



The following is a list of countries that ESSEX exchanges with in 2020-21. Country assignments are made based on your qualifications and country availability at the time completed application is received. PLEASE choose 5 countries, ranking your preferences from 1-5. If you don't meet the criteria for a country, please don't include it in your selection. Post Graduates must meet age requirements.

Updated on 10 October 2019

Please advise all students at the interview that they need to apply for their passport immediately. ESSEX is requiring that all applications include a valid passport. A student cannot be placed until there is a copy of a valid passport. A passport must be good until February 2021 to be valid.

Country	Age Limits at the time of arrival	Accept Post Graduate	Language/ Educational Requirement/ Other	Insurance Requirement	Students Top Five Choices Mark 1,2,3,4,5
Argentina	15-18.0	Yes – Only if they are under 18 when they arrive in Argentina	At least 40 hours of Spanish learning (if student has to study Spanish, it is at the student's expense), Emergency Fund (\$500), optional tours available. Student will need to get student visa to enter the country.	Local (\$750) plus CISI Bolduc A, Some districts accept CISI Bolduc B	
Australia	15-17.0	No	July 15-22 arrival	Local (\$430) plus CISI Bolduc A	
Austria	Born between 1/Mar/02 - 31/Jul/05	Maybe	Mandatory language camp (€500), optional tours available, arrival date before August 5	Local (€690) plus CISI Bolduc A	
Belgium	16.5-under 19 by 8/1/20	Yes	Preferably no VEGETARIANS (Depends on host families), optional tours available	1 District Local plus CISI Bolduc A, 2 districts accept CISI Bolduc B	
Bolivia	16-18.5	Yes	Mandatory trip (\$1200), optional trip to Machu Pichu (\$800), \$500 Emergency Fund	CISI Bolduc B	
Bosnia	15 – 18.5	Yes		Local plus CISI Bolduc A	
Brazil	15-under 19 by 8/1/20	Yes/Undergraduates preferred	Some districts have language camps (\$150-800) but all students should begin studying Portuguese as soon as they are selected. Various tours offered (2000-5000).	CISI Bolduc B	
Canada	15-17y11m	No	Quebec Province, French Speaking only.	Local plus CISI Bolduc A	
Chile	15-18.0	No	3 Optional tours available (\$1200-1400 each)	CISI Bolduc B	
Colombia	15-18.0	No	Parental Travel Permission Form required	CISI Bolduc B	

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Croatia	15.5- 17.5 by 8/1/19	No	Language Camp (\$400), Optional tours offered, school expenses (\$500)	May use CISI Bolduc B, but will need to pay and then request reimbursement	
Czech Rep /Slovakia	15.5-under 19 by 9/1/20	Yes/undergrads preferred	Two optional trips offered, €300 Emergency Fund, school expenses (\$500)	Local (€500) plus CISI Bolduc A	
Denmark	16-17.5	No	Residency Permit (approx. \$275), voluntary Eurotour (\$1,750)	CISI Bolduc B	
Ecuador	15-under 17y11m	Yes	Mandatory Language Camp (approx. \$500), 3 trips: Amazon approx. \$890 and Galapagos approx. \$1500 optional; Ecuador tour, approx \$900 - student pays 50%.	CISI Bolduc B	
Estonia	16-17.5	Yes, possibly	Students attend first a 1-week language camp in Finland (no charge), 1 mandatory trip (\$600), Optional trip to St. Petersburg (\$300). Optional Eurotour (\$2500).	CISI Bolduc B	
Finland	16-17.5	Yes, possibly	Students attend first a 1-week language camp (no charge), 1 mandatory trip (\$600), Optional trip to St. Petersburg (\$300). Optional Eurotour (\$2500).	CISI Bolduc B	
France	15-18y0m by 8/26/20	A few districts will accept post grads	1 yr. French. NO VEGETARIANS. A copy of the student's and parents' essays in French must accompany the applications if France is the student's first choice. Optional tours available.	Local plus CISI Bolduc A	
Germany ***	16-17.5	No	It is expected that a student arrives with a basic knowledge of German. Some districts are requiring the purchase of Rosetta Stone. Some districts require a language camp, possible additional cost. Optional tours available. Learning German and getting involved in their host families and the German culture is very important. Strict rules on independent travel and family visits. Will not accept Home-Schooled Students	Local plus CISI Bolduc A	
Hungary	15.5-18.0 by 9/1/20	No	Language Camp (\$400), optional tours available, emergency fund (\$300), 1 st week of August arrival	CISI Bolduc B	
Iceland	16-17.5	No	Visa Costs (\$200), optional Eurotour (approximately €2,000)	Local (\$950) plus CISI Bolduc A	
India	15-18.5	Yes	Mid July Departure. Optional tours may be available	CISI Bolduc B	
Italy	16-18.0	Yes	Must have basic Italian upon arrival. Optional tours available. Must learn Italian and good school performance is expected.	Local (€300) plus CISI Bolduc A	
Indonesia	15-17	Yes	None	Local (\$620) plus CISI Bolduc A	
Japan	15-18.0	No	Some districts require a language camp. Usually 2 or 3 trips (up to ¥100,000)	Local insurance (\$2500) plus CISI Bolduc A.	
Mexico	15-18.5	No	Basic understanding of Spanish required	CISI Bolduc B	

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Norway	16-17.5	No	Language Camp (approx. \$425), optional ski trip (\$425), Optional Eurotour (approx. \$2,400).	CISI Bolduc B	
Paraguay	15-18.5	Yes	3 Mandatory Camps (\$300 total), Optional Language Course (\$200), Optional trips available	CISI Bolduc B	
Peru	15-18.0	Yes	3 Day Camp (\$90), Optional tours available.	Local (\$650) plus CISI Bolduc A.	
Poland	15 - 17.5 by 9/1/19	No	Mandatory Trips (€500-€1200), Optional tours available, \$300 Emergency Fund, Arrive before Aug 10	Local plus CISI Bolduc A	
Romania	15-18.5	Yes	None	CISI Bolduc B	
Spain ***	16-17.5	No	2 years of Spanish and above average grades. Optional trips available. Any medications or serious illnesses, physical or mental that are NOT reported on the application must be reported prior to departure. Students will be sent home for not report any new medical conditions. Very strict rules on independent travel and family visits.	Local plus CISI Bolduc A	
South Korea	15-18.5	No	Language Class 3 times a week. Optional trips available (up to \$2,500). Students are asked to bring \$2,500 with them.	CISI Bplduc B	
Sweden	16-17.5	No	Language Camp \$300	CISI Bolduc B	
Switzerland	16-17.5	No	Must have studied French or German. 3-week language camp is compulsory. Students can be exempted from this language camp when they have studied German/French 3 years or more (after an online language test). Approx. 800 Swiss Francs. To be placed in French speaking area, student must speak excellent French and be an outstanding student. On-line Rosetta Stone free to inbounds. Optional trips available. Switzerland is one of the most expensive countries in Europe (expensive to go there as an exchange student). Very strict rules on independent travel and family visits.	Local (\$925) plus CISI Bolduc A	
Taiwan	15-18.5	Yes	Self Study Language course. Optional tours (up to \$1000)	Some Districts require their own insurance plus CISI Bolduc A. Some district will accept CISI Bolduc B	
Thailand	15 -18.5	Yes	Some areas have required sightseeing trips at additional cost. Optional tours available. Students must be aware of the culture. Girls will usually have someone with them everywhere. Extra body piercings and tattoos are forbidden and cannot be exposed. A sense of humor and pleasant attitude are highly regarded. A loss of face or public embarrassment is taken seriously. Thai are a reserved people and usually consider criticism of others to be in poor taste. Speaking loudly or showing anger is public is offensive. Cleverness is admired and personal connections are seen as important in achieving success and wealth.	Some Districts require their own insurance plus CISI Bolduc A. Some district will accept CISI Bolduc B	
Turkey	16-18.5	Yes	Mandatory trips (\$1620) and two other optional tours available (approx. \$350-\$500 each)	Local (\$900) plus CISI Bolduc A	
Netherlands	15-18.5	No	Visa - €615, Mandatory Insurance - €425, Program Fee (€100), DOC (€375), Mandatory Language Camp - €375 – These fees due by 15 June	Local plus CISI Bolduc A	

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			2017. Mandatory Tour - €1,200 – paid later. (All costs in Euros)		
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***** Application cannot be sent to host country without a copy of a valid passport,**

Iceland, the Netherlands, Norway, and Sweden can only be a 1st choice. You cannot use these countries for choices 2-5. You can only have 1 of this countries on your selection list.

Selections of District Chair for this Student are:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Signature of Chair sending application: _____

Signature of Student _____

I understand I could be sent to any my country selections.

All prices are approximate as of 26 September 2017. They are subject to change.