SCHOOL OF HEALTH STUDIES

GLOBAL SKILLS OPPORTUNITY (GSO)

EXPERIENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES IN SCANDINAVIA
INTRODUCTION

Health professionals in Canada have much to learn about innovative health-related solutions. The interdisciplinary School of Health Studies (SHS) has been active in preparing future health professionals to address imminent challenges. Scandinavian countries have progressive health systems and learning about them while developing global competencies is vital in preparing YOU for future careers.

Objective of the Global Skills Opportunity project is to increase the number and diversity of Health Studies students studying and working internationally. International collaborators include higher education institutions and community partners in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Iceland.

Four activities for building global skills include:

1. Faculty-led international course *Aging Globally: Lessons from Scandinavia*
2. Summer internships
3. Summer programs
4. Academic exchanges
GLOBAL SKILLS OPPORTUNITY (GSO)

The Global Skills Opportunity program can provide you with international experiences that will broaden your worldview, develop intercultural skills, build a global network, witness firsthand how health organizations work in Scandinavia, bolster your resume, and unlock your potential as a global citizen.

The School of Health Studies has recently secured more than $450,000 to support students to engage in international learning experiences in Scandinavia, over the next three years.

A significant portion of the funding will be allocated to indigenous students, students with disabilities, and low-income students. Funds will also be available to Health Studies students who do not fit within these identified populations.
Eligible countries

- Sweden
- Norway
- Denmark
- Iceland
Aging Globally is an international course that introduces students to healthcare systems in three Scandinavian countries: Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

- Third year, half course (0.5 credit) offered in winter term
- Blended in-class course and international study tour:
  - January to April – 10 weekly mandatory lectures and tutorials
  - May – 10-day study trip through Scandinavia

- Enrollment by permission only following application and selection process (September-November)

For more information visit https://www.uwo.ca/fhs/shs/undergraduate/experiential.html
Aging Globally: Lessons from Scandinavia

OsloMet - Oslo Metropolitan University
Western International
Summer
Oslo, Norway (Map)
Stockholm, Sweden (Map)
Copenhagen, Denmark (Map)

Type:
Faculty Led Program

Language of Instruction:
English

Subject Area:
Health Sciences

Program Provider
Name
Western International

Website
http://www.goabroad.uwo.ca

Partner Institution
Name
OsloMet - Oslo Metropolitan University
2. SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

- Summer 2022 - approximately 6 weeks
  - Summer 2023 & 2024 length of internships may increase (up to 16 weeks)
- Internships may be paid or unpaid (depending on organization)
- Students may find own opportunity for summer 2022 and qualify for funding
  - Requires approval from Health Studies coordinators
- Course Credit:
  - Summer 2022, intersession course (May to June)
  - 0.5 credit
  - Enrollment by permission with approved internship
3. SUMMER PROGRAMS

With the support of GSO funding, students can enroll in short-term summer courses and programs in Scandinavia, earning credits towards your degree.

Western currently offers two summer programs with institutions in Denmark – Aarhus University and the University of Copenhagen. Over the coming years, will be creating new summer opportunities in Scandinavia for Health Studies students.

We encourage students to also seek their own summer program opportunities.

For more information visit
https://international.uwo.ca/learning/go_abroad/index.html
4. ACADEMIC EXCHANGES

The GSO funding supports academic exchanges to Scandinavia, for one term or a full academic year. Courses taken on exchange are transferred back to your degree.

Western currently has exchange partnerships with the following institutions:

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### Search Programs

Any program that requires a Waiver/Consent Form will be marked with the ☑️ icon.

**Search Filters**
- **Keywords**
- **Type**
- **Term**
- **Subject Area**
- **Language of Instruction**
- **Destination**
- **Institution**

*Areas of study at partner universities are subject to change.*

*This search tool can be used as a general guideline and is not exhaustive.*

Program Delivery

*Select how the program is offered*

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# GSO Funding

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**YOU ARE NOT ALONE!**

**198 STUDENTS OVER 3 YEARS**

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OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

• International Learning Award (Nov. 15, Feb 15) - $1,000
• Global Opportunities Award (Nov. 15, Feb 15) - $1,000-2,000
• SHS Student Opportunities Fund (70% airfare)

• [https://international.uwo.ca/learning/go_abroad/funding.html](https://international.uwo.ca/learning/go_abroad/funding.html)

APPLY FOR ALL!
HOW DO I APPLY?

1. Aging Globally course (winter 2023)
   • Apply through Atlas; may be considered on a first come first served basis
   • Application deadline October 2022

2. Summer internships
   • Summer 2022
     • Contact Lisa Metselaar (lmetsela@uwo.ca) if you have found a summer internship and want to apply for GSO funding
   • Future years…application process to be determined
3. Summer Courses & Academic Exchanges

- Consult an Academic Advisor prior to submitting your application to discuss eligibility for GSO funding
- Apply through Western International (Atlas)
  https://uwo-horizons.symplicity.com/index.php?s=StudentHome
- Opportunities may still be available for summer 2022
WHO DO I GO TO FOR MORE INFORMATION?

Aging Globally course
School of Health Studies; shsinfo@uwo.ca

Summer internships
Lisa Metselaar, Experiential Learning Coordinator; lmetsela@uwo.ca

Summer courses
Kate Bere, Academic Advisor; kbere2@uwo.ca

Academic Exchanges
School of Health Studies; shsinfo@uwo.ca