

7 tips for studying abroad during COVID-19



What you need to know about charting a new course for your child?

Despite the uncertain climate, the value of an overseas education remains undiminished. By enrolling your child in a top-tier university or boarding school, you can support their career ambitions, develop their creativity, and prime them for future success. HSBC is here to support your family as the next generation sets out to follow their dreams. Here are some expert guidelines on how to navigate the process in the COVID-19 era.

1. Start preparing well ahead of time

Besides two years' worth of transcripts for the US, both UK and US schools require some combination of teacher recommendations, academic assessments, and interviews.

2. Nurture your child's critical-thinking abilities

UK schools want candidates who can apply critical-thinking skills, while US schools look for students who exhibit maturity, critical thinking, and resilience.

3. Standardised tests may be optional

If your child doesn't take a standardised test, then transcripts, essays, and teacher recommendations will be key to assessing their suitability.

4. Continue to develop your child's passions

Candidates can highlight the activities that they were able to pursue despite pandemic restrictions. This will showcase their adaptability and perseverance.

5. In-person tours might not be possible

Given travel regulations, you can turn to school websites, virtual tours, and personal endorsements to assess whether a school is a good fit.

6. Interviews will happen virtually

This may work to your child's advantage, as many children feel far more at ease being interviewed in a home setting.

7. Inspire your child to be flexible

Schools are constantly adjusting their operations in response to the COVID-19 situation. Hence, your child will need to be comfortable with change.

The best inheritance is knowledge. A high-quality overseas education can provide future generations with the necessary tools to flourish regardless of the circumstances.

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