INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY IS IMPORTANT FOR THE UK AND UK RESEARCHERS

The UK makes up 5% of OECD countries’ population, but hosts 15% of the students studying for masters and PhD degrees in OECD countries.

Among EU member states, the UK has been the top receiving country for PhD candidates from both within and outside the EU.

The number of international students studying in UK research degree programmes tripled from 1994/5 to 2012/13.

During FP7 (2007–2013), the UK was the most popular destination for the European MCSA programme, which supports researchers’ career development.

The UK leads the EU in the number of prestigious ERC grants it hosts. In 2016:

- 117 grants were awarded to researchers who would work in the UK
- although only 45 grantees had UK nationality.

Increase in percentage of UK academic staff who are non-UK nationals:
- 19% in 2005/6
- 29% in 2015/16

- 72% of active UK researchers have trained or worked as researchers abroad.

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