

# NCUK's Parent Guide to Studying Abroad



# A message to parents from our CEO

Hello,

I'm Professor John Brewer, Chief Executive Officer of NCUK. I would just like to share an update regarding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), a situation that NCUK is continuously monitoring.

As a parent looking for the best qualification provider for their children, we would like to reassure you that NCUK is working continuously with our Study Centres and universities to ensure that your child has access to the best education abroad.

Firstly, I would like to thank our partners for the work they are doing during this time of uncertainty and the measures that they have been taking to ensure the safety of students. This is undeniably a difficult position for students to be in, but the help and support partners are providing ensure that they will complete their studies and progress to university.

NCUK is committed to ensure that colleagues, partners, current students and prospective students are given as much help and support as possible with NCUK staff being on hand to work with you with any issues you may be facing.

NCUK is a unique organization that has strong relationships with its partner universities. We are in regular contact with them to ensure that we can secure our students a place at university. We have put the following information and guidance together for you to provide further support and advice based on questions we have been receiving.

We will remain in contact with you.

I wish you and your families all the best.

Professor John Brewer.



# Ensuring continuity in times of uncertainty

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## A message to our Students: We'll help you get there

We appreciate that this is a worrying and difficult time and recognise many of you are understandably anxious, but we wanted to provide you with some reassurance that you are not alone, we are all in this together, and we will help you get to where you want to be.

NCUK, our Universities and our Study Centres around the world are fully committed to providing solutions for our students to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to complete their course, progress to university, and complete their degree on time.

NCUK has created a dedicated Coronavirus (COVID-19) guide for parents and students which provides useful information, advice and tips on how NCUK and its Study Centres are working towards delivering the highest quality of education even in challenging times.

If you would like to find out more, please visit [www.ncuk.ac.uk/coronavirus](http://www.ncuk.ac.uk/coronavirus)





## NCUK Study Centres

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NCUK has coordinated a collective contingency plan to allow the NCUK Global Network to learn from each other as well as receiving the expertise from across NCUK.

At NCUK, we expertly deliver pathway qualifications that meet the highest educational standards. In order to meet these standards, we have successfully adapted our teaching methods at our Study Centres to ensure that all our students are able to complete their qualifications and progress to university on time.

If you would like your child to become an international student, we can help you get there. Just contact your nearest NCUK Study Centre to find out more about how your child can study an NCUK qualification and upon successful completion, progress to a world-class university.

## NCUK Universities

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For all universities, the health, safety and welfare of its students are of the paramount importance. Therefore, NCUK Universities will take further actions quickly in response to the spread of the virus in line with government policies. All universities have extensive Student Support teams to cover all aspects of learning and we have gathered below links to each university's dedicated COVID-19 website section.

At NCUK, we are closely working with NCUK Universities to ensure that we can provide our current and future students with the best opportunities to progress to some of the best universities in the world.

## Student Support

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NCUK provides students with the best advice and tips on how to stay motivated while they move to online learning. From offering support on how to organise a study at home routine to tips on general wellbeing, NCUK has everything covered. Make sure that your child finds a suitable routine that combines the right amount of study time and leisure so they can succeed in their academic journey.

# ADVICE FOR PARENTS



## Who Are NCUK?

Studying abroad might possibly be one of the most rewarding experiences of your child's life. It will not only broaden their horizons and add to their personal development, but it will also give them the academic skills they need to succeed in their future careers and in their life.

Choosing the right qualification provider could be the key to your child's success and we can proudly say that at NCUK we offer much more than qualifications.

Our students also gain access to university faster than they would if they had to study A-levels. By studying an NCUK qualification, your child will be fully prepared to get to university in just 9 months!

We provide support and guidance through every stage of the process of getting to university and we make sure that our students succeed once they get there.

NCUK students successfully progress to universities in the UK, Ireland, Australia, Canada, USA and New Zealand every year. We work closely with these institutions to guarantee that your child gains access to thousands of degrees and that they acquire the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in their future careers.

## Why Study Abroad

### Contact with different cultures:



Such an enriching experience will develop into a better understanding of the world, a sense of empathy and curiosity for the unknown and an approach to work that will be very appreciated by potential employers.

### Employability:



Employers look out for students who can speak more than their native language and who show a great degree of independence and commitment to work that is developed during their time abroad.

### English language skills:



Choosing to study in English will provide your child with the highest standards of academic English at the same time as they get in touch with the local culture, gaining an understanding of the language that is not taught in high school or university.

### Resilience:



Studying abroad is perhaps one of the most character building and challenging experiences that one can ever have. Having the opportunity to live such a privileged experience could be the single thing that changes your child's life for the best.

# How To Study Abroad

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Help your child choose the right qualification:



## International Foundation Year

**IFY:** intended for students who have finished high-school and want to bridge the gap between their local qualifications and a university degree overseas. It typically takes just nine months to complete and it fully prepares students academically whilst also improving their English language for university study.



## International Year One

**IYOne:** Aimed for students who have completed the International Foundation Year (or equivalent, such as A-levels) and would like to study the first year of a UK Bachelor's degree locally while living at home, or internationally at one of our many Study Centres. After successful completion of the IYOne, students are able to progress to their second year of university at one of the NCUK guaranteed universities.



## Master's Preparation

**PMP:** Specifically designed for those students who wish to pursue a master's degree at a UK university. This qualification provides the student with all the English language skills that are required to access master's studies.

## Staying Safe and Healthy Abroad

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**Familiarise with the culture:** If you are lucky to know someone who has lived in that country try and ask, and if not, social media groups or online blogs can be very useful. You can also speak directly with NCUK students who are now studying at university overseas and ask them any questions that you may have about studying abroad. Visit [www.ncuk.ac.uk/chat-to-our-students](http://www.ncuk.ac.uk/chat-to-our-students)

**Discover new places with friends:** Encourage your child to follow common sense by not walking alone after dark; getting a bus or taxi won't cost much, and it is completely worth it.

**Money and valuables:** Make sure that your child always has some cash or bank cards at hand to pay for their lunch, transport to university and some other daily purchases. Important documents, such as passports, and valuable items should be kept at home.

**Health Insurance:** Registering with a GP or arrange a health insurance is essential to guarantee that your child will be well looked after in case of an emergency or illness.

**Mental Health:** If your child suggests that they are struggling, make sure you give them the right support and encourage them to speak to friends and the university services. Universities abroad have great Student Support services and they are experts in helping students with all sorts of issues such as mental health, financial difficulties, course related concerns and many others.

# Figuring Out The Financials

## **Accommodation:**

as soon as your child has an offer from a university, the university will also provide them with options for accommodation. There are also private accommodation options available so research online to find student accommodation and check how far they are from your child's university.

## **Budget:**

Create budgets for many different things such as food, transport and other daily expenses and encourage your child to open a local back account.

## **Work and Study:**

In many countries, such as the UK, international students can work up to 20 hours per week to help fund their study abroad experience whilst improving their CV.

## Success and Employability



**Post-study work visa:** From summer 2021, international students can now also obtain a 2-year post-study work visa meaning they can stay in the UK and work for two years after graduating from university. You can check the latest news here: [www.ncuk.ac.uk/ncuk-updates/post-study-uk-work-visa-reintroduced-for-international-students-for-2020-21](http://www.ncuk.ac.uk/ncuk-updates/post-study-uk-work-visa-reintroduced-for-international-students-for-2020-21)



**Boost CV:** At NCUK we have a proven record of students who have succeeded thanks to their international study experiences. After taking their NCUK qualifications, they have been able to progress to university and after graduating they have started very promising careers. See what our alumni have to say about us here: [www.ncuk.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.ncuk.ac.uk/alumni)



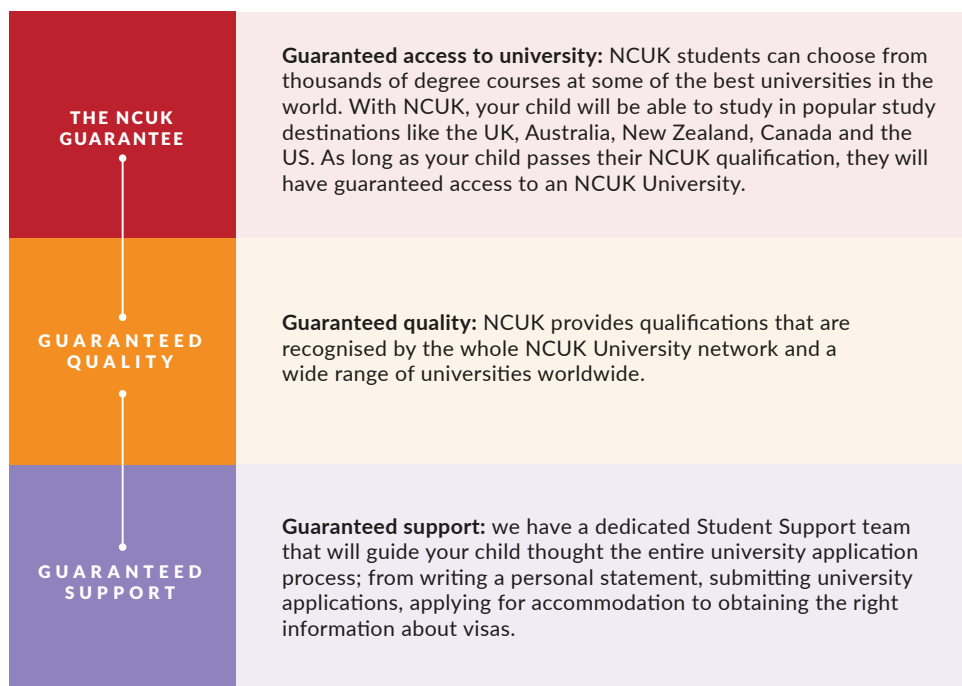
# Why NCUK?

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Since 1987, NCUK has placed over **35,000** students at some of the best universities across the world. Make sure that you choose the best study option for your child and find out more about why NCUK should be your first pathway provider choice:

**90%** of NCUK students who successfully complete their qualification get into their first-choice university.

**80%** of NCUK students obtain a first or second-class degree from university.



**YOUR BEST ROUTE TO UNIVERSITY.**

**GET THERE.**



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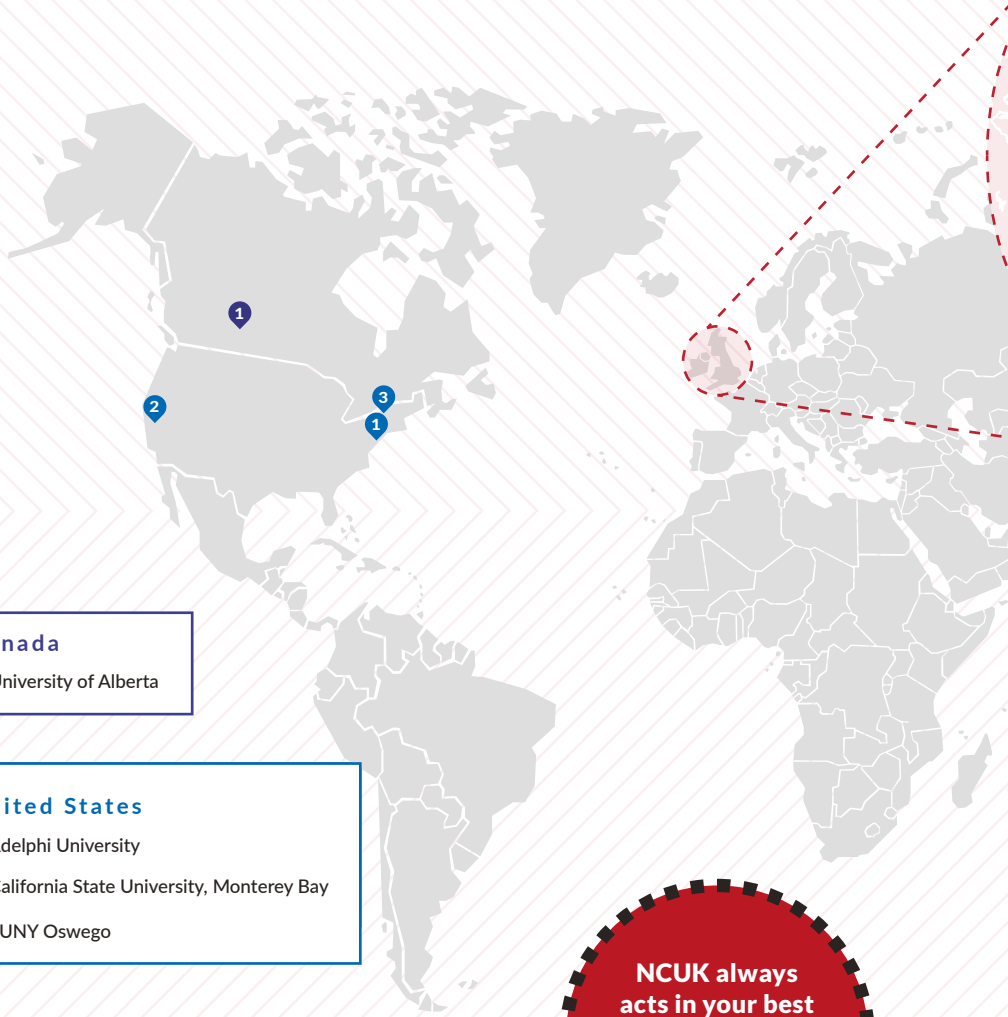
***“The decision for our daughter to tow the path of NCUK has turned out to be absolutely worth it. Not only has it sufficiently prepared her content-wise to easily grasp the courses in the pursuit of her Economics degree, but it also helped her settle into school faster than we ever imagined it would be.”***

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Mrs O. Nzenwa, from Nigeria  
Mother of Chikaodinaka Nzenwa  
NCUK alumna 2018/19

# WHERE CAN I STUDY?

By studying with NCUK, you have many university progression options to choose from. If you successfully complete one of our qualifications, you are guaranteed access to one of the NCUK Universities.



## Canada

1. University of Alberta

## United States

1. Adelphi University
2. California State University, Monterey Bay
3. SUNY Oswego

**NCUK always  
acts in your best  
interest, helping you  
realise your dreams  
and ambitions!**



## United Kingdom

1. Aston University
2. University of Birmingham
3. University of Bradford
4. University of Bristol
5. Brunel University London
6. Cardiff University
7. UCLan - University of Central Lancashire
8. University of Exeter
9. University of Huddersfield
10. Keele University
11. University of Kent
12. Kingston University London
13. Lancaster University
14. University of Leeds
15. Leeds Beckett University
16. Liverpool Hope University
17. Liverpool John Moores University
18. The University of Manchester
19. Manchester Metropolitan University
20. Queen Mary University of London
21. Robert Gordon University
22. University of Salford
23. The University of Sheffield
24. Sheffield Hallam University

## Australia

1. The University of Newcastle, Australia
2. University of South Australia
3. Swinburne University of Technology
4. The University of Western Australia
5. Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology

## New Zealand

1. The University of Auckland

# NCUK Universities



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