

# Go Global Application Checklist

---

Below is a checklist to help guide your Go Global process, from application admissions to arriving in a new country, there are a variety of things to consider.

## After You Apply to Go Global

- Check your email: about six weeks after the application deadline, we will send you an email where we will share your university match.
- Apply to your host university: once you have been matched with it by Go Global.
- Course credits: Check which host university courses will count towards your UBCO course credits. Some credits have already been pre-approved at your specific university by previous students, so be sure to use this to save time. You may also want to talk to your faculty advisor or a Go Global advisor about your degree requirements to ensure that you are on track for your graduation requirements.

## Immediate Actions to Take Once You Have Been Accepted

- Visa: apply for visas or documentation requirements for the destination country and start the application process as soon as possible! This can be a lengthy process and is required for many countries to enter.
- Passport: ensure your passport is valid for the entire duration of your stay and make necessary renewals.
- Accommodation: confirm your housing arrangements, whether it's provided by the program or if you need to find accommodation independently.

## Planning Your Stay

- Budget: create a financial budget for your time abroad, including tuition, living expenses, travel costs, and any other potential expenses.
- Health check and insurance: research whether your host country will provide you health insurance and if not, be sure to obtain international health insurance coverage for the duration of your stay. Schedule any necessary vaccinations, dentist appointments, or health check-ups recommended for your destination. Refill any prescriptions you may need.
- Travel arrangements: book your flights and ensure you have all necessary travel documents. Make sure you know how you will get to your accommodation from the airport and when you are allowed to check-in.
- Banking: as bank accounts often require two-step verification, ensure that your bank account is not connected to your phone number for this. It would be smart to have some cash emergency funds in your host country's currency. Research if

you want to use an international card, your current bank account, or set up a bank account in your host country.

- Cultural and language research: familiarize yourself with the local culture, customs, and norms to help ease the transition. If the destination country has a different language, consider taking language classes.
- Packing: make sure to bring weather appropriate clothes for your host country, bring the proper charging cables for electronics, medications you may need, etc.

### **Upon Arrival**

- Local SIM card: Consider getting a local SIM card for your phone to avoid high roaming charges.
- Local transportation: decide how you are going to get around, whether this means buying or renting a bike or buying a public transit card.
- Orientation programs: Attend any orientation sessions organized by the host university or program to get familiar with your host school, city, and make friends.
- Contacts and resources: have a list of emergency contacts, including local contacts and the nearest embassy. Familiarize yourself with the academic support services available at the host university. Establish a communication schedule with friends and family at home for emotional support.