

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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### General

#### **Can students, learners and pupils participating in the Turing Scheme receive grants from other sources?**

Turing Scheme grants will be in addition to any other grants that participants may already qualify for or are in receipt of (e.g., student loan funding). Organisations should not provide Turing Scheme funding to participants for any travel or other costs that are already fully covered by another grant. Organisations and participants are not allowed to access both Erasmus+ and Turing Scheme funding for the same placement (otherwise known as double-funding), which includes zero grant funding placements.

#### **Where can students go as part of the Turing Scheme?**

The Turing Scheme is fully international and allows participants to travel anywhere in the world, as long as foreign travel advice provided by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) (available at <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>) is adhered to. Students, learners and pupils should contact their education provider to find out what funding is available via the Turing Scheme.

#### **What can organisational support funding be used for?**

Organisational support funding is provided to sending organisations as a unit cost based on the number of placements taking place through the project. This funding can be used to cover costs directly linked to the administration and implementation of the project (e.g. towards staffing costs for a project co-ordinator). Applicant organisations will be asked to provide details of what they expect to use their organisational support funding for in the application form.

#### **Are virtual placements eligible for funding under the Turing Scheme?**

No, the Turing Scheme currently offers funding only for physical placements that are in line with the eligible activities published in the programme guide.

#### **Is there any funding available for students, learners or pupils to come to the UK?**

No, Turing Scheme funding is only available for eligible organisations based in the UK or British Overseas Territories who wish to send students, learners or pupils on placements outside of the UK (or outside of the British Overseas Territory in question).

#### **Organisations from which countries/territories are eligible to apply as British Overseas Territories?**

Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Antarctic Territory, the British Indian Ocean Territory, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, the Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Montserrat, the Pitcairn Islands,

Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands and the Turks and Caicos Islands.

### **Can one application to the Turing Scheme be used to cover multiple host countries/territories?**

Yes, organisations should submit one application per sector which will cover all placements that they wish to have funding awarded for under the Turing Scheme. Organisations applying for multiple sectors will need to submit applications separately, e.g., a college which offers HE provision may submit an FE and VET application and also an HE application.

### **Is there a maximum grant an organisation can apply for, or a maximum number of participants?**

No, to allow maximum flexibility in meeting the needs of each sector, there will be no limits on participant numbers in respect of destination or the type of placement undertaken, which means that there is not a maximum grant that organisations can apply for.

### **Will applications for placements to certain countries/territories be prioritised over others?**

No, the Turing Scheme is a fully international scheme and allows participants to travel anywhere in the world, as long as foreign travel advice provided by the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) (available at <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>) is respected. There is no prioritisation of countries/territories in terms of how applications will be assessed, nor is there a set allocation of funding for any country/territory.

## **Higher education**

### **Can placements that start before 1 September 2021 or end after 31 August 2022 be funded by the Turing Scheme?**

Individual HE study placements may start before the 1 September 2021 or end after 31 August 2022, if necessitated by semester dates in other countries/territories, but the majority of the placement duration should happen between the eligibility dates of 1 September 2021 – 31 August 2022. Participants will only receive funding for the duration that takes place during the eligible time period, and placements will still need to respect the programme's minimum and maximum durations during that window in order to be eligible for funding.

### **Can Turing Scheme funding be used to fund full Master's degrees abroad?**

No. Turing Scheme funding should be used as a contribution to the cost of living whilst abroad on work or study placements. As such, it is not possible to fund full master's degrees through the scheme, but a master's student would be eligible for funding to spend a period of their degree studying or working abroad.

HE participants need to be registered at a UK or British Overseas Territories HE provider and enrolled in studies leading to a recognised degree or another recognised tertiary level qualification up to and including the level of doctorate.

## **Are our transnational education (TNE) students eligible to participate in the scheme? Can we send students to our TNE partners?**

Only students whose studies are based in the UK (or in the respective British Overseas Territory), are eligible to take part in the Turing Scheme. HE providers cannot use the Turing Scheme to send students to their own branch campuses, but are able to use the funding for students to attend a placement with an overseas higher education provider that they have other TNE arrangements in place with (e.g. validation, joint or dual degrees, franchise etc).

## **Will participating organisations need to have an inter-institutional agreement in place? If so, is there a Turing Scheme template that we need to use?**

Participating higher education providers will be responsible for ensuring that they have suitable agreements and arrangements in place with their partner/host organisations. There is no specific inter-institutional agreement template required by the Turing Scheme.

## **Can Turing Scheme funding be used to pay for tuition fees?**

Turing Scheme funding is not available for tuition fees. There is an expectation that HE providers will agree tuition fee waivers with their partner HE providers, in order to facilitate student study placements. Cost of living funding, and travel funding where applicable, will be available.

## **FE and VET**

### **Can I apply on behalf of a FE or VET provider?**

A FE and VET project must comprise of one or more of the following organisations:

- an FE college or school active in the field of FE and VET
- a local or regional public authority, coordination body or other organisation with a role in the field of FE and VET
- a company or other public or private organisation hosting, training or otherwise working with learners and apprentices in FE and VET
- a company or other public or private organisation applying on behalf of a consortium of FE and/or VET providers

If you are applying as part of a consortium, it must include at least one college or school active in the field of FE or VET. A consortium can include organisations that provide administrative support to other members of the consortium. More information on the consortium responsibilities is available in the programme guide.

Individuals cannot apply directly for funding.

### **Will apprenticeships be covered?**

FE and VET learners, including apprentices, that are registered at a UK (or British Overseas Territory) provider can take part in the scheme. You can send your learners on placements to FE or VET providers or companies abroad for the 2021-22 academic year. For more information on eligibility, please refer to the programme guide.

## Schools

### Are there any tools to help support with partner finding?

Yes, the British Council offers an online partner finding tool for schools, which can be found at <https://school-partner-finder.britishcouncil.org/>

### Can individuals apply for schools funding as part of the Turing Scheme?

Individuals cannot apply directly for Turing Scheme funding. To apply for schools projects, your organisation must be registered in the UK or a British overseas territory and either:

- a school providing general, vocational, or technical education on any level from primary school to upper secondary education
- a national school consortium applying on behalf of a number of schools, for example, local or regional authorities, school coordinating bodies or a social enterprise or other organisations with a role in the field of school education

For more information, please check the programme guide.

### What opportunities are available for schools?

Schools can apply to fund short-term (three days to two months) or long-term (two to six months) placements for learners. These placements are designed to offer international learning experiences to develop an understanding of cultures and languages, and to help pupils acquire social, civic and intercultural competences for their personal development.

#### Short-term placements: three days to two months

Pupils can travel with their teachers and work together in the classroom with pupils from a school in another country/territory. Pupils should spend most of that time in the classroom working directly with their partners on activities that support their learning and development (for example soft skills, language skills, academic attainment), relevant to the school's priorities and the aims of their project. These placements are designed to offer international learning experiences to develop an understanding of cultures and languages, and to help pupils acquire social, civic and intercultural competences for their personal development.

#### Long-term placements: two to six months (only for pupils 14 years and older)

Pupils aged 14 or over can carry out a longer-term placement at a partner school in another country/territory, attending lessons, living with a host family and having an immersive experience in the daily life of the receiving school. The sending and hosting schools are expected to ensure high quality learning outcomes, to provide appropriate recognition for the involved pupils, and to constantly support them during their time abroad. This includes funding for accompanying staff to chaperone participants where necessary as part of safeguarding or duty of care.

For more information on opportunities for schools, please check the programme guide.