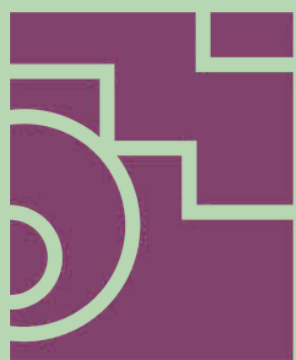




Scottish Higher Education New Partnership Guidebook



**Universities
Scotland**

**Erasmus+
2027**



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Come to Study. *Find Scotland.*

Scotland is home to 19 diverse universities from some of the oldest and highly ranked in the world to innovate modern universities and small specialists that excel in their subject areas. These universities are very internationally focussed and built on a foundation of collaboration, cooperation and exchange. Therefore it is not surprising that Scotland, with a population share of around 8% of the UK, was awarded 16% of UK Erasmus funding (supporting over 22,200 student and staff mobilities) in the previous Erasmus programme.



Universities

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Share of UK Erasmus
funding (2014-2022)

16%

Mobilites in previous
Erasmus programme

22.2K+



SCOTLAND'S
HIGHER EDUCATION:
Partnering for Global Impact

Scottish universities have warmly welcomed the commitment by the UK Government to rejoin Erasmus+ and the new opportunities for partnerships. This booklet contains details of the partnership requirements of eleven Scottish universities for Erasmus+ 2027 and beyond and is intended as a guide to aid new partnership development.

More information on Scottish higher education can be found in our "[Scotland's Higher Education: Partnering for Global Impact](#)" publication produced in partnership with British Council Scotland.

The information provided in this guide has been contributed by Scottish universities and Universities Scotland and the copy has not been edited into a single narrative voice.

University of Dundee

Partnerships wanted for Erasmus+

The University of Dundee is keen to explore new European partnerships that create meaningful undergraduate exchange opportunities across its academic portfolio. It is particularly interested in partners whose programmes include practical, applied or industry-focused learning, helping students connect their studies with real-world skills and future careers. Dundee also welcomes collaboration in areas where students can learn across disciplines, work with different perspectives and build confidence in international settings. Alongside physical mobility, the University is interested in developing Collaborative Online International Learning opportunities, creating accessible ways for students and staff to connect, collaborate and bring a global dimension into the curriculum.

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The University of Dundee offers students a friendly, ambitious place to learn, grow and become part of a supportive community. Its teaching and student support are reflected in strong satisfaction results, including first in Scotland for overall satisfaction in 10 subjects in the 2026 National Student Survey where we also ranked 4th in Scotland overall. Undergraduates can learn across disciplines, develop practical skills through placements, and gain international perspectives on campus and beyond. For European partners, Dundee provides a welcoming, inclusive environment where exchange students can share their voice, build meaningful connections and return home with confidence, fresh ideas, a broader European outlook and future success abroad.

www.dundee.ac.uk



University of Edinburgh

Partnerships wanted for Erasmus+

We are not currently seeking additional exchange partners.

We are interested in BIPs, short-term international and virtual exchange partnerships.

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For more than 35 years, Erasmus+ has played a central role in the University's global engagement, supporting student and staff mobility, partnership development, and international collaboration. Prior to the UK's withdrawal from the programme, the University of Edinburgh was the most successful UK institution in securing Erasmus+ funding of circa €4.5M, reflecting both the scale of participation and institutional expertise in programme delivery.

Erasmus+ aligns closely with the University's Strategy 2030 priorities, particularly in relation to delivering a globally engaged student experience; advancing equality, diversity and inclusion through inclusive internationalisation; strengthening strategic partnerships and alliances; supporting research collaboration and innovation; and contributing to civic responsibility and global impact. We are an active member of the Una Europa alliance and have recently been successful in securing the Una.Via project.

www.edinburgh-global.ed.ac.uk/study-and-work-away-service



THE UNIVERSITY
of EDINBURGH

Partnerships wanted for Erasmus+

Areas of interest:

- Reciprocal student in Social Sciences, Psychology, Biological Science, Criminology and Sports Science.
- Staff mobility opportunities
- Conversion of existing Third Country agreements to Erasmus+ Inter-Institutional Agreements.
- Blended Intensive Programmes (BIPs).
- Virtual mobility and Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL).
- Erasmus+ Key Action 2 and Key Action 3 cooperation projects.
- Collaboration opportunities through the U!REKA European University Alliance.

Edinburgh Napier University remains open to new partnerships that align with our strengths in applied, industry-focused education and research with real-world impact.

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Edinburgh Napier University

Edinburgh Napier University is a leading modern university in Scotland, combining applied education, industry engagement and research that delivers societal impact. A committed participant in Erasmus programmes since 1990, we have collaborated with more than 100 European partners to facilitate student and staff mobility and foster international cooperation. Today, our European engagement is further strengthened through membership of the U!REKA European University Alliance, where we work with like-minded institutions to advance innovation, inclusion and societal impact. We welcome opportunities to build sustainable Erasmus+ partnerships that support mobility, collaboration and shared European ambitions from 2027 onwards.

www.napier.ac.uk



Edinburgh Napier UNIVERSITY

Partnerships wanted for Erasmus+

The University is particularly interested in partnerships supporting long-term and short-term mobility in Engineering, Geography and Earth Sciences, Psychology, and Mathematics and Statistics, alongside Blended Intensive Programmes and other collaborative models that enrich the student experience and support institutional cooperation.

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University of Glasgow

Established in 1451, the University of Glasgow is one of the world's leading universities, ranked among the global top 100 and a member of the Russell Group. For nearly six centuries, the University has combined excellence in teaching and research with a strong international outlook, welcoming students and scholars from around the world and building partnerships that deliver impact locally, nationally and globally.

International collaboration is fundamental to the University's mission and strategy. Through its global network of partnerships, the University works with institutions across Europe and beyond to advance education, research, innovation and knowledge exchange. As the UK prepares to rejoin Erasmus+, the University of Glasgow looks forward to strengthening existing relationships and developing new opportunities for student and staff mobility, academic collaboration and shared learning.

www.gla.ac.uk



University
of Glasgow

Partnerships wanted for Erasmus+

Glasgow Caledonian is keen to expand its network of meaningful European collaborations. Building on our Turing Scheme success, we are deeply committed to maintaining and deepening our existing network of over 100 global partners - including 85 across Europe. We seek sustainable, reciprocal Erasmus+ partnerships that support widening participation and drive shared innovation through undergraduate exchanges, postgraduate (PG) progression, and research. We welcome applied, industry-focused collaborations, global internships, physical mobility, and Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL).

Ideal Expansion Areas:

- Short-Term & Internships: Nursing, Social Work, Allied Health Professions (e.g. Physiotherapy, Podiatry, Radiography)
- Semester-Long & PG: Fashion Design & Management, Applied Psychology, Accountancy, Law, Journalism
- Research Partnerships: Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), inclusive societies, and healthy lives

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Glasgow Caledonian University

Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU), Scotland's largest modern university, offers an exceptional exchange experience in one of the UK's most welcoming and vibrant student cities. Students benefit from professionally accredited programmes, outstanding support services, and strong links with more than 300 industry partners. GCU offers strengths across business, engineering, computing, health and life sciences, social sciences, and the creative industries.

Named the UK's University of the Year for Graduate Jobs 2026 and the top-ranked modern university in the UK, GCU is committed to its mission as the University for the Common Good, combining academic excellence, inclusion, sustainability, and social impact in a welcoming, globally minded environment for international students.

www.gcu.ac.uk



University for the Common Good

Partnerships wanted for Erasmus+

The GSA already maintains c.80 Global Exchange partnerships, the majority in the EU, many currently held as Third Country Inter-Institutional Agreements following the UK's exit from Erasmus+.

Our primary ambition is to convert these existing relationships into full Erasmus+ agreements under KA131, unlocking reciprocal funded mobility for our current partners. We are also keen to develop KA220-HED Cooperation Partnerships with specialist art, design and architecture institutions to co-develop studio-based curricula activities and staff training, and to pilot Blended Intensive Programmes with existing partners as a low-barrier route to further collaboration.

We remain open to new partnerships with high quality institutions, recognising that reputation in the specialist creative disciplines is not always reflected in mainstream league tables.

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The Glasgow School of Art

The Glasgow School of Art (GSA) is internationally recognised as one of Europe's top university-level institutions in the visual creative disciplines. It is ranked 3rd in the UK and 8th in the world for art and design in the QS World University Subject Rankings 2026.

Based in the heart of Glasgow with connections across the globe, our studio-based teaching and world-leading research spans art, design, architecture, innovation and technology, making a significant difference to contemporary society. The GSA has a proven track record in supporting students from under-represented groups allowing access and transition to a successful creative higher education including mobility.

www.gsa.ac.uk

**THE GLASGOW
SCHOOL OF ART**

Partnerships wanted for Erasmus+

Heriot-Watt welcomes opportunities to develop strategically aligned Erasmus+ collaborations with institutions that share complementary academic strengths and a commitment to long-term international partnership. We are particularly interested in Erasmus+ KA2 collaborations that support educational innovation, institutional development and strategic international collaboration.

We are keen to build upon existing academic relationships, research links and areas of institutional strength, while also establishing new strategic partnerships where there is clear mutual benefit and alignment of institutional priorities. Where appropriate, we also welcome targeted KA1 mobility activity where it complements and strengthens broader institutional collaboration rather than existing as a standalone exchange arrangement.

Heriot-Watt is seeking partnerships that create sustainable institutional value through academic collaboration, innovation and long-term strategic cooperation.

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Heriot-Watt University

Heriot-Watt University is a global university with campuses in Edinburgh, Dubai and Malaysia, and an established partnership portfolio spanning education, research and industry collaboration. Our strategy emphasises purposeful partnership, applied education, innovation and global impact. Through Erasmus+, Heriot-Watt seeks to strengthen long-term institutional relationships that support educational innovation, academic collaboration, skills development and global engagement, building on our strengths in science, engineering, business, the built environment, computing, energy, sustainability and the social sciences.

www.hw.ac.uk



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Partnerships wanted for Erasmus+

Short mobilities (one semester, may also consider full academic year) in Nutrition, Drama, Theatre & Film, Film & Media, Education, Psychology, Sociology (taught and assessed in English).

BIPs in Allied Health courses or Primary Education.

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StudyAbroad@qmu.ac.uk

Queen Margaret University

Queen Margaret University is a modern, student-centred institution with a strong international outlook and a commitment to academic excellence and social responsibility. Offering a welcoming and inclusive learning environment, with strengths in health sciences, business, education, social sciences, and the creative industries, the University's campus provides outstanding facilities, a sense of community and excellent transport links to Edinburgh city centre.

Queen Margaret University has been recognised as a supportive place for students, placed 3rd in Scotland for international in the WhatUni? Choice Awards for 2026, and was named Higher Education Institution of the Year at the Herald Higher Education Awards 2025.

www.qmu.ac.uk



**Queen Margaret
University**
EDINBURGH

Partnerships wanted for Erasmus+

RCS is looking to build on our existing partnerships, while also remaining open to exploring collaborations with other high-quality institutions specialising in the performing arts.

We accept applications for:

- Autumn Semester (Term 1) (A)
- Spring Semester (Terms 2 & 3) (S)
- Full Academic Session (FAS)

We would be happy to consider exchange opportunities in the following areas:

Programme Options:

School of Music (A, S or FAS):
BMus Performance (all strands),
MMus Performance, MMus
Traditional Music, Bachelor of
Education (Music)
School of Dance (A or FAS) : BA
Modern Ballet
School of Stage & Screen (A, S or
FAS) : BA Acting, BA Filmmaking,
BA Production Arts and Design, BA
Production Technology
Management, BA Musical Theatre

Programmes we do not accept

applications for: MA Musical
Theatre (Directing), MACCT, MA
Production, BA Dance Artists,
M.Ed. Learning and Teaching,
Blended Programmes, Research.

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Royal Conservatoire of Scotland

The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (RCS) is a multi-disciplinary and world-leading institution offering learning and teaching and research across the performing and production arts. RCS is a national institution which is based in Glasgow, a UNESCO City of Music. We are located within a vibrant creative community that includes most of Scotland's national performing companies, a wide range of performance settings and the world-leading Glasgow School of Art.

RCS:

- Established in 1847.
- Specialist teaching across music, drama, dance, production, film and education.
- The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland is consistently ranked as a world top ten destination to study the performing arts (QS World University Rankings).
- Partnerships with national artistic companies.
- One of Scotland's busiest arts venues. Visit the box office for performance information and tickets.
- More than 3,000 students taught every year through the Junior Conservatoire and Short Courses, as well as national Fair Access programmes.

www.rcs.ac.uk



University of St Andrews

Partnerships wanted for Erasmus+

We welcome opportunities to strengthen existing academic connections and research links through Erasmus+ partnerships, and to developing new Erasmus+ collaborations where there are shared strategic priorities and academic synergies.

We are particularly interested in developing:

- Opportunities for study and collaboration at postgraduate level, including short duration exchange;
- Programmes that enhance students' employability and professional skills;
- Projects and partnerships that support industry engagement and impact.

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Founded in 1413, St Andrews combines a rich heritage with cutting-edge research and teaching. It is an innovative Scottish institution with a global outlook and the close-knit feel of a historical coastal town. Its community of staff and students from over 135 countries sustains a global perspective and supports excellence in research and teaching.

The University offers an award-winning student experience, consistently rated among the best in the UK's National Student Survey. It champions research-led teaching, curiosity-driven research and interdisciplinary collaboration, supported by its compact size and flexible structure.

For over six centuries, St Andrews has maintained strong connections with Europe and its universities, fostering partnerships through mobility, collaboration and research addressing European and global challenges.

We look forward to rejoining Erasmus+ and to rebuilding and strengthening our participation and the partnerships it fosters.

www.st-andrews.ac.uk



University of
St Andrews

University of Stirling

Partnerships wanted for Erasmus+

Short mobilities (one semester) in sport and exercise science, sport development and coaching, psychology, marine biology/freshwater science, and criminology.

BIPs in nursing and education.

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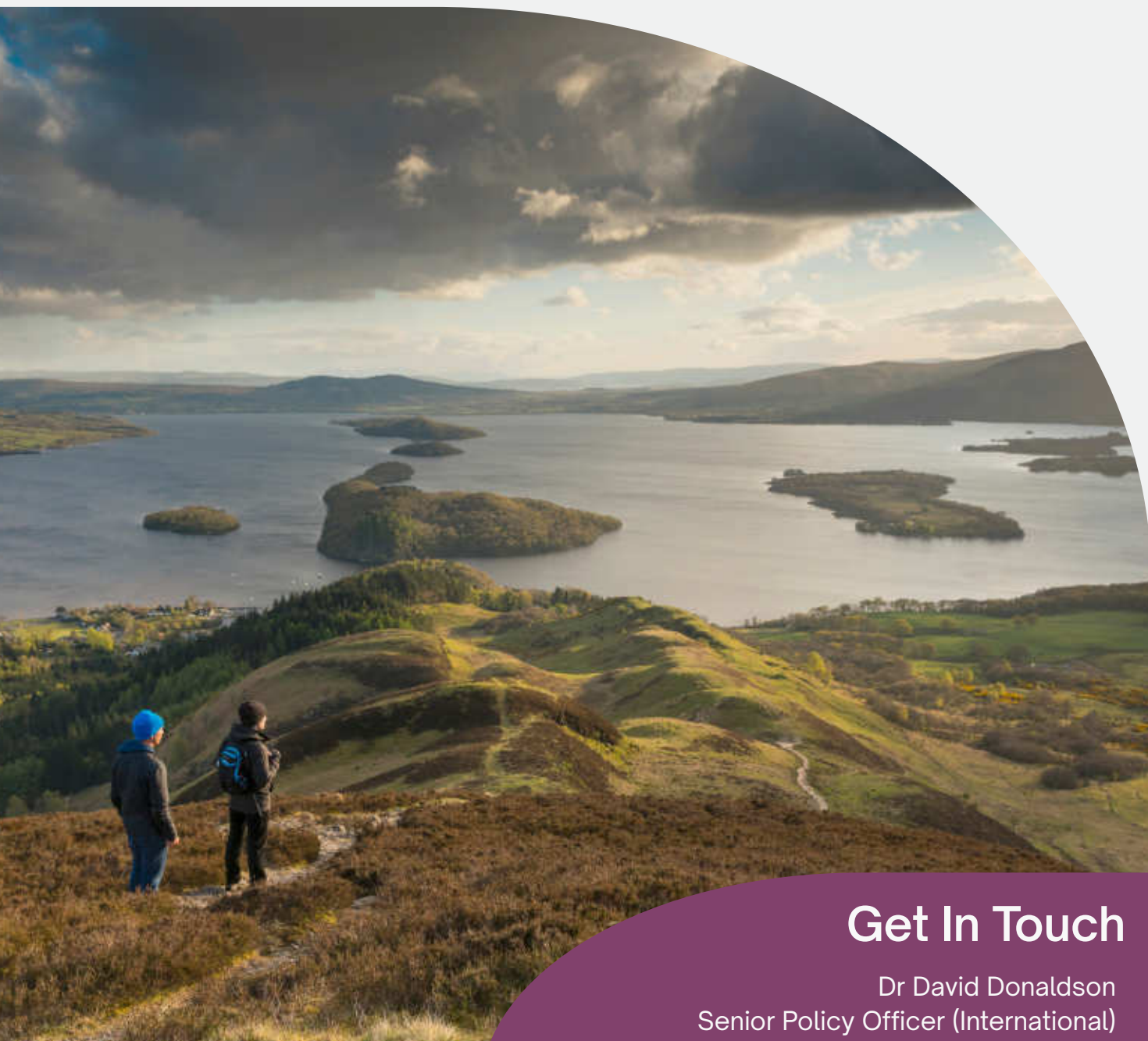
The University of Stirling is an international campus-based university with pioneering spirit and a global reputation for high-quality teaching and research. Being the difference is in the University's DNA, providing education with a purpose and carrying out research that helps to shape society. The University currently offers programmes across three faculties and a business school, each comprising of multiple departments, institutes and centres. Highlights include degrees in criminology, sports development and coaching, heritage studies and marine and freshwater biology.

As Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence, Stirling is at the forefront of developing and supporting talented athletes fulfil their sporting and academic potential.

www.stir.ac.uk

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STIRLING





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