

# OUTWARD MOBILITY STATEMENT

As part of the University of Reading's Global Engagement Strategy, aligned with our Teaching & Learning Strategy,<sup>1</sup> we seek to enhance the educational experience and future career prospects of our undergraduate students by increasing the number of students who participate on international mobility activities as part of their degree. The benefits to individual students of gaining an international mobility experience as part of their degree studies are well documented.<sup>2</sup>

The Global Engagement Strategy translates the institutional vision into explicit KPIs, with the ambition that 20% of the 2020-21 undergraduate graduating cohort and 33% of the 2026-27 undergraduate graduating cohort will have spent some time abroad with academic purpose as part of their degree studies at the University of Reading.

To achieve this we will:

1. Increase the number and range of opportunities available for students to gain an international experience – including a greater variety of durations and destinations.
2. Cultivate partnerships across Europe and the world that are attractive destinations for, and that have the capacity to facilitate, outward mobility (inside and external to Erasmus+).
3. Develop opportunities that are accessible to all students, and provide encouragement and financial support to enable participation.
4. Continue to develop and utilise opportunities available at the University of Reading Malaysia, strategic TNE partner institutions e.g. NUIST, and existing Erasmus+ and global exchange partners.
5. Increase the resource available to support mobility activities across the institution.

The Erasmus & Study Abroad Office (ESAO) will be the main administrative unit supporting this activity.

To enable the planned growth in participation ESAO will:

- a) Work closely with Schools to help pursue local level strategies to increase outward mobility and engagement.
- b) Facilitate the creation of new outward student mobility opportunities at local and central levels.
- c) Help Schools to build further mobility opportunities into programme curricula.
- d) Continue to develop and enhance student support services and practices to ensure a high quality student experience. This will include building capacity within ESAO to support the proposed growth in inter-campus mobility and student exchanges.
- e) Improve the visibility of outward mobility across the institution and further raise awareness of the benefits amongst students, staff and enablers.

The University has made this commitment public through our pledge to the national UUKi "Go International: Stand Out" campaign.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.reading.ac.uk/about/teaching-and-learning/t-and-l-strategy.aspx>

<sup>2</sup> Latest UUKi research: <https://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/policy-and-analysis/reports/Pages/gone-international-expanding-opportunities-.aspx>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/International/go-international/stand-out>