Hi, my name is **NANCY** (pictured left). I’m a final year History and French student.

I spent my third year doing a year abroad studying History at Aix-Marseille Université in France. During my time there, I had the chance to study with French and International students alike, explore an entirely new city and region (one of the most beautiful in the world!), and meet some amazing people. Not to mention, the sun shone pretty much every day so what could be better? Despite having the placement cut short due to the pandemic, the months I did have in France were some of the most memorable and enjoyable ones of my time at university.

Deciding whether to take part in an international opportunity can be tricky, and I am more than happy to help by answering any questions, queries, or worries - no matter how big or small, do not hesitate to ask! The opportunity to live, work, or study in a new country and a new culture is an amazing one, so go for it!

Hello, my name is **ISABELLE** (pictured right) and I am in my final year of my combined English Literature and Linguistics course.

During the academic year 2019–2020, I went on a credit replacing year abroad and I was lucky enough to study in two different countries. My first semester was spent in Hong Kong at the University of Hong Kong and for my second semester, I was at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore.

My experience overall was so rewarding; studying in two different countries meant that I was able to explore a wide range of subject areas in my degree and I was able to meet so many amazing people from around the world. It also helped that both countries had sunny days for most of the time! Studying in Asia was a fantastic opportunity because it is very different in terms of culture from the UK and because of this, I felt that by the end of my experience I had grown as a person.

Although the experience was tumultuous at times, I left both countries feeling like I had a home away from home and I would encourage anybody who is considering spending time abroad to truly consider Asia as an option because it is an extraordinary part of the world! If you have any questions about studying Hong Kong, Singapore or Asia in general, I am happy to answer any questions you may have!
Hi there, I’m HOLLY (pictured left). I’m in my final year studying French and German (with a year abroad).

I had such a brilliant experience working in Tyrol, Austria for the first half of my year abroad as an English Language Assistant. I worked in two secondary schools, one of which was a tourism school, where I was able to take part in the cheese tasting and patisserie classes! During my free time, I loved to ski with my friends, travel to new places in Europe and brush up on my slightly rusty German skills.

Additionally, I worked as an intern at a conference centre in Annecy, France, which was, unfortunately, cut short due to COVID-19. However, I thoroughly enjoyed my internship (albeit brief!) and the opportunity to meet new people, travel and explore the beautiful city of Annecy.

I truly think that an international opportunity can be for everyone, as it is such an incredible, life-changing experience. So, please do get in touch if you have any questions or concerns- I am always here for a chat!

Hi, my name is BIDISHA (pictured right), and I am in my final year of studying Law.

During the 2019/20 academic year, I unexpectedly attended two universities for a semester each! The first was the University of Hong Kong in Hong Kong and the second was York University in Toronto, Canada.

Changing cities in the middle of the year was a welcomed experience and gave me a chance to learn Politics for a semester and explore a different space and culture. My year abroad left me with unforgettable stories, experiences and resilience. I met a wealth of interesting people, travelled to 6 different cities, and went from 40°C weather to -11°C in a matter of weeks.

Even in the midst of unstable times (not to mention a pandemic!) , I appreciated every single day that I had in HK and TO. It truly was a life-altering experience. Future international opportunities will benefit from flexible learning and more creative ways of making your time special.

Feel free to contact any of us on: global-peer-advisors@york.ac.uk

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