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Connecting global institutions all over the world

We are Gold. Awarded a TEF Gold rating for our outstanding teaching.
Nottingham is in the top 75 universities worldwide. We currently have over 45,000 students, including 11,500 at our international campuses. Our Global community comes from more than 150 different countries.

Our pioneering spirit has seen us lead the way in establishing campuses in China and Malaysia, forging lasting partnerships around the world to extend our global reach, impact and networks of education, research and industrial engagement.

We are a member of the Russell Group in the UK and of Universitas 21 internationally. These two prestigious consortia of universities acknowledge the quality of education we provide and the world class research we produce.

Our long standing links with institutions worldwide enable us to build outstanding research relationships, teaching partnerships, study abroad and exchange links. These are supported throughout the University and recognised as enhancing both the student experience and faculty links.

Our global connections are at the heart of what we do as a University. Our ambition for the future is to create partnerships with the very best institutions across the globe.

Professor Nick Miles OBE
Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Global Engagement

Professor Miles was Provost of the University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC) between 2010 and 2015. Previously he was Dean of Science and Engineering at the University of Nottingham UK. In 2013 he received the Camilla Award from the City of Ningbo in recognition of developing international education, the Zhejiang Province Friendship award in 2014 and an OBE for services to UK/China educational interests in Her Majesty The Queen’s 2013 Birthday Honours list.
Our Office of Global Engagement supports and develops relationships with key partners globally. We are strengthening and devolving our existing links to create a small number of key strategic partnerships focused on:

- World-changing research
- Innovative teaching collaborations
- International capacity building projects
- Pioneering international projects

Our team in the Office for Global Engagement provides intensive support for teaching partnerships from the initiation of the partnership, right through to the finalisation of a Memorandum of Agreement. They are able to liaise with departments to develop appropriate links, ensure compliance with institutional frameworks and support students interested in following programs. Each partnership is unique and levels of support are tailored so that there is maximum benefit for all involved.

To date, there are more than 75 active teaching partnerships with higher learning institutions all over the world, serving more than 1,000 international students annually. Apart from maintaining and increasing partnership agreements with our existing partners, we aim to forge partnerships in both key priority markets and non-traditional markets. Teaching partnerships take many forms from joint and dual PhD awards, articulation and progression arrangements to courses that are taught overseas by our Nottingham academics (sometimes called flying faculty programmes).

We have worked actively in international collaborations and exchanges for nearly two decades. We believe our expertise, track record and dedication to internationalisation make us an ideal academic partner for overseas institutions.

We are very proud to work with some of the best universities in the world but we are also very keen to talk to universities about new collaboration ideas. Please contact us on global@nottingham.ac.uk.

Achieving success through Teaching Partnerships

Strengthening international collaboration
We are always keen to hear from prospective partners to explore collaborative opportunities. We actively encourage our researchers to seek collaboration with the best institutions in the world. This is accomplished by collaboration and knowledge exchange between our far-reaching international partners. We passionately believe that international challenges are best addressed by our transdisciplinary ethos.

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### Case studies

#### Teaching in collaboration, Nottingham and Thammasat University, Thailand

The University of Nottingham and Thammasat University in Thailand have been working together for more than 20 years. In Engineering, this partnership gives students the ability to complete a dual degree with two years in Thailand and two years at Nottingham. Attracting over 40 students per year across all the Engineering disciplines, this partnership continues to enrich the lives and the global experiences of the students and staff involved.

#### Forging new horizons with Lund University, Sweden

The University of Nottingham and Lund University in Sweden have been working closely together for a number of years creating world-leading research projects, attracting research funding and publishing together. The relationship has involved joint investments from both partners; joint training initiatives, as well as staff and student exchanges. Through this collaboration, Lund University will contribute to the Nottingham MAX-IV synchrotron, a next-generation radiation facility, in Sweden.

#### Landmark Collaborative Agreement in Drug Discovery: The Nottingham/CAPES Drug Discovery program

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#### Africa Hidden Hunger: working in Africa, capacity building

Professor Martin Broadley (School of Biosciences) is leading research efforts to combat “hidden hunger” in sub-Saharan Africa. Mineral micronutrient deficiencies (such as zinc and selenium) are widespread in this region and have a major detrimental effect on health, wellbeing, economic growth and efforts to alleviate poverty. Professor Broadley leads a major Royal Society-DFID Capacity Building for Africa project, in partnership with the British Geological Survey and institutions in Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe, to establish and sustain doctoral training capacity in sub-Saharan Africa to tackle hidden hunger.

#### Forming national consortiums to establish international agreements

The University of Nottingham in collaboration with the University of Birmingham joined together in 2014 to form a truly distinctive partnership with FAPESP, the research funder of the state of Sao Paulo in Brazil. A three way research pump priming fund into which the three organisations have invested £980,000 starting in June. The fund is open to all research disciplines and faculties to establish a collaborative relationship with a fellow researcher in their domain from a University in the state of Sao Paulo. To date this fund has enabled research from Quantum physics, Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Epigenetics amongst others to forge exciting new research links, between researchers, between institutions and between countries.

#### Engineering collaboration with Virginia Tech

Since 2009, the University of Nottingham and Virginia Tech in the US have formed a successful and highly productive research and teaching relationship. The partnership covers research in areas such as propulsion, power electronics, bio materials and polymers, human factors & virtual reality, advanced manufacturing and autonomous systems for geospatial and geo-energy/mining. With cumulative investment of around $1.3M, this has led to around 25 joint publications, 2 joint funding proposals submitted with several under development, 14 graduate students jointly supervised since 2013 and 25 student research exchanges from 2015 – 2017. In 2016, two permanent Associate Professor-level VT-UoN joint Faculty positions were established. Both institutions recognize the research excellence and global impact which has resulted through this collaboration and will continue to pursue opportunities to strengthen the partnership.

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With over 250 study abroad partners worldwide, we have one of the largest student mobility programmes in the UK and an ambition to send 30% of our undergraduate students overseas by 2020. This requires us to seek prestigious university partners who can facilitate student exchanges and offer a world-class education with a new perspective for our students.

The Office of Global Engagement leads on the development of new exchange partnerships and can advise Schools and Departments on the creation of student exchange agreements, how best to undertake curriculum mapping for potential partners and due diligence requirements to assess the suitability of partners to manage a successful programme.

Our support for international partners includes advice on arrangements for incoming students to Nottingham from initial nomination through to assessment and completion of their study period as well as agreement negotiations and hosting site visits. We are currently looking to diversify our range of international opportunities for students and are keen to liaise with both new and current partners who may be able to offer short term or summer-based programmes in addition to semester or year-long exchange.

In order to develop our own learning and to share best practice, the Office hosts an annual staff training programme on the theme of internationalisation for European and international institutional partners where we share our experiences and welcome our partners who also share their ideas and challenges when working internationally.

I’ve always wanted to study abroad because I never had the chance to travel or try something radically different before coming to university. So when I learned of Nottingham’s fantastic international network and broad range of study abroad opportunities, I did not hesitate to apply.

As an International Relations student wishing to pursue a career in the British Diplomatic Service, I wanted to build my international acumen and develop a global mindset. I studied abroad at the University of Hong Kong during my second year and travelled to seven countries around Asia, making the most of my tuition fee reduction for the year and a nationally competitive British Council scholarship that I won. Travelling gave me a glimpse of how other people lived, and taking the Nottingham Advantage Award module on Intercultural Awareness while I was abroad had equipped me with the skills to reflect more deeply upon my experiences.

As well as making many lifelong friends, I also learned more about myself. As a British born Chinese whose parents came from Hong Kong, spending time to immerse myself in my ‘second home’ gave me a better sense of my background, character, and core values.

Upon returning to Nottingham, I’ve been working enthusiastically with the Office of Global Engagement for the past two years to promote study abroad opportunities to others. Studying abroad has been a special and invaluable experience to me, so I wanted to share it with as many students as I could. Not only has it created many fond memories and enhanced my skills, it also enabled me to become a finalist in the 2015 Undergraduate of the Year Award, win a year-long industrial placement with L’Oréal in London, and ultimately helped to reach my goal of starting my dream career in the Diplomatic Service.

Leon Man
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Meet the Office of Global Engagement

John Quirk
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John leads the Office of Global Engagement and support the Pro-Vice-Chancellor in the delivery of the wider internationalisation objectives within the University’s Strategy 2020. These include objectives around international partnerships, relationships with overseas governments and sponsors, and student mobility (including to the University’s two campuses in Asia).

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Helen leads the teaching partnership development team supporting current teaching partnerships and supporting schools to develop new links. Founder of the UK International Teaching Partnership Forum.

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Gail leads the study abroad team supporting the development of new global partnerships for student exchange and developing strategies to increase the opportunities for international experiences for Nottingham students.

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