

Universitas 21 Mobility at The University of Nottingham

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The Universitas 21 Network of Student Mobility

Outgoing students have risen by at least 20% each year in the last 3 years

In 2005 the number of students participating in mobility across the network reached 1380. Nottingham accounts for 10% of this mobility

By 2008 it is anticipated that nearly 2500 students will be participating in mobility with more than 80 of these students within research

A network of student mobility co-ordinators meets on an annual basis to develop opportunities for student mobility, implement network policy and share best practice

Universitas 21 at Nottingham

Universitas 21 Staff Fellowships

It has been agreed that a small number of U21 Fellowships be established at Nottingham to permit staff to spend a period at a partner institution in pursuit of a research or teaching based project.

The main elements of the scheme are as follows:

- Support for staff release should normally be for up to 3 months
- Support will take the form of an element for replacement teaching to be released to the relevant School plus travel and subsistence costs for the staff member visiting the U21 partner institution.
- There will be resources for two U21 Fellowships available each year. Schools can, of course, contribute from their own funds which will enable the number of Fellowships to be extended.
- Proposals will require the support of the Head of School and will be considered by a U21 Steering Group chaired by Professor Tallack as Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Internationalisation. The Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Staffing will be asked to consider the leave of absence request at the same time.
- Staff given support as a U21 Fellow will be required to report on the period of the Fellowship and assist as appropriate in raising the profile of the U21 network. During the period of the Fellowship, the staff member would be expected to give a talk at the host institution on the University of Nottingham as a U21 destination.

Undergraduate Student Mobility

In 2005 we were the 5th largest participant in the Universitas 21 mobility scheme with our students undertaking 125 semester places at U21 partners

Universitas 21 mobility accounts for approximately 25% of our outgoing exchange students at Nottingham

In 2006 the first team from both the China and Malaysia campuses participated in the Universitas 21 Summer School at Hong Kong University

Universitas 21 Prize Scholarship for Graduate Research

Up to twenty U21 Prize Scholarships of £500 to £1,000 are offered to full and part time PhD students to participate in U21 mobility by spending a period of a month at a U21 partner institution.

The scheme is open to all postgraduate research students currently registered who are not yet in the writing-up or thesis-pending period

Successful applicants are required to write a report on their period of study at the partner U21 institution, and give a presentation at a School or Departmental seminar.

Levels of Support

up to £500 for visits within the UK
up to £1000 for visits outside the UK

11 successful applicants in 2006-7 with 2 PhD students from the Health Sciences area visiting UNSW and Queensland

Universitas 21 Prize Scholarship

The scheme is intended to have the following benefits:

Research students will be able to broaden and deepen their programme of study by having access to colleagues and resources in other research-intensive, international universities

Winning a U21 Prize Scholarship will be a valuable addition to a research student's c/v and may also lead to additional esteem factors, such as invitations to conferences or to publish, and possibly job opportunities

For Schools, the scheme may have the following benefits:

It may help strengthen existing, or lead to new, staff collaborations between Schools/Departments at Nottingham and at other U21 institutions

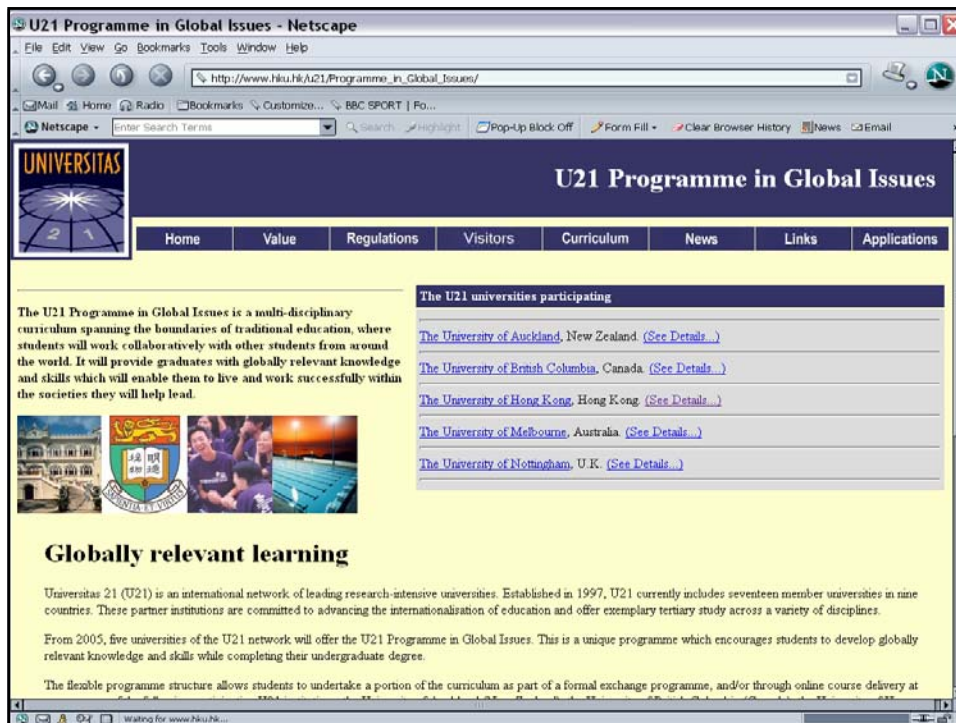
Advertising in promotional material that research students coming to a School/Department at Nottingham would be eligible to apply for funding to include a research stay at another leading international university may assist recruitment in a competitive market

Universitas 21 Certificate in Global Issues

“a multi-disciplinary curriculum spanning the boundaries of traditional education, where students will work collaboratively with other students from around the world.”

Students choose 4 courses within the participating universities’ options either online or face to face during an exchange period – i.e. mobility does not always have to mean moving countries

Some students receive this as extra credit whilst others might build the modules into their degree programme



Universitas 21 Certificate in Global Issues Student Comments



"The programme is a great, innovative one. I have never imagined that an educational programme can be co-organized by five universities together."

"I'm still loving the fact that I share a virtual classroom with such a mix of students from all over the world. Other strengths include: engaging, up-to-date information and links, prompt and detailed feedback, interesting subject topics, great interactive discussions & exposure to others' ideas."

"I thought that there was a risk with an online subject that people wouldn't give it much effort or thought because you can hide behind a computer screen, but in reality the involvement level is probably better than in most of the 'real' classes I have been in."

Nottingham Student Mobility in Health Sciences



Undergraduate Student Mobility

Biosciences
Biomedical Sciences
Neuroscience
Pharmacy

Postgraduate Student Mobility

Available in all areas where an agreed study plan can be approved



Areas where we would like to see greater mobility

Medicine
Nursing
Physiotherapy
Psychology
Veterinary Medicine

Student Mobility Report 2006

Current Level of Health Sciences Participation in mobility:

Full: None
Moderate: 1
Low: 8
No participation: 3
No answer: 5

Target for Health Sciences Participation by 2008:

Full: None
Moderate: 6
Low: 5
No participation: 1
No answer: 5