 3-3.5 years. Because you can complete a degree in such a short time, students often find overseas graduate study to be more economical than study in the U.S.

## SEARCH PROCESS

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When looking for an international graduate degree program, it is important to select a destination and a university that meets your needs. Consider the breadth of academic course offerings, reputation of the university and program, size and location of school, cost, etc., before applying to a program. Universities in each country have their own grading and assessment systems, which are considerably different from the U.S. system, so it is important to research the institutions academic system before applying.

Once you have narrowed your search, you will need to apply for admissions. Each university and college has its own requirements for admission. There is considerable flexibility in the acceptance policies of most schools and the requirements are different for different countries. Students can either apply directly to the institution overseas or apply to a third party provider in the U.S. who offers an international graduate degree program. Admissions deadlines vary by university, but you should try to apply at least 4 months to a year prior to when you would like to go abroad to ensure that you have plenty of time to complete all of the necessary steps.

Below are some websites and third party provider information that can help you search:

### OU Resources:

[www.ohiou.edu/careers](http://www.ohiou.edu/careers)

[www.ohiou.edu/careers/library.html](http://www.ohiou.edu/careers/library.html)

[www.library.ohiou.edu](http://www.library.ohiou.edu)

Career Services at Ohio University

Career Resource Center

University Libraries

### Websites of Interest:

<http://collegeabroad.com/>

[www.lmu.edu/globaled/wwcu](http://www.lmu.edu/globaled/wwcu)

[www.gradschools.com](http://www.gradschools.com)

<http://international.gradschools.com>

<http://info.gradschools.com/ukstudy/why.html>

<http://info.gradschools.com>

[www.eurograduate.com](http://www.eurograduate.com)

[www.graduatebusiness.com](http://www.graduatebusiness.com)

[www.internationalgraduate.net](http://www.internationalgraduate.net)

<http://psu.placementmanual.com/gradschools/articles/>

[www.studyacrossthepond.com](http://www.studyacrossthepond.com)

Listing of full degree programs abroad

Comprehensive list of worldwide universities

Comprehensive list of graduate schools

International graduate program information

Information on graduate study in the UK

Information on graduate application process

Information on European degree options

List of graduate schools in Canada and U.S.

Articles relating to graduate degree programs

Articles relating to graduate schools

Placement services for British programs

## U.S. Universities and Organizations with International Graduate Degree Program Opportunities:

- American Intercontinental University (London, England)..... [www.aiulondon.com](http://www.aiulondon.com)
- Arcadia University (Australia, England, Ireland, Scotland)..... [www.arcadia.edu/cea](http://www.arcadia.edu/cea)
- AustraLearn (Australia & New Zealand MBA Programs)..... [www.australearn.org](http://www.australearn.org)
- Center for International Studies (Australia, England, Ireland, New Zealand & Scotland)..... [www.degreesabroad-cis.com](http://www.degreesabroad-cis.com)
- International Partnership for Service Learning & Leadership (Jamaica, England, Mexico)..... [www.ipsl.org](http://www.ipsl.org)

## FINANCING YOUR OVERSEAS DEGREE PROGRAM

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While overseas tuition fees tend to be lower than the U.S., you may still require financial assistance while pursuing an overseas graduate degree. Some options for financial assistance include:

U.S. Federal Financial Aid: To apply for any U.S. Federal Financial Aid, students need to submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). FAFSA and federal financial aid information is available on-line at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. Students may also want to contact the OU Office of Student Financial Aid & Scholarships (20 Chubb Hall, [www-sfa.chubb.ohiou.edu](http://www-sfa.chubb.ohiou.edu)) for assistance.

Institutional Aid from the University: Inquire about the types of scholarships, awards, and grants available for international students at the institution you are applying to.

Private Aid: Research your options for additional scholarships, grants, or specialized loans from private agencies. Some websites to assist include:

<a href="http://www.iefc.com">www.iefc.com</a>	IEFC provides supplemental loans
<a href="http://www.amsa.com">www.amsa.com</a>	American Student Assistance
<a href="http://www.ohiou.edu/studyabroad/scholarships.htm">www.ohiou.edu/studyabroad/scholarships.htm</a>	Listing of Scholarships for Overseas Study
<a href="http://www.finaid.org">www.finaid.org</a>	General Financial Information
<a href="http://www.iefc.org">www.iefc.org</a>	General Financial Information
<a href="http://fastweb.monster.com">http://fastweb.monster.com</a>	General Financial Information

## OEA Walk-in Advising Hours: Monday through Friday from 1-4:00 PM in Lindley 185

*The information listed in this handout is intended to assist students in finding appropriate graduate opportunities. The Office of Education Abroad does not endorse any particular program.*



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