Study Abroad Planning Timeline

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12–18 Months Before Intake - Research & Explore

- Research study destinations
- Compare tuition fees and living costs
- Create a shortlist of universities
- Explore courses and universities
- Understand entry requirements
- Discuss study plans and budget considerations

9–12 Months Before Intake - English Language Preparation

- Check English language requirements
- Begin preparation
- Plan for a retake if required
- Choose an accepted English language test
- Book your test

6–9 Months Before Intake - Applications & Scholarships

- Finalise your university shortlist
- Draft your Statement of Purpose (SOP)
- Submit applications
- Prepare application documents
- Request Letters of Recommendation (LORs)
- Explore scholarship opportunities

3–6 Months Before Intake - Offers & Funding

- Review university offers
- Arrange education loans or funding
- Understand visa requirements
- Accept your preferred offer
- Prepare proof of funds documentation

Study Abroad Financial Planning Checklist

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1–3 Months Before Intake - Visa & Travel Preparation

- ✓ Submit visa application
- ✓ Arrange health insurance (if required)
- ✓ Prepare for arrival
- ✓ Secure accommodation
- ✓ Book flights

Future Intake Planning Checklist

- ☐ Research destinations
- ☐ Prepare for English tests
- ☐ Explore scholarships
- ☐ Submit applications
- ☐ Compare universities
- ☐ Gather application documents
- ☐ Review funding options
- ☐ Arrange visa and accommodation

Need Support With Your Funding Plan?

StudyIn can help with:

- University shortlisting
- Future intake planning
- Education loan support
- Scholarship guidance
- Application support

Speak to a StudyIn counsellor to create a personalised study abroad plan.