Santander International Connections Awards 2016/17 Application Guidelines

1. Introduction

Postgraduate taught students and Undergraduate students wishing to undertake an international visit or projects to take place before June 2018 are invited to apply for a Santander International Connections Award.

Note – Students must be registered at York at the time of travel and submit their report before registration expires.

The fund will support travel to the following countries:

- **the Americas:** Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Uruguay, USA
- **Europe:** Belgium, Germany, Poland, Portugal, Spain
- **Asia:** China, Russia, Singapore, South Korea, United Arab Emirates.
- **Africa:** Ghana

The programme offers awards up to a maximum £500 per person for undergraduates and taught postgraduates.

For detailed criteria, please read the guidance notes below.

1.1 Application deadlines

This round of applications is for Postgraduate Taught and Undergraduate students only.

**Applications open:** 6th March 2017 9.00am
**Applications close:** 20th April 2017 1.00pm

Undergraduates may have their applications considered for a Travel Bursary dependent on the content of the application – however, you cannot receive funding from both Santander and Travel Bursary.

Students shortlisted for a Travel Bursary Award will be invited to attend an interview on Wednesday 17th May, no alternative date can be offered.
1.2 Contact
If you have any questions about your application, please contact:
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Centre for Global Programmes
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2. Application details

2.1 Who can apply?

These awards are available to support students wishing to undertake short visits to countries that are part of the Santander Universities Network. Applications will be accepted from all current University of York students (including final year undergraduate students, graduate students and international students). The award is available to individuals only.

Note – Students must be registered at York at the time of travel and submit their report before registration expires.

2.2 Exclusions

The following are not eligible for application to Santander International Connections:

- Applications for the costs of international travel placements that are required and/or assessed as part of your programme of study.
- Applications for costs directly associated with an ERASMUS year or other year abroad.
- Previous recipients will not be eligible for an award.
- Students may be eligible for both the Santander Awards and Travel Bursaries, but would only be able to receive one award.
- Students may not apply for awards for projects in their home country, including UK students.
- Attendance at a Summer School where there is a university agreement in place ie tuition fee waiver may not apply.

2.3 What can be funded?

The fund aims to encourage ambition and creativity. Funding can be used for travel (economy only), accommodation, subsistence and other necessary costs for an overseas visit. There is no set format for your project and examples of activity that could be funded include:

- Study visits that are linked to your field of study or research
- International internships or volunteering opportunities that are linked to your field of study or research or to your career ambitions
- Attendance at summer schools (outside of university agreements) or foreign language schools
• Attendance at conferences or similar events (students only) – if linked to a further project with specific aims
• Study at foreign archives and libraries
• Senior level departmental/cross-departmental delegations to eligible countries.

2.4 Criteria for success

All Santander applications will be reviewed by a committee who will make awards based on the following criteria:

All applications

• The ambition and creativity of the proposed project
• Links to study, research or career ambitions
• Santander Universities – applications including at least one of these will considered more favourably.

Student applications

• Projects that will encourage enterprise/entrepreneurial skills.

2.5 Application advice:

Volunteering and Internships – Students are encouraged to consider international internships / volunteering projects that link to career ambitions. We are keen to support projects that also benefit the wider University community e.g. by establishing a regular link with the host organisation or by writing a blog about your experiences.

Conferences – Projects that involve academic conference attendance are more likely to be funded if they can also demonstrate a wider ambition and benefit to the University of York e.g. combining a conference with a visit to a local university to liaise with research staff regarding recruitment or collaborative research work.

Research Visits – Applicants are warmly welcome to submit applications for research visits. We would encourage applicants to consider ways of giving a benefit to the wider University community e.g. through donating images to the York Digital Library, by giving a seminar or talk on return or by visiting a local university to build new academic connections.

3. How to apply

Applications can be made via e:Vision.

Notification

You will receive notification of the outcome of your application within four weeks of the deadlines. Please do not plan projects that commence within four weeks of the application
deadline. We will respond to emailed requests for feedback within two weeks of notifying you of the result of your application.

4. Reporting your project

Within 6 weeks of the completion of your project you are required to complete a short report 1500 -2000 words with 2 or 3 photographs. Please note that this report will be used for promotional purpose and shared with Santander Universities.

References

Please ensure that you discuss your application with your supervisor or line manager. If your application is shortlisted for consideration by the grants panel, a reference will be sought from your supervisor or line manager.

Santander / York Data Sharing Agreement

This award scheme is made possible thanks to a philanthropic grant to the University of York from Santander Universities. We take your privacy seriously and will only use your personal information to administer your application and, if successful, your funding, and the terms of the scheme. As part of the scheme’s administration we need to share some of your information, including your email address, with Santander Universities to enable them to:

- audit the administration of their funding to member institutions
- evaluate the long-term impact of the funding at the University
- monitor equal opportunities
- raise awareness among award recipients of other Santander University opportunities

If you are successful in your application for this funding opportunity, the information we will share about you is your:

- Full name
- Subject of study / Academic Department
- Year of study and class of degree (students only)
- Date of birth
- Type of award (international mobility, enterprise, sport)
- Country of destination (for outward mobility awards)
- Contact e-mail address (this will usually be your University of York e-mail address unless you have supplied a preferred alternative)

This information will be passed to Santander Universities. It will be usually be held by the University and Santander for no more than 6 years from the [year/completion] of your award. During this period, you may be contacted by e-mail by a representative of Santander Universities or the University of York for the purposes of auditing the University’s administration of the funding and understanding and evaluating the impact of your award.
By submitting your application you consent to sharing your information with Santander Universities for the purposes outlined above. Information will only be shared for award holders.

From time to time, Santander Universities would like to contact you with details of other Santander Universities’ opportunities. If you consent to Santander Universities contacting you by email for this purpose, please tick here: ☐

Please contact us if you have any questions about our privacy policy or the information we hold about you.

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