

# Application sheet for International Short Programs

**Dear student,**

We are pleased that you are applying for an International Short Program (ISP) during your WU studies. An international academic experience is essential for the development of your professional, personal, and social skills. It is important to us to enable as many students as possible to participate in an ISP.

Self-reflection is part of an experience abroad and also of the application process. Please reflect on your own goals, suitable programs, the personal development associated with an ISP, as well as your own involvement in the WU community.

The following questions support you to reflect on aspects associated with participating in an ISP. We recommend starting your personal reflection process as soon as you decide that you would be interested in doing an ISP. That way, you will have enough time until the application period.

During the evaluation of your documents, special attention will be paid to the extent to which you have personally dealt with the questions and expressed a certain degree of self-reflection.

**Please note** that you may use ChatGPT or other AI tools to fill out the questionnaire. However, we expect you to reflect on your own experiences and competencies. Should you be invited to an interview, WU faculty and staff will assess the authenticity of your answers.

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**To apply for an International Short Program**, you must fill out this application sheet. Please use 3-4 sentences (100 words) per question. Your answers and self-reflection will be evaluated by WU faculty members and the ISP team. Typically, pre-selected candidates will be invited to a second round of the application process, consisting of group interviews.

For all ISPs, the assessment criteria will include: your **motivation, engagement, social & intercultural skills, as well as personal impression and overall quality of the application** (extracurricular score).

Together with the **academic score** (GPA), the extracurricular score, will form your total score, which is the basis for allocating spots in the program.

You must upload the following documents:

- Application sheet
  - Curriculum vitae
  - If applicable, proof of prior work experience or similar documents
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Please see the following pages!

**Your name:**

## **1. Motivation**

Why do you want to participate in an International Short Program during your studies, and what academic and personal goals do you aim to achieve through this experience?

Briefly describe the specific reasons why you decided to apply for these respective ISPs / this respective ISP.

If you are applying for more than one ISPs, please argue separately for each preference.

First Preference:

Second Preference:

Third Preference:

I would consider my participation in an ISP successful if ...

## 2. Engagement

Regarding engagement, which activities are you currently undertaking? (such as work, clubs, volunteering, care responsibilities, engagement at WU or outside WU, ...)

What skills or lessons have you learned from these extracurricular activities or work experiences that you believe will be valuable during your time abroad?

## 3. Social and Intercultural Skills

Have you had previous experiences interacting with individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds?  
If so, what did you learn from those experiences?

What cultural challenges do you anticipate, and how do you plan to overcome them?  
(such as home sickness, culture shock, ...)

After the International Short Program, how do you think you would benefit from this experience personally?