

Turing Scheme supported opportunities with Love the Oceans, Mozambique

STUDENT CALL 2024-25

Summary

What	5-week placement, research, or volunteering activity – see here for further details				
Where	Love the Oceans, Mozambique – see here for further details				
When	<p>There are three different sessions available*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session 1: 20 April – 25 May 2025 • Session 2: 25 May – 29 June 2025 • Session 3: 29 June – 3 August 2025 <p>*Participants should choose the appropriate session considering requirements for attendance at BU.</p>				
Application	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete the Turing Scheme funding application – see here for further details (including link to application). 2. Complete the Love the Oceans activity application – details to be sent to successful funding applicants 				
Funding	<p><u>Turing Scheme at BU</u></p> <p>Successful students will receive a cost-of-living grant from the Turing Scheme at BU to help offset some of the costs of undertaking the experience. Students from certain groups (WP students) are eligible for higher cost-of-living uplift and a travel grant. See more information on WP criteria here.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Total Grant for non-WP student</td> <td>£612</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Grant for WP-student</td> <td>Up to £1661*</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>*Travel grants for WP students are paid up to a maximum of £905, based on actual costs of flights. See more information here.</i></p> <p>90% of the total grant is paid before the activity. The remaining 10% is paid after post-activity paperwork is submitted.</p> <p><u>Placement Opportunity Fund</u></p> <p>Where the activity is undertaken as part of a degree placement, UK Home students may be eligible for additional funding for specific expenses through the BU Placement Opportunity Fund. Visit https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/students/help-advice/financial-support/placement-opportunity-fund for more information</p>	Total Grant for non-WP student	£612	Total Grant for WP-student	Up to £1661*
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Traineeship Details

As a Love The Oceans Field Assistant you form an essential part of our team. During your program, you will be support the following activities:

- Megafauna surveys
- Fisheries research
- Aerial surveys
- Coral reef surveys
- Ocean Trash Research
- Teaching and painting at the local schools
- Swimming Lessons

After you have settled in, your program will start with an intense training week. We aim to ensure that everyone on the program has the same level of knowledge about LTO, the conservation work we do and your role and responsibilities as an LTO field assistant. In this week you'll learn about your next month in Mozambique and we will get to know each other better, refresh diving skills and learn new skills as you come up to speed with the research requirements.

Conservation science is very complex so at Love The Oceans we aim to provide you with the basic knowledge and skills to allow you to go on to develop your own projects and continue with Conservation Science. You will participate in a series of educational lectures led by our marine biologists during your first week with us, based around our specific areas of research and community outreach. Want to use our data for your dissertation? No problem. Find out how here.

Our field assistants have Saturday mornings and Sundays to participate in optional extra activities such as surf lessons, boating trips or just relaxing on the beach. Saturday afternoons will be spent teaching the local school children how to swim.

Participants will have the opportunity to tailor their activities to include conducting research and/or filming where applicable. Participants may also choose to be placed into a team and rotate around the following key activities¹:

- Coral Reef Surveys
- Megafauna Surveys
- Ocean Trash
- Aerial Surveys
- Teaching And Painting
- Fisheries
- Swimming Lessons
- Safari (Optional) – please note that participation on the Safari would extend the total activity duration and would incur an addition cost as outlined below.
- Weekend Activities – please note that participation in weekend activities will incur an additional cost.

¹ Participation in some activities will require that the participant be PADI open water qualified.

Costs, Travel and Accommodation

The anticipated minimum cost for participation in this activity is £2150 (£3350 if participating in Safari)
This includes:

- In country transport
- Accommodation
- Food
- All activities (except weekend activities which incur an additional cost, payable in country)

This does NOT include:

- Flights to/from Mozambique
- PADI Diving qualification – it is possible to undertake this qualification in the week before your programme starts
- Weekend activities
- Additional dives – where participants request to undertake additional dives for filming, these will incur an additional cost, payable in country.
- Travel, cancellation and medical insurance

Turing Scheme funds are provided as a contribution towards these costs.

Who is eligible?

This programme is open to all students but may be of particular interest to students studying on Film, Media Production, Ecology, and Environmental Sciences courses.

All successful students will receive a cost-of-living grant.

Students from disadvantaged backgrounds

Students from **disadvantaged backgrounds** will receive a travel grant as well as higher cost of living grant. To be eligible for a disadvantaged background status, you must meet at least one of the following (1-4):

1. **Household income of £25,000 or below** (as assessed by Student Finance England/Wales/Scotland/Northern Ireland),
2. **In receipt of a BU Maintenance Bursary or BU Financial Support Fund for the current 2024/25 academic year.**
3. **You meet one or more of the following:**
 - Student receiving Universal Credit or income-related benefits because they are financially supporting themselves or financially supporting themselves and someone who is dependent on them and living with them, such as a child or partner
 - Care-experienced students (Students who have been or are currently in the care system (including living in care with foster carers, living in a children's home) or from a looked after background at any stage of their life, no matter how short, including adopted children who were previously looked after)
 - Students from low participation neighbourhoods (UK students only)
 - The Office for Students provides a tool to look at how likely young people are to participate in higher education across the UK, and shows how this varies by area. A

low participation neighbourhood would be one where young people were not likely to participate in higher education).

- Black and Minority Ethnic Students (UK students only)
 - Students who are the first in their family to attend university
 - Mature students (21 or older at the start of their programme, UG only)
 - Female students studying STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and mathematics, as defined by BU)
 - Students with caring responsibilities (Caring responsibilities are providing unpaid care to a family member or friend who could not cope without their support. This may be due to illness, disability, a mental health issue, or substance misuse.)
 - Estranged students (where a student does not have support from their parents due to a breakdown in their relationship or where neither of the student's parents can be found or it is not reasonably practicable to get in touch with either of them)
 - Refugees and asylum seekers
- 4. Students with additional learning needs (including students registered with ALS at BU):**
- The term additional learning needs refers to learners with special education needs (SEN), including those whose SEN arise because they have a long-term disability that has a substantial and long-term effect on the ability to do everyday tasks or are in receipt of Disabled Student Allowance. This would include learners who identify as having a disability, special needs, or medical condition as categorised below:
 - Social/communication impairment such as Asperger's syndrome/other autistic spectrum disorder
 - Blind or have a serious visual impairment uncorrected by glasses
 - Deaf or have a serious hearing impairment
 - A long-standing illness or health condition such as cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease, or epilepsy
 - Mental health condition such as depression, schizophrenia, or anxiety disorder
 - Specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia, dyspraxia, or AD(H)D
 - Physical impairment or mobility issues, such as difficulty using limbs or using a wheelchair or crutches
 - Disability, impairment or medical condition that is not listed above

What will the Turing Scheme funding cover?

Turing Scheme funding provides grants to support students with **specific costs** related to undertaking their traineeship. The amount of the grant is determined by the length of the mobility and the destination country where the work is being undertaken. The sections below outline standard funding and funding for students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Please note that the funding provided through the Turing Scheme is intended **as a contribution towards** the overall costs of undertaking this mobility. It is **NOT INTENDED to cover the entire costs incurred**.

You will receive an initial payment of 90% of funds upfront. After your activity is complete, you will be asked to complete a feedback survey and submit a blog. The remaining 10% will be paid after these requirements have been met.

1. **Funding for Students from non-disadvantaged backgrounds**

This funding consists of a cost-of-living grant.

Cost of Living Grant

To calculate the cost-of-living grant, destination countries are divided into two groups based on the cost of living in each country (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/turing-scheme-international-study-and-work-placements/list-of-destinations-and-grant-rates>). There is no travel grant for students who are not from disadvantaged backgrounds.

1. For activities in **Group 1** countries/territories, the grants are calculated as follows:
 - a. £19 per day for activities from 28-56 days in duration
 - b. £14 per day for activities from 57-365 days in duration
2. For activities in **Group 2 or 3** countries/territories, the grants are calculated as follows:
 - a. £17 per day for activities from 28-56 days in duration
 - b. £12 per day for activities from 57-365 days in duration.

Example Grant calculations for students from non-disadvantaged backgrounds

Traineeship Location	Traineeship Duration	Calculation	Total Grant
Mozambique (Group 2 Country)	36 days	£17 x 36 days	£612

2. **Funding for Students from disadvantaged backgrounds**

This funding consists of a cost-of-living grant, a cost-of-living uplift, and a travel grant. Additional funding is available as outlined below for other costs related to undertaking a mobility.

Cost of Living Grant

To calculate the cost-of-living grant, destination countries are divided into two groups based on the cost of living in each country (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/turing-scheme-international-study-and-work-placements/list-of-destinations-and-grant-rates>).

1. For activities in **Group 1** countries/territories, the grants are calculated as follows:
 - a. £23 per day for activities from 28-56 days in duration
 - b. £18 per day for activities from 57-365 days in duration
2. For activities in **Group 2 or 3** countries/territories, the grants are calculated as follows:
 - a. £21 per day for activities from 28-56 days in duration
 - b. £16 per day for activities from 57-365 days in duration.

Travel Grant

Travel grants are **up to a maximum amount** which is calculated based on the destination country. Rates for each country can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/turing-scheme-international-study-and-work-placements/list-of-destinations-and-grant-rates>

Actual travel grants are paid based on actual travel spend. Students will be required to submit evidence of their travel expenses. Travel expenses refer to airfare for one return journey to/from the destination country. Commuting costs in country are NOT covered. Travel grants can only cover economy travel and will not cover any upgrades.

Where the actual cost of travel is less than the maximum allowed for the destination country, the difference will be subtracted from the final grant payment or invoiced to the student for repayment if needed.

Supplemental travel funding may be available to cover real travel cost for exceptionally expensive travel.

Other Funding

- Funding may be available to offset real costs related to:
- Passport costs
- Visa costs (this can include reasonable associated costs like translated documents and police certificates)
- Vaccines
- Travel Insurance
- Medical Certificates
- Actual costs for support directly related to **additional learning needs**. Receipts are required for these costs to be covered.

Example Grant calculations for students from disadvantaged backgrounds

Traineeship Location	Traineeship Duration	Calculation	Total Grant
Mozambique (Group 2 Country)	36 days	(£21 x 36 days) + up to £905 travel grant	Up to £1661

Travel Information

Entry Requirements

You must have a valid passport with at least six months remaining from the date of your return departure to the UK. Please factor this into the timescales of your planned travel.

Applicants will be responsible to check the entry requirements to the specific country where they will undertake their mobility.

Please refer to the FCDO advice about entry requirements:

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>

Visa Requirements

Applicants will be responsible to research whether they will need a visa to enter the specific country where they will undertake their mobility and how long it will take to obtain a visa. More information can be found here: [Visa/Permit Guidance for UK Students](#). Please note that the Global Engagement Hub is unable to provide additional visa advice.

Immunisations (if applicable)

Please refer to the NHS guidelines regarding immunisations:

[Travel vaccinations - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

You will need to book immunisations through your local GP at your own cost.

Insurance

BU will provide comprehensive Travel Cover for the duration of the overseas trip (please note that this cover is not valid for recent graduates).. Please note that you might be required by the host organisation/partner university to purchase a valid medical/health insurance for the duration of your stay.

Applicants are responsible for researching the types of insurance they are required to carry for their destination country. Some countries require specific medical insurance to meet visa conditions (ex: to obtain the relevant visa for a traineeship in the USA, you must hold insurance with \$100,00 or medical benefits, \$25,000 for repatriation of remains, \$50,000 for medical evacuation, and \$500 deductible for accident or illness).

If you are applying to go to a European destination, you could apply for a UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) or use an existing UK European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) if it is still valid. Please refer to the NHS guidelines regarding the UK GHIC/EHIC:

<https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>

Travel Implications

- There could be sudden changes that affect your travel plans, including changes to border control advice which may prevent travel and entry requirements in your host country or when re-entering the UK.
- **BU MUST approve travel before you depart.** Your travel plans should be in line with UK Foreign Correspondence and Development Office advice. Travel approval will be made on a case-by-case basis within two weeks of the start of the traineeship.
- Funding will only be paid where physical travel takes place and BU has approved travel in advance.
- The Global Engagement Hub will support you with the funding process. You will also be given support by your Placement Coordinator and Placement Development Advisor for activities that are part of a BU placement year.

Where do I apply and how?

Access your online Application form <https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/bournemouth/love-the-oceans-activity-turing-scheme-funding-application-form> . On your Application form you will be asked to complete two main sections:

(1) student information and eligibility requirements

In this section you will be asked to provide your student details including information about the Disadvantaged Background eligibility criteria and information about your mobility

(2) quality assessment

In this section you will be asked to:

- a. Outline any academic and work experience you have that are relevant to your mobility.
- b. Write a brief statement outlining how this experience will help you to develop your intercultural competence
- c. Describe how this experience will positively impact your academic performance
- d. State how this experience will enhance your growth and employability

It is your responsibility to ensure all the necessary information is provided correctly. Incomplete applications will be marked as void and removed from the process.

If you have questions about your application – please contact internationalgrants@bournemouth.ac.uk.

Please note the panel's decision is final and we cannot provide individual feedback on applications.

What will happen next if I am successful?

All applicants will be informed about the outcome of the application within four weeks of applying.

If you are successful, you will be required to attend a general pre-departure session. We will not be able to accept applicants who do not attend a pre-departure session within 2 weeks of being invited.

You may also be required to attend activity specific pre-departure sessions. Engagement with these sessions is a requirement of receiving funding.

Am I eligible to apply for future mobility programmes if my application is declined?

If your application is declined, you can apply again (assuming that you still meet the eligibility criteria). You can also apply for other activities.

Important notes

- (1) Please ensure your email address is correct. **All communication will be sent to your student email address**, so please check this!
- (2) If successful, your activity is subject to Love the Oceans finalising the terms of the arrangements for your activity.

Timeline

Student Call Launch: 28 November 2024

Application deadline: open