

Erasmus Policy Statement

Cardiff Metropolitan University's Internationalisation Strategy seeks to establish a balance between the motivation of enhancing revenue, attracting human resources, developing cultural understanding, and equipping students, business and the professions to succeed in the global market place.

Cardiff Metropolitan University's Internationalisation Strategy is not geographically-bound – it establishes a broad framework which encourages the development of the international complexion and international appeal of Cardiff Metropolitan University irrespective of geographic location. Our existing partners are partners who demonstrate compatibility in academic provision, who are experienced and / or eager to participate in mobility exchange, and demonstrate the capacity to cooperate on a sustainable level with our institution.

Cardiff Metropolitan University's Internationalisation Strategy is seen as being both student-centred and aimed at developing Cardiff Metropolitan University's international profile through research and partnership work.

The key objectives of the Strategy are set out below:

- To enhance student employability through the internationalisation of curricula
- To promote the recruitment of staff from outside of the UK
- To develop a more balanced distribution of overseas students between Schools & programmes, and increase the number of non-UK EU students
- To encourage international research activity amongst staff and doctoral students
- To deliver enterprise services to non UK-based customers
- To increase outgoing mobility

Target Group: Students

Cardiff Metropolitan University's Learning, Teaching & Assessment Strategy recognises that students who learn in an environment where diverse perspectives are fostered and appreciated will develop generic skills that are sought by employers: critical thinking, communication, problem-solving and being a team player. Curricula need to be inclusive and culturally responsive, and help students understand the global context of their studies and to operate effectively in international professional environments.

Employability through mobility is a very important theme especially in the current economic climate and exploring innovative ways of promoting opportunities for European and international mobility to Cardiff Metropolitan University students is a great focus of the strategy. One of the most tangible ways that students can gain international experience is by studying abroad or through an overseas work placement.

Target Group: Researchers

For Cardiff Metropolitan University the primary purpose of undertaking research within an international context is to extend Cardiff Metropolitan University's research culture. Whilst leaving the door open to the possibility of developing corporately-led internationally research partnerships, this Strategy focuses on the need to support individual researchers and research groups work in an international context, particularly in Europe.

Target Group: Staff

The strategy includes importance on international complexion amongst its staff in order to help rejuvenate teaching and research capacity; recruit a better calibre of staff; introduction of different teaching styles and content and development of research and teaching collaborations.

Visiting staff arrangements (both incoming and outgoing) contribute to internationalisation strategy. Cardiff Metropolitan University has an established framework for receiving visiting staff and has recently developed a more strategic approach to this matter. To promote this initiative centrally, Cardiff Metropolitan University has secured several Erasmus Mundus Programme, part of which is directed to facilitate visiting staff or facilitate Cardiff Metropolitan University staff taking-on a visiting role abroad.

An important consideration for Cardiff Metropolitan University is the means by which European funding for research, educational programmes and enterprise can be used in its own right as a means of internationalisation but also as a 'route' to internationalisation both within and beyond the 27 members of the EU. Since 2008 Cardiff Metropolitan University has developed good links with the Wales Higher Education Brussels (WHEB) Office and the Europe Unit set up by Universities UK. It is also recognised that Higher Education Wales (HEW) has confirmed that it will approach Convergence Funding in a co-ordinated way and Cardiff Metropolitan University wishes to play its full part in this collaborative process. A European Projects Director, Erasmus Coordinator and an International Development Team of 8 persons all work on delivering the strategy centrally.

Cardiff Metropolitan University has a well-established transnational education provision in partnership with European and overseas universities. We currently operate double degrees with Lebanon, Egypt and Bulgaria.