

UK – Spain collaboration in higher education

The British Council is keen to promote cooperation between UK and Spanish higher education institutions in activities such as research, student and staff exchanges and the delivery of programmes in Spain (TNE), including for joint and double degree. The importance of the UK-Spanish relationship is illustrated by the following annual data:

- Over 8,800 Spanish students follow full programmes in UK HEIs (postgraduates make up one third of these);
- 2,700 Erasmus students from UK study in Spain and 3,500 Spanish Erasmus students are in UK HEIs;
- Over 4,000 Spanish students follow UK degree programmes in Spain;
- There are very extensive research links between the two countries.

Towards understanding what support might be most appropriately provided, the British Council, Spain, would like to learn more about the total mix of activities involving UK and Spanish HEIs, both current and planned, and wishes to identify:

- existing collaboration and other activities involving UK and Spanish HEIs;
- those activities UK and Spanish HEIs prioritise for their future collaboration.

To achieve this we would request you to complete the questionnaire below. It is our intention to follow-up responses, as appropriate, by contacting institutions and individuals directly, through email or phone, as we would like to understand more clearly motivations and constraints as well as provide case studies.

In parallel we are conducting a similar exercise with Spanish institutions, including learning more of the Spanish regulatory environment, as well as exploring the motivations and support for Spanish universities to grow international partnerships.

Following this research the British Council will present its findings through a seminar and a report. Note that we will be covering research partnerships separately, although we would welcome information from universities in UK and Spain on any significant UK-Spain research cooperation.

We understand the difficulties associated with any institution providing a comprehensive return that addresses all activities in Spain, but even if you only complete the questionnaire partially we would appreciate your return and comments. Further we would request that you also forward this questionnaire to any colleague whom you might know has a direct interest in running and developing Spanish higher education partnerships.

Please return your completed questionnaire by 31 May 2012 to:

neil.kemp@nkeducation.com or if you would like to discuss please phone Neil Kemp on 01273475316 or 07921520031.

If you wish to contact British Council, Madrid, direct please write to my colleague, Carolina Jimenez:

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Many thanks for your support,

Rod Pryde, Director, British Council, Spain

Details of person completing this questionnaire:

University	
Name of person(s) completing questionnaire:	
Department/faculty and position:	
Contact email:	
Contact phone:	

A: Current Activities

1. Please would you indicate in which of the following activities your institution is engaged in collaboration with Spain.

Activity	Yes/No	Comments
Delivery of UK degrees in Spain (or other in-Spain programmes leading to award of a UK degree)		
Joint and/or double degrees		
Research cooperation		
Student exchanges		
Staff exchanges		
Spanish student recruitment		
Other (please specify)		

2. **Strategic partnerships:** Does your institution have any form of strategic link with a Spanish partner? In this case 'strategic' would typically involve a mix of on-going activities that have been in place for a number of years.

If 'Yes' please name the Spanish university/ies involved:

3. **Degree delivery in Spain (TNE):** If you are involved in delivering any degree programme in Spain, for example through collaboration, direct delivery, distance learning, joint or double degree or other arrangements, please indicate the nature and mode of delivery of these programmes? (If more than three programmes please e-mail as an additional note)

Programme (s)	Responses and comments
Programme 1:	
Name of programme and degree awarded (eg subject and level)	
Mode of delivery (eg Spanish partnership, in-country presence, flying tutors, distance learning, twinning or articulation arrangements):	
If a local partnership, name of Spanish partner institution:	
Nos of students enrolled	
Annual fees	
Programme 2:	
Name of programme and degree awarded (eg subject and level)	
Mode of delivery (eg Spanish partnership, in-country presence, flying tutors, distance learning, twinning or articulation arrangements):	
If a local partnership, name of Spanish partner institution:	
Nos of students enrolled	
Annual fees	
Programme 3:	
Name of programme and degree awarded (eg subject and level)	
Mode of delivery (eg Spanish partnership, in-country presence, flying tutors, distance learning, twinning or articulation arrangements):	
If a partnership, name of Spanish institution:	
Nos of students enrolled	
Annual fees	
Any comments?	

4. Student recruitment: Do you have a policy of active recruitment of students from Spain?

Yes / No

If 'Yes' please indicate which subject areas and levels you prioritise. Please indicate subject priorities 1 to 5 where 1 is lowest priority and 5 is top priority.

Subject areas	Postgraduate	Undergraduate
Medicine and subjects allied to medicine		
Biosciences		
Physical sciences		
Maths and computing		
Engineering and technology		
Business, administrative and management studies		
Law		
Social studies (including politics, economics, sociology)		
History, philosophy and religious studies		
Creative arts and design		
Languages and literature		
Education		
Other (please specify)		

Any comments?

5. **Student exchanges:** Do you have any student exchange programmes with Spanish universities, including through Erasmus?

Yes / No

If 'Yes' please indicate Spanish institution(s) involved and also the subject area(s):

Subject areas	Nos of students (pa)		Spanish university partner	Name of UK manager (and email contact)	Funding source
	Incoming	Outgoing			
Medicine and subjects allied to medicine					
Biosciences					
Physical sciences					
Maths and computing					
Engineering and technology					
Business, administrative and management studies					
Law					
Social studies (including politics, economics, sociology)					
History philosophy and religious studies					
Creative arts and design					
Languages and literature					
Education					
Other (please specify)					
Any comments?					

6. **Staff exchanges:** Do you have any staff exchanges with Spanish universities?

Yes / No

If 'Yes' please provide details of your Spanish partner university and subject area (s).

B: Future Activities

This section seeks your comments on possible future activities you might prioritise for collaboration in Spain in the future.

7. **Collaborative degree delivery (TNE):** Are you interested in delivering your degree programmes in Spain in the future, for example through collaboration, direct delivery, distance learning or other arrangements?

Yes / No

If 'Yes' what do you consider the main inhibitors to such developments?

Constraints	Yes/No	Any comments?
Lack knowledge of Spanish regulatory and/or legal framework.		
Lack knowledge of potential partners in Spain		
Lack knowledge of the potential market for UK degrees in Spain (ie in terms of subject, level etc priorities)		
Lack knowledge of how Spanish students might be able to access Spanish grants and loans to fund studies		
TNE partnerships with other countries are prioritised in my university, however Spain would not be a priority		
My university is not involved in overseas degree delivery		
Others		
Any comments?		

What support (from British Council or others) would be most useful and appropriate to facilitate development of delivery of collaborative delivery (TNE) for your programmes in Spain?

Support activity	Yes/No	Any comments?
Market intelligence covering the collaborative delivery market in Spain		
Identification and introduction to potential Spanish partner institutions, including due diligence		
Support for marketing and communications		
Advice on compliance with Spanish legal and regulatory environment		
In-country routine support, including visits to partners, to ensure regulatory compliance (both for Spanish and UK requirements)		
Others		
Any comments?		

8. **Student recruitment:** Do you intend to prioritise the recruitment of students from Spain for the future?

Yes / No

If 'Yes' please indicate which subject areas and levels you prioritise by indicating 1 to 5 in the table below where 1 is lowest priority and 5 is top priority.

Subject areas	Postgraduate	Undergraduate
Medicine and subjects allied to medicine		
Biosciences		
Physical sciences		
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Engineering and technology		
Business, administrative and management studies		
Law		
Social studies (including politics, economics, sociology)		
History, philosophy and religious studies		
Creative arts and design		
Languages and literature		
Education		
Other (please specify)		
Any comments?		

What support (from British Council or others) would be most useful and appropriate to facilitate delivery of your student recruitment strategy?

Support activity	Yes/No	Any comments?
Market intelligence covering the student recruitment market in Spain		
Introductions to potential Spanish partner institutions		
Provision of promotional events (education fairs, seminars and briefing sessions for potential students)		
Information and advice on education agents		
Support for marketing and communications		
Provision of routine information and intelligence on opportunities in Spain eg key education events, web promotion opportunities, scholarships availability etc.		
Others		
Any comments?		

9. **Student exchanges:** Are you interested in developing student exchanges with Spanish universities, including through Erasmus?

Yes / No

If 'Yes' which subject areas would you prioritise? Please indicate priority 1 to 5 where 1 is lowest priority and 5 is top priority.

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Medicine and subjects allied to medicine		
Biosciences		
Physical sciences		
Maths and computing		
Engineering and technology		
Business, administrative and management studies		
Law		
Social studies (including politics, economics, sociology)		
History philosophy and religious studies		
Creative arts and design		
Languages and literature		
Education		
Other (please specify)		
Any comments?		

What constraints might there be to growing such exchanges?

Are there any support services you might value to assist in growing student exchanges?

10. **Staff exchanges:** Are you interested in developing staff exchanges with Spanish universities?

Yes / No

If 'Yes' which subject areas would you prioritise?

What constraints might there be to growing staff exchanges?

11. **Other comments:** Do you have any other comments in relation to developing UK-Spain collaboration in higher education?

Many thanks for your help!

Please return to: Neil.kemp@nkeducation.com