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International Partnerships Newsletter

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Welcome to the first edition!

The aim of this newsletter is to keep you up-to-date with the latest news from the international collaborations at the university. Read about Transnational Education (TNE) activity at the University of Greenwich: an overview, award nominations, staff, students, alumni and collaborations successes with overseas partners.

We also want to hear about you, so please share your stories, successes, events or pictures in our next editions. Send your contributions to us at: IPO@gre.ac.uk

Welcome address and definitions



Pro Vice-Chancellor
International and
Head of Faculty
of Engineering
and Science

The University of Greenwich is very proud of the work it undertakes with all of its academic partners overseas. The University is strongly committed to providing all of its students and partners with a highest quality education provision. Our staff work hard to ensure that the education delivered in country meets the highest standards of quality assurance. As an example of our commitment we are working with our partners to train their staff so they may gain professional teaching qualifications which are recognised by the UK Higher Education Academy.

Our link tutors and academic staff make every effort to support the academic staff of our partners and our dedicated teams of external examiners provide strong independent verification of our work and the quality of our degrees.

We are currently embarking on a series of partner reviews to look at what aspects of the partnership we can truly celebrate and also to identify where we can help to make the educational experience of our international students studying in-country even better.

I hope that you find this newsletter to be informative and helpful. We would like you to keep in touch with us, so please do drop us a line ipo@Greenwich.ac.uk to let us know how you are getting on, or indeed, if we can help you in any way.

Martin Snowden

What is Transnational Education?

“ Transnational Education (TNE) is a component of the wider phenomenon of the internationalisation of education. The general principal of TNE is that students can study towards a foreign qualification without leaving their home country; meaning that the programmes and providers cross national and regional borders, not generally the student.

McNamara, J., Dr Knight, J., and Dr Fernandez-Chung, R. M. (2013). *The Shape Of Things To Come 2: The Evolution Of Transnational Education*. British Council, pp. 6. ”

The University of Greenwich approves several different types of collaborative programme:

- ✔ **Franchised programmes:** this refers to *existing* (or sometimes, *modified versions of existing*) University of Greenwich programmes which have been approved for delivery on campus, and which may also be approved ('franchised') for delivery by an external partner.
- ✔ **Validated programmes:** these are *new* programmes designed and developed by a partner (or jointly with the University of Greenwich), using the University of Greenwich's protocols, which are then approved ('validated') by the University for delivery by that partner as a University of Greenwich award. The University of Greenwich remains responsible for the standard of the programmes and of the awards.
- ✔ **Externally validated programmes:** these are programmes devised and developed by a partner to its own specifications and approved ('validated') by the University of Greenwich as equivalent to a University of Greenwich award. The University of Greenwich monitors the standard of the programmes and of the awards granted in its name.
- ✔ **Articulation agreement:** they involves a formal link between the UoG and an external partner, providing a guarantee that a cohort of students who achieve an agreed standard in a programme at the partner will be able to progress to a particular stage of an award-bearing programme in the UoG, provided there is a close curriculum 'fit' for articulation purposes. Students may gain an exit award from the partner at the point of transfer to the UoG, although this is not always the case.

An overview of TNE at Greenwich 2014/15

✓ TNE collaborations in 23 countries

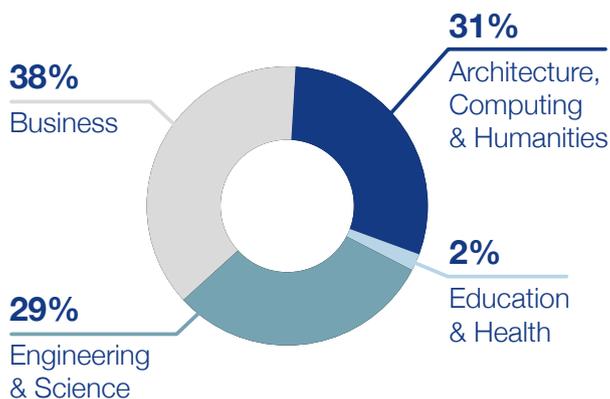
✓ 51 programmes covering 11 subjects

✓ A total of 16,463 University of Greenwich students are studying wholly overseas



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| 1 Albania | 9 Ghana | 17 Singapore |
| 2 Bangladesh | 10 Greece | 18 Sri Lanka |
| 3 Botswana | 11 Hong Kong | 19 Tanzania |
| 4 China | 12 Kenya | 20 Thailand |
| 5 Czech Republic | 13 Malawi | 21 Trinidad and Tobago |
| 6 Egypt | 14 Malaysia | 22 Vietnam |
| 7 Ethiopia | 15 Myanmar | 23 Zambia |
| 8 France | 16 Netherlands | |

International partners with the largest student numbers



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Partner	Country	Total Students Registered 2014-'15
October University for Modern Sciences and Arts	Egypt	5599
SEGI University and Colleges	Malaysia	4313
FPT University	Vietnam	779
Zambia Centre for Accountancy Studies	Zambia	597
School of Business & Computer Science	Trinidad & Tobago	584
Hong Kong Management Association	Hong Kong	564
New York Colleges/ Universities of New York	Greece, Czech Republic & Albania	490
ERC Institute	Singapore	479
Yunnan University of Finance and Economics	China	448
International Leadership Institute	Ethiopia	269

Times Higher Education nomination and distinction



We are delighted to have been shortlisted for three prestigious prizes in the 2016 Times Higher Education (THE) Leadership & Management Awards.

“This unprecedented number of nominations for the university illustrates the energy, expertise and enthusiasm of our staff. They provide excellent services to students in the UK and around the globe. I am enormously proud of them.”

**Professor David Maguire,
university Vice-Chancellor**

The publication has named Greenwich as a contender for top prizes in the categories of:

- Outstanding International Strategy
- Outstanding Library Team
- Outstanding Departmental Administration

Global Greenwich, an initiative to extend the university’s qualifications to students around the world, is in the running for the Outstanding International Strategy award.

Greenwich is the UK’s leading provider of transnational education, with 16,400 students studying in 40 partner institutions. From Albania to Zambia, they come together in one community, supported by high-quality training for their lecturers, full-time Greenwich staff on the ground, summer schools, joint symposia, PhD scholarships and shared research.

The specialist staff behind the university’s new Stockwell Street Library are on the shortlist for the Outstanding Library Team award. They support the learning of over 10,000 students, offering state-of-the-art technology and academic skills training alongside

an extensive collection of books and journals, in a multi award-winning contemporary building.

The Employability Team in the Business School has been shortlisted for the university’s third award: Outstanding Departmental Administration team. It has boosted the career opportunities of over 3,000 students, offering personalised one-to-one support services, including CV workshops, interview training, career mentoring, internships and placements. This is backed by an innovative Employability Dashboard, a one-stop shop for students to keep track of all the support open to them, make appointments and search for vacancies

Greenwich has been a regular at Times Higher Education awards ceremonies in recent years. Its Natural Resources Institute won the prize for Outstanding International Collaboration in 2014 and it has won eight other THE awards.

Most international universities on the planet



Greenwich has been named as one of the “most international” universities on the planet by Times Higher Education magazine.

It is ranked among the 200 institutions with the most global outlook, recognising that Greenwich is an international player in terms of attracting staff, students and research collaborations from around the world.

Nearly 5,500 international and EU students from 176 countries choose to study at Greenwich, one of the UK’s most popular destinations for students from India and Nigeria.

In addition, over 16,400 students are taking University of Greenwich qualifications at one of 38 partner academic institutions in 29 countries.

One of the university’s strengths is its portfolio of international research activities, working with major global donors, government organisations and corporations such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the European Space Agency and BAE Systems.

The Times Higher Education ranking recognises the university’s many international research collaborations with academics outside the UK. These include Queen’s Anniversary Prize-winning research and development led by the Natural Resources Institute (NRI) on cassava, a tropical root crop.

International collaborations: staff focus

Meet some of the staff involved:

UoG International Office Partnerships team based in the UK



Aisling Conboy

International Partnerships Director



David Wallace

International Compliance and Contracts Officer



Helen Armstrong

International Partnerships Manager, Europe and China



Christophe Castiglioni

International Partnerships Manager, Asia (except China)



Basirat Agboola

Partnerships Manager: Africa, Middle East, Americas



Alan Dudley

International Partnerships Administrative Assistant



Irene Barranco Garcia

Collaborations, Compliance and Copyright Manager Library Services UoG, London

Irene studied Library and Information Science in the University of Alcalá de Henares in Madrid, the city where she was born.

Irene moved to London in 2002 where she has lived ever since and has always worked in libraries.

She joined the University of Greenwich in 2008 as an Academic Librarian supporting subjects in Humanities and Social Sciences. Since 1 November 2015 Irene has held the position of Collaboration, Compliance and Copyright Manager within the Information and Library Services department, offering support to students and staff in partner institutions. Although new to her role, Irene hopes to highlight all the information resources available to students around the globe, offering them support using current technology.

Staff working at UOG partners



Mona Afifi

Director of Quality Assurance and Audit Unit, October University for Modern Sciences and Arts, Egypt

'My name is Mona Afifi, my life concept is building and investing in the future youth. I am really glad and honored to be invited to write in this prestigious newsletter.

I would like to share that I have been working in October University for Modern Sciences and Arts (MSA Egypt) since 1998, two years after its establishment in 1996.

The collaboration between University of Greenwich and MSA University was commenced in 2004.

MSA University has validated 13 programmes in the field of Engineering, Pharmacy, Biotechnology, Management Sciences and Computer Science with University of Greenwich and applies all UK QAA quality assurance standards and procedures to ensure that MSA students and potential graduates are equal to their peers in UK.

We aim to graduate students with high academic standards and exclusive employability skills and attributes.

The student exchange programme is one of the highlights of our collaboration that has been running for more than ten years and has immensely broadened our students educational and cultural experience.

I am delighted to work with my dear colleagues at University of Greenwich, we have been orchestrating a symphony of success for 12 years now. THANK YOU'



Chameera Prasad De Silva PhD

Lecturer at the Pioneer Institute of Business and Technology (PIBT) Sri Lanka

Another great personality who obtained his first degree B.Sc. (Hons) in Computing from the University of Greenwich, London.

Following a successful lecturing career at the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka, Dr Chameera Prasad De Silva joined the UoG degree programme at PIBT as a lecturer in 2014. When asked about the experience of studying in Greenwich degree Dr Chameera explained "Greenwich Degree program is the wisest choice I have made for my future career. Today I am a renowned lecturer".

He has published more than fifteen research papers in his chosen field and has been involved in more than ten major Town & Country Planning projects in Sri Lanka. His ongoing research focuses on application of GIS based computer models and traffic impact assessment.



Marja Krisman

Course Coordinator Saxion University of Applied Sciences, Deventer, The Netherlands

Marja is course coordinator for the MBA-MA programmes. She says: 'Our MBA-MA students are registered as UoG students and follow classes at Saxion. The UoG exam board decides their study progression'

International collaboration: student focus

Meet some of the students and alumni from our overseas partners:



Carissa Samaroo

*BSc (Hons) Computing and Information Systems
Year of graduation: 2015
First Class Honours*

School of Business & Computer Science, Trinidad and Tobago

Upon completion of the BSc. CIS programme, Carissa entered her final year project into an annual "Idea to Innovation" (i2i) competition hosted by the Ministry of Planning and Sustainable Development in Trinidad and Tobago. She obtained a grant of TT\$75,000 (£8,000) for the commercialisation of her idea.

Carissa's submission was centered on a Crime Shield application which would allow individuals to report crimes as they occur; the distress signal used being key words and/or cries for help. This would enable the relevant authorities to receive a GPS signal, thereby facilitating a quicker response time.

The developmental stage of Carissa's application will take place over one year and is expected to be completed by April 2016. Subsequently, the Ministry of Planning and Sustainable Development, in partnership with the Caribbean Industrial Research Institute (CARIRI), will assist Carissa in having the product made available to the public.



Indrachapa Jayasinghe

*BSc (Hons) Computing
Year of graduation: 2012*

Pioneer Institute of Business & Technology, Sri Lanka

Indrachapa Jayasinghe is one of the outstanding students who studied at PIBT. His professional qualifications include ACMA, CGMA from the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (UK)

He is a SAP FICO Consultant at attune Consulting which is the most prominent and trusted SAP solution provider for leading fashion and lifestyle companies across the globe.

Indrachapa is also involved in lecturing at the University of Kelaniya delivering lectures for the Diploma in ERP programme and Management Studies.

Indrachapa feels strongly that his work with industry has brought many benefits to his role as an academic, explaining "The cross functional working value I received for the time spent at University of Greenwich is indescribable. Today I am a professional in academic, management and IT industry."



Hilton Cheung

*MSc in Project Management
Year of graduation: 2012*

HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education, Hong Kong

After fifteen years of working in the construction industry, Hilton decided to join a renowned transport infrastructure management company in Hong Kong.

This required him to demonstrate both technical and managerial skills at work and support business growth of the company. To enhance his managerial skills, Hilton pursued the MSc programme offered by the University of Greenwich, in collaboration with HKU SPACE.

Studying the course taught him about managing different types of projects. In particular, his performance in his dissertation, won him the Merit Award (Master Degree Group) conferred by the Hong Kong Institute of Construction Managers (HKICM). Now, Hilton has the opportunity to represent the company in various International conferences and workshops. Looking ahead, he will also take new challenges in a senior managerial position in his company.



Trần Dương Hồng Phúc (David)

*BA(Hons) Business Management
Current student
Student Council member*

Gia Dinh University ERCI, Vietnam

As a member of the Student Council and Toastmasters Club, Phúc has been a strong supporter contributing to the success of school events such as the "You Are A Brand" series contest, the ERCI Birthday Party and Halloween celebration. As a Marketing student, Phúc has achieved excellent results in his studies. His dream is to build his very own Walnut Town, an educational playground for children. He states "The UK Bachelor Degree has been of tremendous value to me, not only by the confidence it has brought me but also the ability to stand out in the eyes of employers and business partners. Moreover, an international degree also gives me the opportunity to work for leading brands in the future such as Ogilvy and Emerald."

Phúc is one of the most energetic students in Gia Dinh University. He joined the programme in 2014.



Kartiga Sree Subramaniam

*BA(Hons) Accounting and Finance
Year of graduation: 2014*

SEGI University, Malaysia

Accounting and Finance graduate, Kartiga, successfully completed her 2 years journey with the University of Greenwich programme at SEGI.

She was awarded a Dean's List award for her excellent results during her studies. Thanks to all her effort and increased self-confidence, she is now working with the large retailing company, "The Valiram Group".

Her linguistic skills, accounting knowledge and desire to be a skillful, well-known accountant in the near future matches her education and the company's philosophy.

'Besides my hard work, I was fully supported by my university in achieving my dreams' says Kartiga.

Partnerships news

October University for Modern Sciences and Arts: Students visit



MSA Celebrates Success of UK Summer Student Study Abroad Programme 2015

“In a majestic atmosphere inspired by British essence, MSA University celebrated the success of its UK Summer Student Study Abroad programme 2015.

The students received their certificates and special trophies in a ceremony that was graced by the Head of the Board of Trustees, Prof Nawal EL Degwi, Dean and Department Heads and staff from the faculties of Engineering, Management, Pharmacy, Biotechnology, Languages and Arts and Design, the Director of Quality Assurance UK Abroad Programme.

This year, almost 60 students travelled to MSA's esteemed collaborative partner in the United Kingdom University of Greenwich during the Summer period.”

Mona Afifi, Director of Quality Assurance and Audit Unit

SEGI COLLEGE SUBANG JAYA: special UoG award



(L-R) Ms Doreen Dorville, Acting Principal SEGi College Subang Jaya; Ms Jill Harrison, UoG Link Tutor for the BA (Hons) EYE programme; Ms Barbara Khoo; Dr Lisa Tan, Dr Lisa Tan, Senior Vice President, SEGi Subang & Kuala Lumpur Campuses, Ms Carolyn Choo, Head, Department of Early Childhood Education and Ms Heather Munn, Senior lecturer in Early Years at University of Greenwich

“On 7 December 2015, UoG link tutor Ms Jill Harrison presented a special UOG award to Ms Barbara Khoo, the top BA EYE student from the Faculty of Education, SEGi College Subang Jaya. Barbara joined the BA (Hons) Early Years Education (EYE) in September 2012. She has been working with children for more than 25 years and has chosen to remain in the early years industry because of her passion for working with children. Barbara was one of three students from her class who graduated with first class honors.”

Carolyn Choo Head, Department of Early Childhood Education

Botswana Qualifications Authority visits the UoG



Mr Abel Modungwa - Chief Executive Officer
Mr Andrew Molwane - Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mrs Selebo Jobe - Director Development Services
Dr Justice Gaonale - Acting Director, National Credit and Qualifications Framework
Dr Phetolo Malau-Modiega - Director Quality assurance

The Botswana Qualifications Authority (BQA) provides for and maintain the National Credit and Qualifications Framework in Botswana. The institution coordinates the education, training and skills development quality assurance system from early childhood to tertiary level (lifelong skill).

On the 8th of February 2016, the delegation came to visit the University and met with Professor Susan Lea, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and Martin Snowden, Pro Vice-Chancellor International. The aim of the visit was to learn about how the University of Greenwich carries out its quality assurance processes in order to potentially align those processes with institutions in Botswana.

The University of Greenwich currently partners with the Gaborone Institute of Professional Studies (GIPS) in Botswana offering the UoG BA(Hons) Business studies to its students.

The UoG hopes to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the BQA very shortly.