

# #DMUglobal Fund for DSU Societies and Clubs



## Proposal Guidance and FAQs

### *What destination should we choose?*

Choose a location where it is possible for you to participate in your sport or activity. Remember, trips to countries within Europe will receive £150 per person and overseas trips outside Europe will receive £400 per person. Before selecting your destination, please make sure you check [the Foreign and Commonwealth Office \(FCO\) website](#) and [Red24](#) to ensure you are travelling to a safe destination that doesn't put students at risk.

**Examples of successful DSU trips have previously included: Netball Club to St Lucia, Cricket Club to Barbados, and Demon Media to New York.**

### *How do we keep costs down?*

- Avoid booking your trip during school holiday periods.
- Use hostels, these are often cheaper than hotels. You can visit [www.hostelworld.com](http://www.hostelworld.com) which has plenty of hostels to choose from around the world.
- Book flights in advance to get the best deal. Comparison sites such as [www.skyscanner.net](http://www.skyscanner.net) are a good place to start.
- Book all extra activities as a group; this will help you secure a lower price.

### *What activities linked to our society or other should be proposed for the trip?*

- If you are part of a sports society, attend and/or participate in tournaments hosted near your destination, or use any connections your society has to book fixtures.
- If you are part of another type of society, attend conventions or visit exhibitions that may relate to your area of interest.
- Engage in any volunteering opportunities or charity events related to your sport or society, as this is a great way to add international experience to the CVs of all participants.
- Take part in some form of cultural learning while away, which could include visiting museums, major attractions or academic institutions.
- Where possible, make links and work with local universities, clubs, and organisations.
- Make sure you fill up your itinerary and get the most out of your trip!

### *What time of year is best to go?*

In 2018-2019, #DMUglobal trips should take place either between Saturday 6 April 2019 and Sunday 28 April 2019 or between Saturday 1 June 2019 and Saturday 31 August 2019, **Trips are not permitted during term time**. Check the average weather for your proposed destination during the month you are going. You might want to avoid very hot locations during summer.