



## Study Abroad (2023)

Open to Transcultural Studies, East Asian and South Asian Studies, History and Social Sciences

B.A., M.A., Ph.D.

### HCTS APPLICATION DEADLINE **31 JANUARY**

(Once selected by HCTS, applications will be submitted to our partner universities)

#### What we need

To apply for study abroad, please send the application documents to the following Email Address:

[studentexchange@hcts.uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:studentexchange@hcts.uni-heidelberg.de)

#### Sent directly by the lecturer:

- a. name a Heidelberg university lecturer in your application for the letter of recommendation (ONLY required **for Yale and SNU**). MATS students would usually designate their teacher from a seminar or their study focus advisor. The selection committee will then directly contact the lecturer.

#### AND all in one pdf-file:

1. HCTS study abroad application form
2. letter of motivation, including the reason for choosing the partner university and a ranking of alternative choices, the classes you expect to take abroad and your career goals; we expect that you want to go abroad for the next winter semester but please explain in more detail if you want to stay for two semesters at your chosen university or go for other times
3. CV including extracurricular activities
4. university certificates and transcripts of records
5. proof of English proficiency (TOEFL/IELTS) if you did not obtain a B.A. in an English-language program. Yale requires a TOEFL iBT minimum of 100
6. list your level of knowledge in other languages

#### All application materials have to be in English

#### MATS Applicants Requirements

1. All MATS students must **PASS** the Introduction Class to Transcultural Studies
2. ALL MATS students should **COMPLETE 58 ECTS** before leaving Heidelberg for study abroad (and must be registered for courses with an amount of at least 58 ECTS (= the first 4 modules of MATS-study, see description of modules)
3. All MATS students must obtain the **REGULAR MINIMUM OF 28 ECTS** during the study abroad semester
4. For MATS students all credits taken at another institution will count towards Mobility and Research 1 or 2, not for other modules (e.g. Skills)
5. Please identify a potential theme and supervisor already in your application for **your M.A. thesis** in the fourth semester and explain your choice



6. Please be aware that recipient of DAAD study abroad scholarships (see below) have to complete their M.A. degree in the regular two years and **submit their M.A. Thesis by September 30**
7. Please be aware that all students in the Joint Degree with Kyoto University have to **submit their M.A. Thesis by July 15**

### Applicants by OTHER Departments

*Statement of your study advisor that your study abroad program will be recognized by your degree program*

## Frequently asked questions regarding the Study Abroad (FAQ)

### Can I also choose a university that is not listed as a partner in the list below?

**Option One:** Heidelberg University: International Relations Office (IRO) (Akademische Auslandsamt) general university exchange program

**Option Two:** ask at another institute in Heidelberg University that has an exchange agreement with your university of choice

**Option Three:** organize your own stay. You are free to study at any other university in Europe or overseas upon approval of your academic advisor but please be aware that you may have to pay full tuition fees, unless you can obtain an individual tuition waiver

### Where can I read about former participants' experiences?

In the info-room of the [Erasmus Office](#) and here:

<https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/international/erasmus/berichte/> (German only)

### Which requirements do I have to meet?

You have to be a student of Heidelberg University and you have to have the necessary language and research skills in order to participate in the exchange.

### What happens after I sent in my application?

Usually the applicants are informed by mid-February, whether they have been accepted. Sometimes they are invited to an interview to verify their language and research skills. Once you officially accept the offer, you are no longer able to change or withdraw without damaging the overall program.

### What is the value of the Erasmus scholarship and what are the criteria by which people are chosen?

All accepted exchange students to study in Europe will receive an Erasmus mobility scholarship. Amount/country: <https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/international/erasmus/outgoing/stipendium.html>



### **Are there other/ additional possibilities to get a scholarship?**

You can also apply for scholarships from the DAAD or the Baden Württemberg Foundation.

You can search for scholarship options on the following homepages:

<https://www.stipendienlotse.de/> or [www.mystipendium.de/](http://www.mystipendium.de/) (*German only*)

### **Do I have to pay study fees to the university abroad?**

All study abroad partnerships have a tuition waiver so Heidelberg students are exempted from paying fees for study.

### **To prepare PRIOR to leaving on study abroad**

MATS students need to conclude a learning agreement with their focus advisors.

## **Educational Cooperation with Universities**

### **WITHIN EUROPE**

#### ***Erasmus Scholarships:***

**Barcelona Autònoma**, Spain

**Basel**, Switzerland

**Budapest**, Hungary

**Cracow**, Poland

**Ghent**, Belgium

**Paris** (INALCO, Paris 7), France

**Prague**, Czech Republic

**Leiden**, Netherlands

**Leuven**, Belgium

**Madrid Autònoma**, Spain

**Oslo**, Norway

**Venice Ca. Foscari**, Italy (5 slots)

**Zurich**, Switzerland

### **OUTSIDE OF EUROPE**

#### ***Study without fees:***

**Yale University**, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (3 slots) study up to one year, DAAD 6 months (applied)

**Kyoto University**, Graduate School of Letters and Graduate School of Economics (5 slots), DAAD 6 months

**Tokyo University**, Graduate School of Public Policy (2 slots)  
---JASSO possible

**Seoul National University**, Graduate School of International Studies (3 slots)  
---DAAD 6 months & Korean funding

**Jiao Tong University SJTU** in Shanghai (5 slots)

**Universities in South Asia** (negotiation with Delhi)



## JOINT AND DOUBLE DEGREES

**M.A. in Transcultural Studies Joint Degree** with **Kyoto University** Graduate School of Letters. Five DAAD fellowships for 10 months

**Ph.D. in Asian and Transcultural Studies** with **Venice Ca. Foscari University**, Faculty of Asian and North African Studies. Several Doctoral Fellowships for 36 months & M.A. Erasmus Exchange Slots

**Ph.D. in International Studies Ph.D. with Tohoku University Graduate School of Law** (One-year fellowship for stay in Sendai through Heidelberg) and with **Tohoku University Graduate School of Letters** (Three-year fellowship entry via Tohoku University Japanese entrance exam)

## FURTHER

### Heidelberg University Exchange Cooperations with Universities in Asia

#### HEIDELBERG INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

<https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/studium/international/ausland/asien/>

#### Name, place (**early application deadlines**)

**Hebrew University**

**University of Delhi**

**Osaka University**

**Sophia University**

**Hokkaido University**

**Tohoku University**

**Kyushu University**

**Kyoto University**

**National Singapore University**

**Sogang University**

**Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul**

**University of Seoul**

**Tsinghua Qinghua Daxue in Beijing**

**Beijing Daxue**

**National Taiwan University NTU**

**National Chengchi University NCCU**

**Chinese University of Hong Kong**

**Shanghai Jiao Tong University SJTU**

#### OTHER CATS DEPARTMENTS

[https://www.zo.uni-heidelberg.de/index\\_en.html](https://www.zo.uni-heidelberg.de/index_en.html)

#### Chinese Studies

[https://www.zo.uni-heidelberg.de/partners\\_en.html](https://www.zo.uni-heidelberg.de/partners_en.html)

Application Deadline March 15 (start autumn of the same year or spring the following year)

**Chinese University of Hong Kong**

**Nankai University Tianjin**

**Tsinghua University Peking**

#### Japanese Studies

<https://www.zo.uni-heidelberg.de/japanologie/studium/austausch.html>

**Osaka University**, 3 DAAD exchange scholarships for 10 months, fluency in Japanese

**Hitotsubashi daigaku**, Tokyo