

# Ministers launch new International Academic Mobility Programme



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A new International Academic Mobility Programme has been announced by the Minister for Education and Skills, Mr. Richard Bruton T.D. and Minister of State for Higher Education, Mary Mitchell O'Connor, T.D.

The scheme, to be known as the **Government of Ireland Academic Mobility Programme**, will provide €500,000 to enable staff from public and certain private higher education institutions to undertake collaborative mobilities and activities with partner institutions in high potential international markets in support of the objectives of the International Education Strategy 2016-2020, *"Irish Educated, Globally Connected"*. A Call for Proposals from Higher Education Institutions has been issued. The Programme will be managed by the Higher Education Authority (HEA).

The Minister for Education and Skills, Richard Bruton TD commented *"the programme is a key priority of the Government's international education strategy – Irish Educated, Globally Connected published in 2016. It will greatly assist our HEIs to establish partnerships with high potential international education markets, countries and regions, establishing in the process an Irish higher education presence on a truly global scale. It is a further step in the delivery of the Government's International Trade Strategy, launched earlier this year"*.

Minister Mitchell O'Connor was also delighted to point out that *"This new Academic Mobility Programme is the latest in a number of strategic actions driven by my Department, in conjunction with the international education sector here, to implement the strategic vision set out in the Government's International Education Strategy. It follows on from the implementation of a trebling of the number of Government of Ireland Scholarships for international students, the introduction of a 24-month stayback permission scheme for post-graduate international students and the provision of greater supports by Government to assist with the diversification of international education markets. This also further supports Ireland's higher education sector as it prepares for the challenges and opportunities of Brexit."*

Successful proposals will include academic collaborations on, for example –

- **Preparation of a joint teaching programme;**
- **Shared exploration on innovative approaches to *inter alia* a teaching pedagogy, student support activity, internationalisation of curricula, digital education and delivery;**
- **Development of new student mobilities streams outward and inward;**
- **The exploration of new inter-institutional partnerships with individual countries;**
- **The advancement of a research concept to the application of funding stage.**

The successful proposals will be due for implementation between December 2017 and December 2018.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 17.00 hrs Friday 10 November 2017.

An online application form will be available at this link from Monday 2 October 2017.

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