Selection Process for Informatics Subject-Specific Exchanges

The selection process for School/Subject-level exchange programmes in Informatics is based on the same three criteria used for University-wide exchanges:

- Academic record
- Personal statement
- Linguistic suitability

The specific requirements for each criterion are outlined below. The guidance on personal statements and linguistic suitability is identical to that for University-wide exchanges. Selection decisions will be based on these criteria, supplemented by interviews where necessary.

Academic Record

To be eligible for consideration, students must achieve an average grade of B or higher (60%+) in their first year. For partner universities in Switzerland and the USA, a minimum average grade of A (70%+) is required. Greater weight will be given to performance in compulsory courses and courses relevant to the student's degree programme at Edinburgh than to optional outside courses.

To proceed with an exchange, selected students must pass all Year 2 courses at the first sitting and have obtained the full 240 credits by June. These are University-wide exchange requirements.

Students on joint degree programmes are eligible for Informatics subject-specific exchanges provided Informatics is the home subject for their degree programme at Edinburgh.

Personal Statement

Applicants must submit a personal statement addressing the following three aspects:

- Their academic motivation for applying.
- The qualities that would make them a good representative of the University of Edinburgh.
- How the exchange opportunity would benefit them personally.

Applicants should focus on their first-choice destination and give equal weight to each aspect. As exchanges are primarily academic programmes, personal statements should reflect this emphasis. Statements that lack supporting evidence or are AI-generated will not be considered.

Personal statements will be used solely for internal selection purposes.

Linguistic Suitability

Some host institutions offer teaching in languages other than English. Applicants to these institutions must demonstrate the language proficiency required to undertake their studies. Specifically, where the language of instruction is not English, applicants must meet the minimum language proficiency requirements to take up their exchange place.

EDI Statement

The selection process for subject-specific exchanges in Informatics follows an inclusive policy grounded in the principles of equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI). We welcome and encourage applications from students of all backgrounds, including those with protected characteristics, and are committed to ensuring equality of opportunity, removing potential barriers to participation, and promoting fair and equitable treatment of all applicants.