UK Higher Education: Opportunities For Internationalisation

The UK is one of the most popular higher education destinations and generations of international students have come to the UK for their education. This means that UK universities have decades of experience in working with international students. UK universities are among the best in the world, and consistently perform well in world rankings. They also have a reputation for world-class research.

Most UK universities are recognised worldwide for having creative as well as challenging environments that help their students to push themselves to perform their best. Their standards are incredibly high, and year after year, the universities are tested for how well they meet modern challenges. The higher education system in the UK has been the basis for higher education standards in other countries for years.

If your dream is to pursue your education in the UK, your degree will be recognised and respected. The education will provide you with a solid foundation and boost your potential for having a higher salary and finding the exact job you want. Going to universities in the UK is a great way to expand your knowledge, meet new people, awareness of new cultures, and enjoy new experiences. You'll get plenty of support at university, and a chance to experience a great student lifestyle.

In today’s world economy, you require specific skills and qualities to be able to succeed in your field. UK higher education degrees and qualifications are well recognised by employers and academics worldwide. Employers want high quality employees who have specific skill sets, including effective, critical, and creative thinking skills. They also want people who speak good English – and what better way for you to learn English than to learn it in the country of its origin? You can immerse yourself and learn to live, work, and think in the English language. High quality postgraduate study opportunities are also available at the majority of UK universities, with some universities offering sponsorship to extend Tier 4 visas.

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International students have always been an important presence in the UK, and their numbers have been growing steadily over the years. In fact, the UK is now the second most popular destination for international students. International students also bring many benefits to the UK, which have been well articulated in recent years: they bring diversity to campus life and enhance the student experience for ‘home students’; they support the provision of certain subjects, particularly at postgraduate level. Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) found that 81 per cent of students studying in the UK are from the UK, 6 per cent are from the rest of the EU and 13 per cent (442,375) are from the rest of the world while full-time postgraduates had the highest percentage from non-EU countries, at 42 per cent.

Degrees and qualifications from UK higher education institutions are known around the world as high quality and world class. This standard of excellence is set by some of the older universities with recognisable names, such as Oxford and Cambridge, but the tradition carries through to many of the universities and colleges throughout the UK.

For more information on how you could take the first steps towards beginning a satisfying higher education in the UK, please call the British Council on (+94-11) 452 1521 or visit britishcouncil.lk/study-uk.