AFTER APPLYING FAQ

- **When will I receive the outcome of my application?**
  The Student Exchange Selection Committee meets in February and July. The outcome of your application will be released 1 week before the last day to add a unit, in the following semester.

- **What happens if I change my degree/major after submitting my application?**
  Write an email to studyabroad@uwa.edu.au to notify us immediately. If the preferences you have selected do not match up with your new degree/major then you may be asked for new preferences and study plans. It is preferable that you take this change into consideration before you submit your application.

- **Can I change my preferences after the application deadline?**
  No, you will not be permitted to change your preferences after the deadline unless you have academic reasons to do so (e.g. change of major and preferences are no longer viable options).

- **Will deferred exam results be included?**
  Yes, deferred exam results and changes in grades will be included, where possible. Please note that due to host university application deadlines and our allocation process, this may not always be operationally possible. Please advise the Global learning Office if you have been granted a deferred exam, or you believe your marks (and therefore WAM) will change.

- **What happens if my WAM turns out to be under 63.5 after results are released?**
  Your application will not be considered. If you fall between 63.5% and 65% you are considered marginal and will be assessed by the Student Exchange Selection Committee.

- **Why didn’t I get allocated to my first preference?**
  There are a limited number of places available at each exchange university. We allocate students to universities based on their WAM, i.e. if there is one place available at a university, and 10 students applied, the student with the highest WAM will receive the place.
  If you do not get allocated to your first preference this is because students who have a higher WAM than you have been given first preference to the available spots at that university. Please be prepared to go to any of the 6 university preferences you are listing.

- **Why am I required to submit new university preferences?**
  If we were not able to place you at one of your top 6 university preferences, you will be required to provide new preferences from a supplied list. This may occur because the Universities that you have chosen have limited places and students with higher WAMs have been placed there. It may also be because the universities you chose do not offer your area of study to UWA Exchange students. You are still eligible for exchange and your Adviser will work with you to consider all options available to you.

- **I included a university in my list of preferences, but didn’t get placed there. It is now being offered to other students. Why haven’t I been placed at that university?**
  The university is being offered to other students, because we could not place you there. This is most probably because your area of study is not available to UWA Exchange students. Although UWA has an agreement with an exchange university, it may not cover all faculties. Please be sure to check the restrictions to UWA students listed in the Global Studio brochures.
- **I no longer wish to go to the university I have been allocated to. What can I do?**

Exchange university allocations are a complex process. University allocations will only be changed if there are adequate academic reasons. Please contact your Exchange Adviser for details on how to request a change of allocation.

If your reasons are not academic, your request to change universities will not be granted. You are able to withdraw from exchange this round and apply again in the future. Your withdrawal will not impede your chances if you decide to apply again in another round.

Please email studyabroad@uwa.edu.au to let us know you wish to withdraw.

- **Can I defer my exchange place?**

No, you are not able to defer your exchange place. You will need to withdraw your application and apply again next round.

- **Can I extend my exchange?**

If you are placed at a university that allows exchange students to study for more than one semester, you are welcome to submit a request to extend your exchange. Please note that it may not always be possible to extend your stay, due to limited places available at your university. Please contact the Global Learning Office. Your Exchange (or Global Learning Office) Adviser will then let you know whether your request can be granted.

Please ensure you have room in your degree to extend your exchange. You will also need faculty and unit approval to extend your exchange. However, your Exchange Adviser will notify you when to do this.

- **Can I shorten my exchange to one semester?**

Yes. Please let your Global Learning Office (Or Exchange) Adviser know as soon as you make this decision.

- **When can I book my flights?**

It is a condition of your exchange that you book all flights through UWA’s preferred provider, Campus Travel. You should only book your flights once you have received your acceptance letter from your host university and your visa. Information on how to contact Campus Travel will be provided at your second pre-departure session.

- **When can I apply for my student visa?**

You can apply for your visa as soon as you receive your acceptance letter from your host university. Please research what is required of you, before you receive this acceptance, so that you can apply as soon as possible. Please note that for some countries, you may be required to travel to Sydney/Melbourne, attend an interview etc. Please be sure to include your visa application fees in your budget.

- **When can I apply for accommodation?**

Each University has different application processes for accommodation applications. Your (Exchange or Global Learning Office) Adviser will send an email with all instructions and this will include information about housing applications.

- **When do the faculty approve my overseas units?**

You will need to submit a study list to your faculty before you leave. This is a rolling process and there is no date by which you will need to get your study list approved. Your Exchange Adviser will provide detailed information on how to seek approval. Your faculty will not approve any units until the unit handbook for the semester you are going on exchange is available.
You should not enrol in any Host University unit that has not been approved by your Allocated Course Advice Office as you will not receive credit for that unit.

- **What if I need to change a unit?**
  If a unit is full or unavailable when you get to your host university, you will need to find available options and email your Allocated Course Advice Office from overseas to get the unit approved. Please follow the same instructions you used to apply for your first round of unit approvals.

- **When do I apply to my host institution?**
  Once the Global Learning Office has allocated you to a university, you will be emailed with application instructions. Application deadlines vary, so please do not be alarmed that you haven’t received an email containing instructions, even though your friend has. This email is very important as it will also contain details of when you application is due and where you will need to submit it. Some universities will require that you apply online and some require us to mail them the application as a hard copy.

- **When do I receive an outcome of my host university application?**
  Each university will have different deadlines and as such we cannot give specific dates by when you should receive an outcome. Around 50% of students going on exchange at the same time as you will not have received an acceptance by the final pre-departure session (June for those going in semester 2 and November for those going in semester 1). It is for this reason that we ask you do not book any travel until you have your host university acceptance and visa.

- **What are the chances of my application to the host university being rejected?**
  Relatively small. The Global Learning Office has assessed and approved your application based on the criteria listed in the agreement contracts between UWA and the host institution. However, the final decision on whether to admit you lies with the host university.