Financial Aid

With some exceptions, financial aid for eligible students is applied for, awarded by, and disbursed from the campus at which tuition/fees are paid.

Application Process

Apply for exchange through your home campus NSE coordinator. The process includes a non-refundable application fee ($125), a current transcript, letters of recommendation, letter of interest, and a personal interview.

Placement

Most placements are negotiated at the annual conference that is held in early March. NSE coordinators come to the conference prepared to make decisions regarding incoming and outgoing applicants. Your coordinator will attempt to secure placement for you at one of the colleges or universities you have chosen.

Placement Acceptance

Placements are confirmed by signing a Placement Acceptance Form. Upon receipt of the form, the host NSE coordinator will forward enrollment materials which usually include a housing application, an institutional admissions form, and registration information. All materials must be completed and returned by stated deadlines.

Exploring Participation

The following are helpful resources as you consider exchange participation and select an appropriate exchange location.

- Meet with your NSE coordinator.
- Read the Exchange Policies and Procedures at nse.org, Students.
- Review Campus Profiles at nse.org, Students.
- Review member campus catalogs and course descriptions. (links at nse.org)
- Consult your academic advisor.
- Consider how much flexibility you have regarding course selection.
- Discuss participation with parents and significant others.
- Determine if your financial aid resources are sufficient for your exchange.

For more information:

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NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

The National Student Exchange (NSE) provides opportunities for you to study for a semester or a year at another NSE university in the United States, Canada, Guam, and Puerto Rico. With nearly 200 universities from which to choose, you should be able to find a campus with just the right combination of courses, facilities, and environment to meet your personal and academic needs and interests.

Why should you participate in NSE?
- Broaden your educational and personal perspectives.
- Experience and appreciate new cultures
- Take courses not offered by your home campus
- Learn from different professors
- Experience personal growth
- Live in a different geographical region
- Investigate graduate or professional schools
- Look for future employment opportunities
- Become more independent and resourceful

IT’S EASY TO BECOME INVOLVED

Each year more than 2500 students participate in NSE. They continue to make progress toward home campus degree programs while studying in new places, meeting new people, and enrolling in specialized courses or unique academic options which may not be available on their home campuses.

Exchange participation is a privilege, not a right. Listed below are the minimum requirements for NSE participation.
- Full-time student
- Cumulative GPA of at least a 2.75
- Good standing (academic, personal, and financial)
- No incomplete grades

International Options

Many NSE colleges and universities have international or study abroad options which can be accessed through the National Student Exchange Program. Access to these programs requires advanced planning, special arrangements, and in most cases additional expenditures.

Length of Exchange

You may participate in NSE for a single term or a full academic year. The maximum cumulative total for exchange participation may not exceed one calendar year.

Cost

There are two tuition payment plans utilized by NSE.

Under Plan A, you pay the resident (in-state) tuition/fees to your host campus.

Under Plan B, you pay your normal tuition/fees to your home university.

On both tuition payment plans, fees which are assessed as a condition of enrollment (e.g., laboratory courses, general service, computer, technology, art and photography supplies) are paid to your host campus.

Room and meals are always paid to your host campus. You are responsible for transportation, personal expenses, and sightseeing opportunities while on exchange.

For me, going abroad seemed too far away; staying home seemed too close. NSE was the perfect choice!

Lauren Flaherty, Sonoma State University to the University of Northern Colorado