

# Study Abroad Mentoring Programme

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## Eligibility criteria

We believe that every student deserves the opportunity to explore the world through a study abroad experience. We know from [Nuffic research](#) that some groups of students are underrepresented in study abroad experiences. The Study Abroad Mentoring Programme is therefore designed to support those students who want to study abroad but face unique challenges and barriers. Mentees should meet at least one of the below criteria:

- You face financial barriers that make studying abroad seem impossible
- You lack access to resources or guidance about international study programmes
- You lack support to navigate the process
- You are a first-generation student  
(you are the first in your family to access higher education in the Netherlands or abroad)
- You are from a community of colour

The programme is open to pupils and students in the Netherlands aged 16+.

Applicants under 18 need parental consent to take part in the programme. Part of the application process includes submitting a parental consent form.

All applications are reviewed by British Council staff.

All eligible applicants will be matched to a mentor by the British Council on the online mentoring platform. Mentors and mentees can set up mentoring sessions, set goals and track goals on the online platform.

## How do we keep our mentees and mentors safe?

- All our mentors are trained by a professional trainer to work with young people and keep them safe.
- Every mentor and mentee is required to agree to our code of conduct.
- Every mentor is required to submit a Verklaring Omtrent het Gedrag (Dutch police record check for working with young people).
- Mentors and mentees must evaluate each mentoring session.
- The British Council is available to support mentors and mentees throughout the programme.