

## Vice Principal International's Report to Senate

- Since the last reporting period, further analysis of our 2017-entry student recruitment position in relation to the RG (based on early reported data) shows that Queen Mary outperformed the overall growth in terms of our international student recruitment by 14.9%. Our particularly strong performance at PGT level (42% growth vs 13.6% RG overall) countered comparatively weaker recruitment at UG and PGR levels. Markets where we outperformed the RG include: India (83% growth in PGT enrolments compared with 21% across RG); Thailand (37% PGT growth compared with 11.5% across RG); and Canada (8.1% of UG enrolments across group, compared with 6.1% in 2016).
- Following the introduction of four-year degree programmes across the University for 2018-entry, applications to courses with a Year Abroad option have grown by +518.4% compared to the same time last year.
- Dr Eyal Poleg, Academic Lead for Outward Student Mobility, has established a new working group to focus on widening participation in outward student mobility. Bringing together colleagues from across the University – including Engagement, Retention & Success, Widening Participation, and the Disability and Dyslexia Service – the group will work on better understanding the various obstacles to participation.
- In collaboration with ARCS, the International Partnerships Team are now holding monthly partnerships surgeries across campuses to help better signpost PS support for partnership development.
- Dr Rosemary Clyne, Academic Lead for International Student Experience, has established a new TNE teaching and learning group to share best practice in this area collaboration with Educational Development. Together with colleagues, she has also initiated a project working with staff in the PR team to create internal guidelines to support staff and students in their use of the #WeAreInternational to celebrate cultural diversity on campus.
- 150 international scholars attended the annual International Scholars' Reception in the People's Palace in December, joined by representatives from the embassies of Bolivia, China, Kenya, Pakistan, Russia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and UAE, as well as funding bodies including The Fulbright Commission, Chevening Scholarships Secretariat and the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission.
- A successful visit was hosted in collaboration with SEMS from the President of Northwestern Polytechnical University (NPU) in Xi'an in early December 2017. The visit featured talks on the Joint Research Institute including access to bilateral funding, PhD student mobility and facilitating researcher to researcher links.
- An application was submitted to the HEA Global Teaching Excellence Award in February with a focus on our TNE operations in China. The outcome is expected later in Spring.
- The Academic Lead for Internationalisation and colleagues from the International Partnerships team have hosted visits from: Saudi Deputy Minister for Scholarships; Secretary General, China Scholarships Council; and representatives from the Turkish Embassy and Islamic Development Bank.
- An institutional response was submitted to the Migration Advisory Committee's call for evidence on the social and economic impacts of international students in January.
- The development of a Europe Strategy Group was signed off by QMSE in February and the first meeting of a new Europe working group, led by the Academic Lead for Internationalisation, is scheduled for April.

- A visit to Mile End from FCO Heads of Mission-designate to Norway, Cyprus, South Korea and Peru in February marks the beginning of more joined up efforts to liaise with senior British Diplomats as part of wider engagement with government.