



Global Education Guide 2027







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Personalised Guidance

We put your goals first, helping you choose the right course and university to match your ambitions. Our expert counsellors offer step-by-step support from applications through to visas and accommodation.



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Navigating applications, visas, and documentation alone can be overwhelming. We simplify the process with a clear checklist, accurate submissions, and direct communication with universities and immigration services.



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With partnerships across 500+ top global universities, we offer students exclusive access to scholarships, priority application reviews, and insider admissions advice. Meet university representatives and gain a competitive edge when applying.



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Since 2006, our university-trained consultants have delivered expert guidance on admissions and financial aid. In 2025, we helped 50,000 students from 156 countries submit more than 100,000 applications worldwide.



Global Reach, Local Touch

With offices around the world and partnerships across leading study destinations, we provide region-specific expertise tailored to your chosen country, backed by support close to home.



Exclusive Events

Gain direct access to global universities through our fairs, open days, workshops, and webinars. Meet decision-makers, receive personalised admissions advice, and take confident, informed steps towards your future.





Your Steps to University Admission

Studying abroad is an exciting journey, one filled with new opportunities, experiences, and possibilities. While navigating universities, applications, and visas can feel overwhelming, we make it effortless.

With expert guidance and dedicated support at every step, we handle the complexity so you can focus on your future.

01

Free Consultation

Connect with our expert counsellors to discuss your study and career goals.

02

Select Your Universities

Receive tailored recommendations based on your academic profile and future ambitions.

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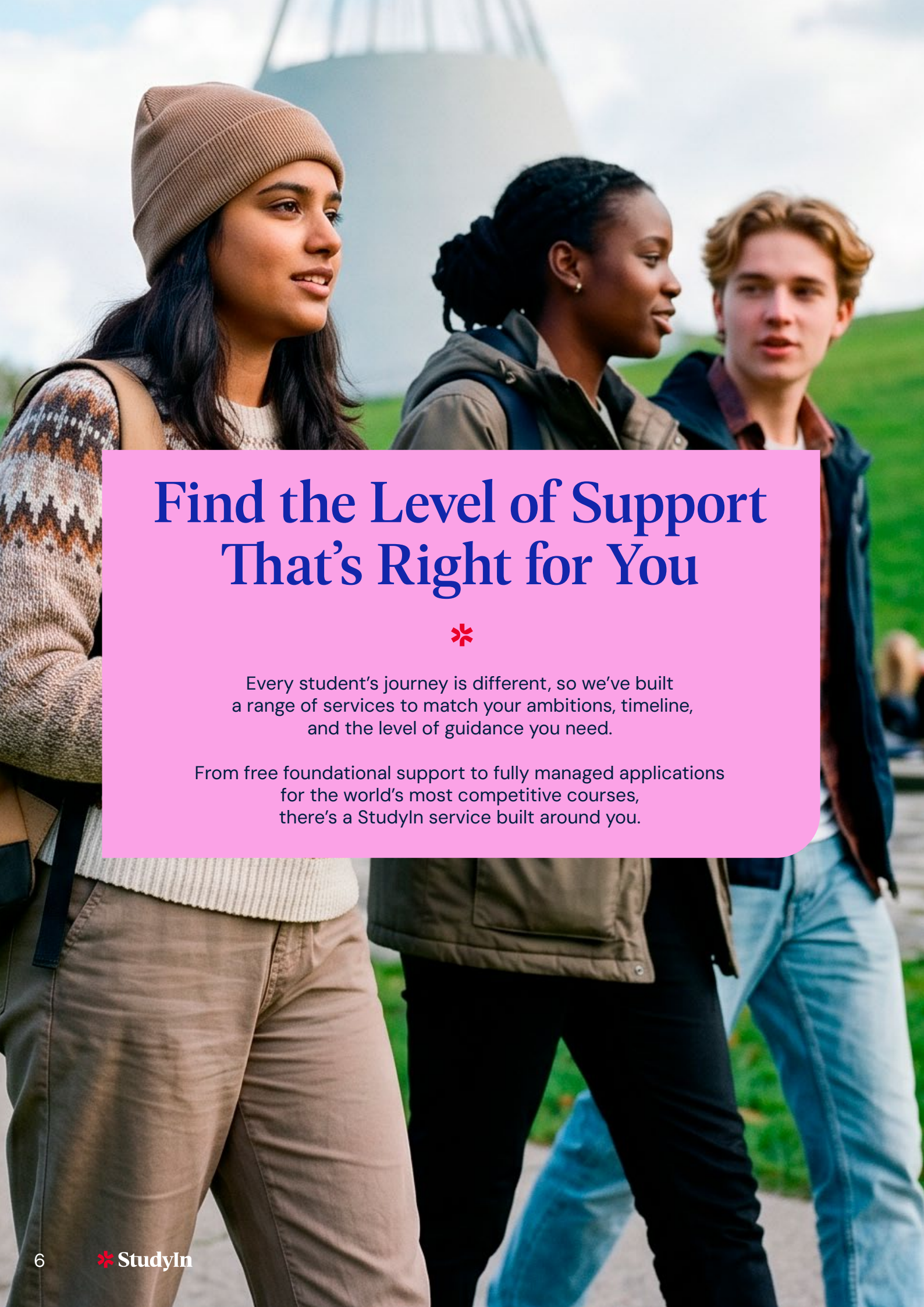
Build a Successful Application

Get expert reviews of your personal statement, reference letters, and application forms.

04

Beyond Application Support

Receive continuous support through the application process, helping you weigh up your offers and prepare for the next stage of your journey.

A photograph of three young adults walking outdoors. On the left, a woman with long dark hair wears a brown beanie and a patterned sweater. In the center, a woman with dark hair in a bun wears a green jacket. On the right, a man with light brown hair wears a dark jacket. They are walking on a path with a green field and a large white structure in the background.

Find the Level of Support That's Right for You



Every student's journey is different, so we've built a range of services to match your ambitions, timeline, and the level of guidance you need.

From free foundational support to fully managed applications for the world's most competitive courses, there's a StudyIn service built around you.

StudyIn Access

Free guidance for students beginning their international study journey. Includes application support, visa assistance, and access to universities across seven global destinations.

StudyIn Signature

Structured application support across an expanded range of destinations. Includes English language mock tests and essential pre-departure and visa services.

StudyIn Aspire

Comprehensive application support with enhanced language preparation, editing assistance, and subject matter coaching, designed for students targeting competitive or specialist programmes.

StudyIn Premium

Expert-led application support for competitive global destinations, with coordinated guidance across university selection, applications, documentation, and visa preparation.

StudyIn *Elevate*

StudyIn's most comprehensive service, bringing together full application management, intensive English language preparation, editing support, and academic coaching.



Speak to your counsellor to find out
which service is the right fit for your goals.

Premium & Elevate

Specialist Pathways, Built Around Your Goals

Some routes into higher education involve additional steps beyond a standard application. Competitive destinations, professionally regulated courses, and highly selective universities each come with their own demands, from portfolio requirements to multi-system visa processes.

That's why our Premium and Elevate services include dedicated specialist pathways, giving you access to the specific expertise your application needs.

StudyIn Premium

Pathway

Destinations

Who it's for

Students targeting highly competitive universities in the USA, Canada, Germany, France, or Singapore, with senior consultant-led support across complex, multi-system applications



*** StudyIn**
Elevate

Pathway

Medicine

Who it's for

Students targeting undergraduate medicine programmes, with intensive language preparation and specialist application guidance

Pathway

Oxbridge

Who it's for

Students targeting Oxford, Cambridge, and other highly selective universities, with tutor support and subject-specific coaching

Whichever pathway fits your ambitions, you'll have a dedicated StudyIn counsellor guiding you from your first consultation through to enrolment. Get in touch to find out which specialist pathway is right for you.

Where Do You Want to Study?

From Sydney to Seoul, and Manchester to Montreal, StudyIn provides full, end-to-end application support across the globe. Wherever your ambitions take you, our expert counsellors are with you at every step, from choosing the right course to securing your student visa.



Europe

France • Germany • Ireland • Italy •
Netherlands • Spain • UK

Asia

China • Japan • Malaysia •
Singapore • South Korea

Oceania & Middle East

Australia • New Zealand • UAE

North America

Canada • USA

Compare All Destinations

Wherever you see yourself,
we'll help you get there.



France



Capital

Paris



Popular Student Cities

Paris, Lyon, Toulouse



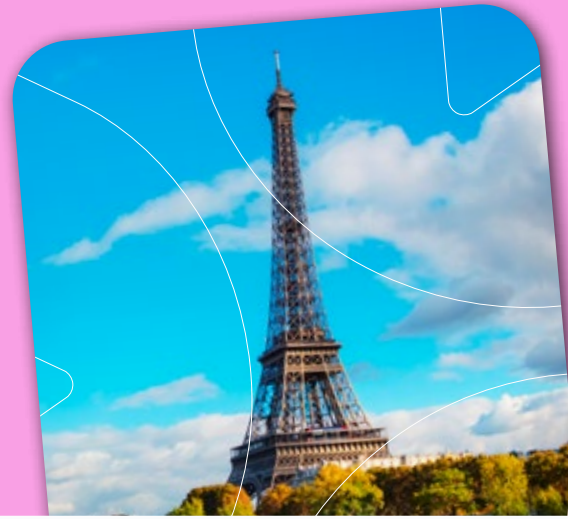
Currency

Euro (€)



Flight Time from India

Approx. 9–10 hours



* Study & Cost

UG duration:	3 yrs (Licence)	PG duration:	2 yrs (Master)
Tuition range:	₹3.2–16.5L per year (public universities from around ₹3.2–4.3L; grandes écoles and private business schools from around ₹5.5L upwards)		
Living range:	₹9–16L per year (regional cities to Paris)		
Scholarships /funding:	Charpak Scholarship (India-specific), Eiffel Excellence Scholarship (master's/PhD), Erasmus Mundus funding		

* Main Intakes & Application Route

Intakes:	September (main), January/February (secondary, limited programmes)
Applying:	Campus France (Études en France portal); Parcoursup for undergraduate
Application deadlines:	Campus France portal opens October; most master's deadlines November to March

* Work & Career

Permitted work hours:	964 hours/year (approximately 18–19 hrs/week on average)
Post-study work:	The APS (a temporary residence permit for job-seeking or starting a business) is available to graduates of a Licence professionnelle, Master's, or PhD. It's valid for 12 months for most non-EU graduates, but Indian Master's graduates can get up to 24 months under a bilateral India-France agreement.
Industry strengths:	Aerospace and Engineering (Toulouse), Luxury and Business (Paris), Technology and AI.
Career pathways:	Airbus and aerospace engineering, Paris's Station F tech ecosystem, grande école-to-consulting careers
Key consideration:	Indian Master's graduates benefit from an extended APS of up to 24 months under a bilateral India-France agreement, longer than most other nationalities receive.

Germany



Capital

Berlin



Popular Student Cities

Munich, Berlin, Frankfurt



Currency

Euro (€)



Flight Time from India

Approx. 8–9 hours

* Study & Cost

UG duration: 3 yrs

PG duration: 1–2 yrs

Tuition range: Nil–₹3L per year (public universities),
₹9–19L per year (private institutions)

Living range: ₹11L per year (based on the blocked account requirement)

Scholarships /funding: DAAD scholarships, Deutschlandstipendium,
and Erasmus+ funding for eligible programmes

* Main Intakes & Application Route

Intakes: October (main), April (limited course availability)

Applying: Uni-Assist or direct to university

Application deadlines: May to July (October intake),
November to January (April intake)

* Work & Career

Permitted work hours: Up to 140 full days or 280 half days per year (broadly 20 hrs/week during term), full-time during semester breaks

Post-study work: 18-month job seeker visa, one of Europe's most generous post-study permits, leading to an EU Blue Card or skilled worker residence permit

Industry strengths: Engineering, Automotive, Manufacturing, Technology

Career pathways: Werkstudent (working student) roles leading directly to job offers, engineering and R&D roles at firms like Siemens, Bosch, and BMW, tech and data careers

Key consideration: Most public universities charge little to no tuition, but living costs are the main expense; the blocked account requirement (proof of funds) is a mandatory part of the visa process, and students should plan for this alongside tuition savings.

Italy



Capital

Rome



Currency

Euro (€)



Popular Student Cities

Milan, Turin, Bologna



Flight Time from India

Approx. 8–10 hours



* Study & Cost

UG duration: 3 yrs (Laurea) **PG duration:** 2 yrs (Laurea Magistrale)

Tuition range: ₹1–4L per year (public, income-linked)
₹6–20L per year (private, e.g. Bocconi)

Living range: ₹9–15L per year (regional cities to Milan/Rome)

Scholarships /funding: Invest Your Talent in Italy, Italian Government (MAECI) Scholarships, Politecnico di Milano and Bocconi merit awards

* Main Intakes & Application Route

Intakes: September/October (main),
February (secondary, limited)

Applying: University portal (mandatory pre-enrolment),
then consulate visa

Application deadlines: University-set, generally April to July for autumn intake;
visa deadlines vary by the Italian consulate and University schedule

* Work & Career

Permitted work hours: 20 hrs/week, full-time in holidays

Post-study work: Job-Seeking Residence Permit (attesa occupazione), 12 months; recent reforms have removed the Decreto Flussi quota for graduates converting this permit into a work permit, simplifying the transition

Industry strengths: Fashion and Design, Automotive and Engineering, Finance

Career pathways: Fashion houses in Milan, automotive roles in Turin (Stellantis), banking and finance in Milan

Key consideration: Recent reforms mean graduates converting their student or job-seeker permit into a work permit are no longer subject to the annual Decreto Flussi quota, removing a major historical bottleneck.



Ireland



Capital

Dublin



Currency

Euro (€)



Popular Student Cities

Dublin, Cork, Galway



Flight Time from India

Approx. 10–12 hours

✱ Study & Cost

UG duration: 3–4 yrs

PG duration: 1 yr

Tuition range: ₹10–18L per year

Living range: ₹9–13L per year

Scholarships /funding:

Government of Ireland International Education Scholarship (GOI-IES, postgraduate only, full tuition plus a stipend, 60 places awarded globally each year), Trinity College Dublin Undergraduate Indian Scholarship (India-specific, STEM), university-specific merit awards

✱ Main Intakes & Application Route

Intakes: September (main)

Applying: CAO (undergraduate), direct to university (postgraduate)

Application deadlines: CAO deadline for undergraduates, 1st February (late applications accepted until May); postgraduate deadlines vary by university, typically April to June

✱ Work & Career

Permitted work hours: Up to 20 hrs/week during term, up to 40 hrs/week during holidays

Post-study work: Third Level Graduate Scheme (Stamp 1G), 12 months for Bachelor's graduates, up to 24 months for Master's or PhD graduates (granted as an initial 12 months plus a renewal on evidence of active job-seeking)

Industry strengths: Technology, Finance, Pharmaceuticals, Life Sciences

Career pathways: Tech and multinational HQ roles in Dublin (Google, Meta, Microsoft), pharma and life sciences manufacturing, finance and fintech, growing biotech and med-tech sector

Key consideration: The 24-month post-study window applies to Master's and PhD graduates, while Bachelor's graduates get 12 months. Course level is an important factor for students prioritising a longer stay-back period. GOI-IES applications should be planned early due to high competition and tight timelines.

Netherlands



Capital

Amsterdam



Popular Student Cities

Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Delft



Currency

Euro (€)



Flight Time from India

Approx. 8–9 hours



* Study & Cost

UG duration: 3 yrs (WO) / 4 yrs (HBO)

PG duration: 1–2 yrs

Tuition range: ₹9–22L per year (non-EU institutional fees)

Living range: ₹11–16L per year (Groningen/Eindhoven to Amsterdam)

Scholarships /funding: Holland Scholarship (€5,000, one-time award), university-specific Orange Tulip-branded scholarships (eligibility and coverage vary by institution), TU Delft Excellence Scholarship

* Main Intakes & Application Route

Intakes: September (main), February (secondary, limited)

Applying: Studielink (national portal), alongside the university application

Application deadlines: 1st April standard for non-EU/EEA students applying for most master's programmes, to allow time for visa processing; competitive programmes may close earlier. EU/EEA students typically have until 1st May.

* Work & Career

Permitted work hours: 16 hrs/week during term (TWV permit needed), full-time June to August

Post-study work: Orientation Year (Zoekjaar), 12 months, non-renewable and usable once, converts to a Highly Skilled Migrant permit

Industry strengths: Technology (Eindhoven), Business and Finance (Rotterdam, Amsterdam), Life Sciences (Wageningen)

Career pathways: ASML and Philips, RSM finance and consulting, Amsterdam tech and fintech

Key consideration: Non-EU applicants, including Indian students, face an earlier deadline than EU/EEA applicants, typically 1st April rather than 1st May, to allow time for visa processing, so early planning matters more here than in some other destinations.



Spain

**Capital**

Madrid

**Popular Student Cities**

Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia

**Currency**

Euro (€)

**Flight Time from India**

Approx. 9–10 hours

✱ **Study & Cost**

UG duration: 4 yrs (Grado) **PG duration:** 1–2 yrs (Máster)

Tuition range: ₹1–4L per year (public)
₹9–20L per year (private, e.g. IE, ESADE)

Living range: ₹9–18L per year (Valencia/Seville to Madrid/Barcelona)

Scholarships /funding: MAEC–AECID Scholarships (eligibility varies), IE and ESADE merit scholarships; Fundación Carolina primarily supports students from Latin America

✱ **Main Intakes & Application Route**

Intakes: September (main), January/February (secondary, limited)

Applying: Direct university application,
then the type D student visa via the Mercurio platform

Application deadlines: University-set, typically May to July for September intake

✱ **Work & Career**

Permitted work hours: 30 hrs/week (raised from 20 under the 2025/26 reform),
built into the student residence permit

Post-study work: Job-search residence permit, up to 12 months (Real Decreto 1155/2024), applied for around the student permit's expiry

Industry strengths: Tourism and Hospitality, Renewable Energy,
Business (Madrid, Barcelona)

Career pathways: Renewable energy at Iberdrola and Repsol,
IE/ESADE-to-consulting pipelines,
Mediterranean tourism management

Key consideration: Spain's 2024 reform quadrupled the post-study job-search permit from 3 to 12 months and raised permitted work hours from 20 to 30 per week, among the most significant student-friendly changes in Europe

United Kingdom



Capital

London



Popular Student Cities

London, Manchester, Edinburgh



Currency

British Pound (£)



Flight Time from India

Approx. 9–11 hours



* Study & Cost

UG duration: 3 yrs

PG duration: 1 yr

Tuition range: ₹10–20L per year

Living range: ₹11–14L per year

Scholarships /funding: Chevening Scholarships, GREAT Scholarships, Commonwealth Scholarships, and university-specific merit and country-based scholarships (typically 25–100% tuition waivers)

* Main Intakes & Application Route

Intakes: September (main), January and May (limited course availability)

Applying: UCAS (undergraduate), direct to university (postgraduate)

Application deadlines: January (most undergraduate courses), October (Oxbridge, medicine, dentistry, veterinary); postgraduate deadlines vary by university, typically November to June

* Work & Career

Permitted work hours: Up to 20 hrs/week during term time, full-time during holidays

Post-study work: Graduate Route, currently up to 2 years (3 years for PhD); reducing to 18 months for most graduates from 1st January 2027, PhD unchanged

Industry strengths: Business and Finance, Engineering, Healthcare and Life Sciences, Technology

Career pathways: Investment banking and consulting (London), NHS and allied health roles, engineering and manufacturing graduate schemes, tech and data roles

Key consideration: The Graduate Route's reduction to 18 months from January 2027 affects post-study planning for anyone starting a course close to that date. Students should also budget for the Immigration Health Surcharge and visa costs on top of tuition and living expenses.



China

**Capital**

Beijing

**Popular Student Cities**

Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou

**Currency**

Chinese Yuan (RMB, ¥)

**Flight Time from India**

Approx. 5–8 hours

* **Study & Cost****UG duration:** 4 yrs**PG duration:** 2–3 yrs (Master's)**Tuition range:** ₹2.5–7.5L per year**Living range:** ₹4.5–7.5L per year (Tier-1 cities to smaller ones, approximate)

Scholarships /funding: Chinese Government Scholarship (CSC – tuition waiver, accommodation, stipend and insurance for eligible students), Confucius Institute Scholarship, and city/provincial scholarships such as the Beijing and Shanghai Government Scholarships

* **Main Intakes & Application Route****Intakes:** September (main), March (secondary, fewer programmes)**Applying:** Direct to university, or the CSC online application system

Application deadlines: CSC and university deadlines vary by scholarship category, recommending authority and institution

* **Work & Career**

Permitted work hours: Approved part-time work and internships only with university approval, Public Security Bureau endorsement and the required residence permit annotation

Post-study work: No general post-study job-search visa; graduates require employer-sponsored work authorisation under the Z visa/work permit framework

Industry strengths: Manufacturing & Electronics, E-commerce & Technology, Finance (Shanghai)

Career pathways: Roles at Huawei, ByteDance, Tencent and Alibaba for bilingual graduates

Key consideration: Students planning to build a career in China should begin exploring employer-sponsored opportunities before graduation, as employment after study is based on the Z visa/work permit framework rather than a general post-study stay-back route.

Japan



Capital

Tokyo



Popular Student Cities

Tokyo, Osaka, Fukuoka



Currency

Japanese Yen (¥)



Flight Time from India

Approx. 9–10 hours



✧ Study & Cost

UG duration: 4 yrs **PG duration:** 2 yrs (Master's)

Tuition range: National universities generally offer lower tuition
₹6–15L per year (private)

Living range: ₹4.2–8.5L per year (Osaka/Fukuoka to Tokyo)

Scholarships /funding: MEXT Scholarship (fully funded), JASSO Scholarship, Honjo Foundation

✧ Main Intakes & Application Route

Intakes: April (main), September/October
(secondary, growing for English-taught programmes)

Applying: Direct to university, or MEXT Embassy Recommendation via the Japanese Embassy in New Delhi

Application deadlines: MEXT timelines vary annually; university deadlines are often 6–12 months before enrolment

✧ Work & Career

Permitted work hours: 28 hrs/week during term (with work permission);
up to 8 hrs/day during long vacations

Post-study work: Designated Activities (Job-Seeking) status, 6 months,
extendable once to 1 year; graduates can then apply to change
to an appropriate work visa after securing eligible employment

Industry strengths: Robotics & Manufacturing, Automotive, Electronics
& Semiconductors

Career pathways: Engineering roles at Toyota and Honda, electronics R&D,
growing IT roles for bilingual graduates

Key consideration: Developing Japanese language skills alongside your degree
significantly improves access to graduate opportunities,
particularly in Japan's engineering, manufacturing and technology
sectors.

Malaysia



Capital

Kuala Lumpur



Popular Student Cities

Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Johor Bahru



Currency

Malaysian Ringgit (RM)



Flight Time from India

Approx. 5–6 hours

* Study & Cost

UG duration: 3 yrs

PG duration: 1–2 yrs

Tuition range: ₹2.4–12L per year (public universities to private institutions and international branch campuses)

Living range: ₹4.3–7.2L per year (approximate)

Scholarships /funding: Malaysian International Scholarship (government), merit scholarships at Taylor's, Sunway and international branch campuses

* Main Intakes & Application Route

Intakes: February, July and September/October (varies by university and programme)

Applying: EMGS (Education Malaysia Global Services) portal, alongside the university application

Application deadlines: Rolling; check university and EMGS timelines for your chosen intake

* Work & Career

Permitted work hours: Up to 20 hrs/week, only during semester breaks or holidays longer than 7 days, with approval and in permitted sectors

Post-study work: Graduate Pass (Social Visit Pass), 12 months, no employer sponsorship needed; extended to Indian nationals case by case to 31st December 2026 at time of writing

Industry strengths: Finance, Electronics & Semiconductors (Penang), Palm Oil & Commodities

Career pathways: Shared-services in Kuala Lumpur, electronics manufacturing in Penang, branch campus-to-home campus opportunities

Key consideration: Malaysia's Graduate Pass gives eligible graduates 12 months to remain in the country after completing their studies without employer sponsorship, creating time to explore career opportunities before transitioning to longer-term employment pathways.

Singapore



Capital

Singapore



Popular Student Cities

Singapore



Currency

Singapore Dollar (S\$)



Flight Time from India

Approx. 5–6 hours



* Study & Cost

UG duration: 3–4 yrs

PG duration: 1–2 yrs

Tuition range: ₹17–34L per year (varies by institution, programme and subsidy status)

Living range: ₹7–12L per year (housing-dependent)

Scholarships /funding: SINGA (PhD), NUS/NTU merit scholarships; the MOE Tuition Grant subsidises fees for eligible international students and carries a 3-year service obligation

* Main Intakes & Application Route

Intakes: August (main), January (selected postgraduate programmes)

Applying: Direct application via NUS, NTU or SMU portals

Application deadlines: Undergraduate applications for AY2026/27 closed on 23 February 2026 (international qualifications); postgraduate deadlines vary by programme and faculty.

* Work & Career

Permitted work hours: Up to 16 hrs/week during term without a work pass for eligible full-time students at approved institutions

Post-study work: No general post-study work visa; eligible graduates may obtain a 1-year, non-renewable Long-Term Visit Pass (LTVP) to seek employment. Once hired, employers must sponsor an Employment Pass, S Pass or Work Permit.

Industry strengths: Finance & Banking, Technology, Logistics & Trade

Career pathways: Banking at DBS, GIC and Temasek; tech roles at Grab and Sea Group; trade and logistics via Singapore's port sector

Key consideration: There is no automatic post-study work visa, so a job offer meeting the Employment Pass salary threshold is essential before graduation.



South Korea

**Capital**

Seoul

**Popular Student Cities**

Seoul, Busan, Daejeon

**Currency**

South Korean Won (₩)

**Flight Time from India**

Approx. 8–9 hours

* **Study & Cost****UG duration:** 4 yrs**PG duration:** 2 yrs (Master's)**Tuition range:** Varies by institution ₹3.5–11L per year (national universities to private, e.g. Yonsei, Korea University)**Living range:** ₹7.8–11.6L per year (approx. Daejeon/Busan to Seoul)**Scholarships /funding:** Global Korea Scholarship (GKS – tuition, stipend and airfare for eligible students), KAIST and other university-specific scholarships* **Main Intakes & Application Route****Intakes:** March (Spring), September (Fall)**Applying:** Study in Korea portal and/or direct university application; GKS via Embassy or University Track**Application deadlines:** GKS timelines announced annually; direct university deadlines vary by semester* **Work & Career****Permitted work hours:** Part-time work is allowed subject to D-2 visa conditions, immigration approval and institution type**Post-study work:** D-10 job-seeking visa, with stays of up to 3 years under current rules; can lead to an E-7 work visa if eligibility requirements are met**Industry strengths:** Semiconductors, Electronics & IT, Entertainment & K-content**Career pathways:** Samsung, SK Hynix and LG R&D, Naver and Kakao, technology and engineering roles**Key consideration:** Recent reforms have extended the maximum D-10 job-seeking visa period to up to three years, giving eligible graduates significantly more time to secure skilled employment after graduation.

Australia



Capital

Canberra



Popular Student Cities

Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane



Currency

Australian Dollar (A\$)



Flight Time from India

Approx. 11–14 hours



* Study & Cost

UG duration: 3 yrs

PG duration: 1.5–2 yrs

Tuition range: ₹16–35L per year

Living range: ₹14–20L per year (Adelaide/Brisbane to Sydney/Melbourne)

Scholarships /funding: Australia Awards, Destination Australia, and university-specific merit awards (e.g. Monash International Merit Scholarship, UNSW tuition awards for eligible Indian students)

* Main Intakes & Application Route

Intakes: February (main), July (secondary)

Applying: Direct to university

Application deadlines: Vary by university, generally three to six months before the intended intake; rolling admissions are common

* Work & Career

Permitted work hours: Up to 48 hrs/fortnight during term, unlimited during scheduled breaks

Post-study work: Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485): 2 years for Bachelor's or coursework Master's, 3 years for research Master's or PhD, 18 months for vocational qualifications.

Industry strengths: Engineering, Healthcare, IT and Data, Mining and Resources

Career pathways: Engineering and resources sector roles, healthcare and allied health, tech and data careers in Sydney and Melbourne, skilled migration via the Points Test

Key consideration: The 485 visa has become considerably stricter since 2024, application fees have risen sharply and the age limit dropped to 35, with exceptions for research Master's and PhD graduates. Indian nationals may access extra stay-back benefits under the Australia-India ECTA.

New Zealand



Capital

Wellington



Popular Student Cities

Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch



Currency

New Zealand Dollar (NZ\$)



Flight Time from India

Approx. 16–20 hours

* Study & Cost

UG duration: 3 yrs

PG duration: 1–2 yrs

Tuition range: ₹14–22L per year

Living range: ₹12–15L per year

Scholarships /funding: New Zealand Excellence Awards (India-specific, up to NZ\$20,000), university-specific awards (e.g. University of Auckland International Student Excellence Scholarship)

* Main Intakes & Application Route

Intakes: February (main), July (secondary)

Applying: Direct to university

Application deadlines: Vary by university, generally three to six months before the intended intake

* Work & Career

Permitted work hours: Up to 20 hrs/week during term, full-time during holidays

Post-study work: Post-Study Work Visa, up to 3 years for graduates of a Bachelor's degree or above who studied full-time for at least 30 weeks; shorter durations apply for lower-level qualifications.

Industry strengths: Agri-tech, Engineering, IT, Healthcare

Career pathways: Agri-tech and food science roles, engineering and construction, healthcare and allied health, a growing tech sector in Auckland and Wellington

Key consideration: New Zealand's Post-Study Work Visa offers up to three years for most Bachelor's degree holders and above, one of the more generous and straightforward post-study windows in this guide, with no job offer required to apply.

United Arab Emirates



Capital

Abu Dhabi



Popular Student Cities

Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Sharjah



Currency

UAE Dirham (AED)



Flight Time from India

Approx. 3–4 hours



* Study & Cost

UG duration: 3–4 yrs

PG duration: 1–2 yrs

Tuition range: ₹8–16L per year

Living range: ₹4–7L per year

Scholarships /funding:

University-specific merit scholarships, common at branch campuses (e.g. Middlesex University Dubai, Heriot-Watt Dubai, BITS Pilani Dubai); no centralised government scholarship scheme for international students

* Main Intakes & Application Route

Intakes: September (main), January (secondary)

Applying: Direct to university

Application deadlines: April to June for the September intake; September to October for the January intake

* Work & Career

Permitted work hours: Up to 20 hrs/week during term, full-time during holidays; requires a university No Objection Certificate (NOC) and a separate MoHRE work permit obtained by the employer

Post-study work: No general post-study job-search visa. Most graduates need an employer to sponsor a standard work permit and residence visa. High-achieving graduates (GPA 3.5+ from a top-ranked institution, or 3.5–3.8+ from a UAE-accredited university) may separately qualify for the Golden Visa, a merit-based 5–10 year renewable residency with no employer sponsor required and full work rights

Industry strengths: Finance and Business, Technology, Hospitality and Tourism, Logistics and Trade

Career pathways: Banking and finance in DIFC (Dubai), tech and free-zone startups (Dubai Internet City, Hub71 Abu Dhabi), hospitality and tourism management, logistics via major trade hubs

Key consideration: Unlike most destinations in this guide, the UAE has no automatic post-study work visa, students need either a confirmed job offer with employer sponsorship, or exceptional academic results to qualify for the Golden Visa.

Canada



Capital

Ottawa



Currency

Canadian Dollar (C\$)



Popular Student Cities

Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal



Flight Time from India

Approx. 14–17 hours

* Study & Cost

UG duration: 4 yrs

PG duration: 1–2 yrs

Tuition range: ₹13–20L per year

Living range: ₹13–15L per year

Scholarships /funding: Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships (PhD), university-specific entrance scholarships and merit awards

* Main Intakes & Application Route

Intakes: September (main), January and May (secondary)

Applying: Direct to university or via provincial application systems

Application deadlines: Vary by university, generally six to twelve months before the intended intake

* Work & Career

Permitted work hours: Up to 24 hrs/week during term, full-time during scheduled breaks, on- and off-campus without a separate work permit

Post-study work: Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP), up to 3 years for most Master's and PhD graduates, shorter for Bachelor's and college-level programmes

Industry strengths: Technology, Finance, Engineering, Healthcare

Career pathways: Tech roles in Toronto and Vancouver, finance and banking in Toronto, engineering and skilled trades nationally, pathway to permanent residency via the Canadian Experience Class (Express Entry)

Key consideration: The PGWP has become considerably more rules-based since late 2024. Degree-holders (Bachelor's, Master's, PhD) aren't restricted by field of study, but must now meet a language proficiency requirement, and Master's graduates specifically benefit from the full 3-year permit. Course level and language preparation should be planned early.

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* Main Intakes & Application Route

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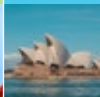
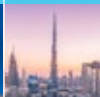
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