

# Circular 33/12

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## Suggested Distribution

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## Summary

This Circular provides details of new Saltire Scholarships funding for outward student mobility. The application form and an information note, both produced by the Scottish Government, are attached.

## Action

Note the contents of the attached Saltire Scholarships documents and the application deadline of midnight, 24 August 2012.

## Attachments

Annex A: Information Note on Saltire Scholarships for Outward Mobility

Annex B: Application Form for Saltire Scholarships for Outward Mobility

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## Reference

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## Saltire Scholarships funding for outward student mobility

### Summary

The Scottish Government is extending the Saltire Scholarships scheme to offer some funding, on a competitive basis, for initiatives that support outward student mobility. Details have now been made available to institutions; an Information Note issued by the Scottish Government is attached as Annex A. The application form is attached as Annex B. Note that the deadline for applications (to the Scottish Government) is 24 August 2012. **You are asked not to publicise this scheme more widely at this stage**, as it has not yet been publicly announced.

### Background

The aim of this new fund is to increase the numbers of home students who undertake study or training overseas, which is believed to enhance the employability of graduates in an internationalised job market. All members of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) are committed to encouraging mobility, as part of the Bologna Process.

### Saltire Scholarships for Outward Mobility

The new funding will be awarded on a match funded basis. It is intended to complement existing European support for outward mobility by financing

- mobility for individual students (to be described as Saltire Scholars) *or*
- structures within institutions and student associations to support outwardly mobile students

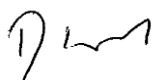
As detailed in Annex A, this funding is available to support:

- short periods of mobility within the EHEA *or*
- mobility of any duration within Canada, China, India and the USA.

Applications should also demonstrate:

- an impact on widening access to mobility *and*
- a plan for continuing the relevant scheme beyond the period of funding.

A total fund of £130,000 will be available. There is no minimum or maximum bid. Work is expected to be undertaken during AY 2012-13, with funding to be claimed by 1 March 2013. The deadline for applications is **24 August 2012**.



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