International relations at the UL

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Background

- **Privileged situation in terms of international relations**

  - 69 nationalities among our 1240 staff members
  - 105 nationalities among our 6288 students
  - 3 languages of instruction
  - Mandatory mobility on Bachelor's level
  - 12% of all PhDs under joint supervision
  - Interuniversity agreements with over 60 HEIs worldwide

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Strategy

- Objective 1: To prepare the students of the University of Luxembourg for a global environment and encourage the researchers to participate in international research.

- Objective 2: To draw talented faculty members and students to the university internationally.

- Objective 3: To advance the university as a leading international actor in areas of of expertise.

International relations department - our activities

Policy and strategy

❑ Support and feedback to the university management, especially the vice-president for organisation and international relations, on internationalisation issues.

❑ Initiatives towards new agreements and towards an international policy for the university.

International relations department - our activities

Student exchange

Although this is formally handled by the SEVE
(Service des Etudes et de la Vie Etudiante),
the IR department is also involved in the daily running
of the student mobility:

- ❑ Management of the Global exchange programme
- ❑ Information for students
- ❑ Communication with partner universities regarding the student mobility
- ❑ Sending information on existing student exchange agreements to our deans, course directors etc.
- ❑ Arranging internships for students from partner universities

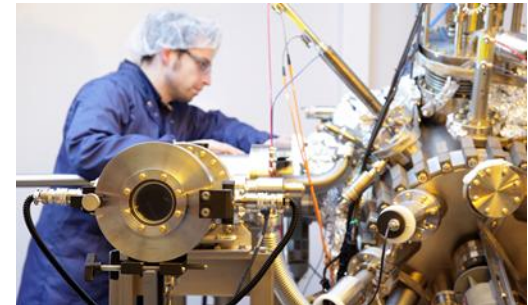# International relations department - our activities

Agreements

❑ Negotiations on international agreements, scrutinizing proposals received from the outside.

❑ Negotiation inside the university regarding new and existing agreements.

❑ Meetings with university representatives from abroad.

❑ Arranging ceremonies for signatures of agreements.

❑ Arranging press-releases, writing texts etc. in cooperation with the communications office.

❑ Keeping the list of agreements and the website up to date.

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International relations department - our activities

Agreements for joint supervision of thesis (cotutelles)

❑ Scrutinizing the agreements.

❑ Making changes, negotiations with partner universities.

❑ Presenting the agreements to the president for signature.

❑ Managing the agreements after signature by the rector.

International relations department - our activities

EU funding opportunities

❑ Following the information flow on the EU-website.

❑ Distributing information within the university.

❑ Assisting professors in making the EU-applications (Erasmus Mundus, EU-US Atlantis etc).

❑ Management of the EU-US Atlantis programme Cansys.

❑ Management of 3 Erasmus Mundus programmes; Fatima Al Fihri, E-Mail III, IBRASIL

International relations department - our activities

Other activities:

❑ Receiving and exchanging information with the embassies in Luxembourg and Brussels. Hosting the embassy representatives when they come to visit.

❑ Producing the international relations issue of the newsletter.

❑ Coordinating the course on Chinese language and area studies which is given in cooperation with the Konfucius institute in Trier university.

Partner universities world-wide

Partnerships with over 60 partner institutions worldwide

❑ 38 in Europe
❑ 10 in Asia
❑ 16 in North and South America
❑ 2 in Africa

Global exchange programme

Osgoode Hall law school, *Canada*

University of Ottawa, *Canada*

Université Laval, *Québec*

Université de Sherbrooke, *Québec*

CREPUQ
(Conférence des Recteurs
et des Principaux des Universités du Québec)

Moscow State Higher School of Economics, *Russia*

Peking University, *China*

Renmin University, *China*

Tongji University, *China*

King Mongkut's University of Technology, *Thailand*

PSG College of Technology, *India*

National Law School of Bangalore, *India*

William and Mary Law School, *Virginia*

The University at Buffalo, State University of New York, *New York state*

University of San Francisco School of Law, *California*

Northern Arizona University, *Arizona*

Miami University, *Ohio*

Lakeland College, *Wisconsin*

University of Virginia – College at Wise, *Virginia*

Columbia University Law School, *New York*

Universidad de la República, Uruguay

Sophia University, *Japan*

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Global exchange programme

Basic information

❑ Students do not pay tuition fees to the host university.
❑ Students are selected on the basis of their application file and a personal interview.
❑ Information sessions for students take place every year in autumn.
❑ After these sessions, all information as well as the application forms are sent to the students by e-mail.
❑ The application deadline is generally in November.
❑ Students are selected by interview.

Global exchange scholarships

- Mobility fund; fees raised from 200 to 300 euros for the first year of the Bachelor.

- Funds distributed for mobility programs

- Global exchange: 1000 euro per month

- PPP US Embassy

Erasmus programme

425 Erasmus agreements

26 countries

Over 200 partner institutions

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