



UCD International Focus

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At a Glance

International Collaborations: UCD's international plan to 2014 sets out the University's goal to build on the significant international platform which it has developed. This platform includes both teaching and research objectives. The sustainability of existing, and the development of new, bilateral and multilateral institutional collaborations with top international research universities, funding bodies, overseas government departments, NGOs and scholarship agencies is key to the university's strategy. UCD currently has >1700 doctoral students, of which approx 680 are non-Irish (international), which represents 40% of this population.

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	Universitas 21 (U21)
Description	<p>UCD is a member of Universitas 21 (U21), an international network of 21 top research-intensive universities across thirteen countries. Established in 1997, U21 is capable of achieving the kind of practical outcomes that none of the individual members would be able to achieve independently or through traditional bilateral alliances. The aim of U21 is to facilitate interchange between members. It provides a framework for international collaboration, capitalising on the established reputation and operational reach of each of its members.</p> <p>U21 engages in a number of activities on three different levels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The first level encourages interactions between researchers and teachers, encouraging student exchanges and academic cooperation, and engaging universities in collegial dialogue• The second level facilitates greater international collaboration between members, such as the sharing of resources and learning materials to enhance capabilities• The third level focuses on developing opportunities and utilising the Universitas 21 networks for entrepreneurial activities <p>Through the U21 Shanghai Declaration on student mobility, UCD has committed to having exchange agreements with all of the U21 members (currently UCD has exchange agreements with more than half of U21's members)</p>
Website	http://www.universitas21.com/

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	Maastricht Consortium
Description	<p>UCD is a member of the Maastricht Consortium, which facilitates institutional cooperation between 7 leading European universities with a common goal of intensifying cooperative research and teaching activities. The objective of Groupe Maastricht is to establish excellence in research and education through a number of mechanisms, including joint research and teaching programmes.</p>
Website	http://www.unimaas.nl/gm/home.html

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	Erasmus Mundus
Description	<p>Erasmus Mundus is a co-operation and mobility Programme in the field of higher education. It aims at enhancing the quality of European higher education and promoting dialogue and understanding between people and cultures through cooperation with third countries. In addition the programme contributes to the development of human resources and the international cooperation capacity of higher education institutions in third countries by increasing mobility between the European Union and these countries. UCD has had many years of participation in complementary international non-research programmes including EU Erasmus initiatives.</p>
Website	http://ec.europa.eu/education/external-relation-programmes/doc72_en.htm

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