ESSEX

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

Making connections that change the world
“If, like us, you want to make a positive difference in the world by working together, we would love to hear from you.”
A leading university with a truly global outlook

At the University of Essex you can find the world in one place – we are in the top 20 for the most international student community in the *Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2018*.

We believe the need to look outwards has never been greater to sustain our internationalism and to ensure that the UK’s departure from the European Union is a springboard for a cosmopolitan and global Britain.

We are committed to developing high-quality partnerships with like-minded universities and organisations that, through mutual benefit and respect share our ambition to make a difference in the world.

We already work in partnership with a number of international institutions, to further strengthen our commitment to excellence in education and excellence in research. Our work includes engagement and collaboration through education and research partnerships. Together we are making a positive difference.

Our global partnerships provide opportunities for our students to study abroad and for us to welcome international students to Essex. Our research partnerships enable us to bring researchers together to solve some of the world’s most challenging problems.

Our network of five regional offices help support and promote our students, academic colleagues and alumni wherever they are across the globe.

If like us, you want to make a positive difference in the world by working together, we would love to hear from you.

PROFESSOR ANTHONY FORSTER
VICE-CHANCELLOR
EMBRACING THE GLOBE

Six top reasons to partner with us.

1 Education
We have 14 international academic partnerships with global institutions in China, France, Germany, Japan, Morocco and Singapore, and 120 friendship and progression agreements around the world.

2 Partnerships
We value working with others so that together we can do things better, and do better things. We have links with 320 institutions around the world.

3 Research
We are ranked in the top 25 for research quality in The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2018, where we’re also ranked 22nd overall, our highest ever ranking.
4 Knowledge-sharing
We are a university that is always looking to make a difference to the lives of others and we are always looking for like-minded organisations to partner with us on this journey.

5 Opportunities
We believe that working in partnership is the key to the improvement of humanity and society through the transformational opportunities we jointly create for students.

6 Reach
We are ranked 19th for the most international outlook in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2018.

Get in touch
We enjoy working with universities and organisations around the world who, like us, are always striving to achieve excellence in education and excellence in research.

We believe that working in partnership is the key to the improvement of humanity and society through the transformational opportunities we jointly create. We believe in building high quality, lasting partnerships on an open and equitable basis, so do get in touch if you want to help us make a difference in the world.

PROFESSOR DOMINIC MICKLEWRIGHT
DEAN OF PARTNERSHIPS
BETTER TOGETHER
A quick look at the many ways we can collaborate.

The Essex joint PhD
This initiative involves us jointly awarding a PhD in partnership with another university, with two research supervisors working together.

Friendship agreements
A great way to start and a joint statement of institutional intent to work together in the future. We are always happy to sign a friendship agreement early on with partners who share our values.

Double degrees and dual-awards
This is where students can spend part of their time studying at both partner institutions. It’s great for student mobility and developing high-quality degrees with dual strengths.

Study abroad and student exchanges
We believe that having international experience is an important part of a transformational education and we do everything we can to support students in becoming global citizens.

Joint degrees
This is when the University of Essex and one or more other awarding institutions provide a joint programme leading to awards of both, or all, institutions.

Transnational education – both ways!
We realise that not everyone’s circumstances allows them to travel to Essex to study at one of our UK campuses which is why we want to deliver our programmes locally, in other countries.
Degree apprenticeships
An ideal combination of on-the-job training and academic study, Degree and Higher Apprenticeships provide apprentices with higher-level qualifications, including degrees.

Validation
As an awarding institution, sometimes we validate others to deliver programmes that lead to an Essex degree.

Articulation agreements
Similar to a progression agreement, students are guaranteed entry to the University of Essex course provided they meet the entry requirements.

Building relationships
We recognise that it takes time to build an effective relationship with our partners in ways that lead to a genuine balanced collaboration with mutual, sustainable benefits.

Progression agreements
This is when your students are considered for admission to the first year of a University of Essex course, or to join our course beyond the standard point of entry based on what they have already studied with you.

Business and enterprise partnerships
We help businesses improve and grow by enabling innovation, in areas such as analytics and data science, and artificial intelligence technologies.
We welcome students from around the world for a period of study at Essex and aim to offer them an outstanding international experience.
A world of educational opportunity

At Essex we value highly the international dimension of university life in providing a transformational education to students.

We encourage our students and staff to broaden their world outlook through study or work at one of our partner institutions around the world.

Prosperous partnerships

There are a number of different ways we can work in partnership with other institutions.

Double degree programmes

Through our prestigious, jointly-developed double degree programme with Northwest University (NWU) in China and our own School of Computer Science and Electronic Engineering at Essex, successful students from NWU will be awarded qualifications from both institutions; a BSc in Electronic Systems Engineering from Essex and a BSc in Electronic Information Science and Technology from NWU. Students will complete the first three years of the programme in China, with Essex staff travelling to deliver month-long modules, alongside NWU staff, this is followed up through online support from the UK. This study programme received approval from China’s Ministry of Education.
Dual-award partnerships

The University has two dual-award partnerships with Kobe University in Japan, and a number of postgraduate taught dual-award programmes with universities across Germany. The programme leads to a Master's degree from both Essex and the partner institution.

Essex departments involved with this scheme include our Department of Economics, which has a dual-award partnership with the Graduate School of Economics at Kobe, and our Department of Government which has a dual-award partnership with their Graduate School of Law.

Participating universities in Germany include Universität Bamberg, Universität Hamburg, Universität Konstanz and Universität Mannheim, working in partnerships with our Department of Government and Department of Economics.

Validation arrangement

Our partnership with the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA) offers their students the opportunity to complete a one year undergraduate top-up course validated by the University of Essex. Successful students will receive either a BA in Creative Arts Management or a BA in Theatre Arts from the University of Essex, and the partnership is operated in collaboration with East 15 Acting School.

International franchise

Through our partnership with Kaplan Singapore, we offer a number of our undergraduate Essex Business School courses in Singapore. These are closely modelled on the courses offered by Essex Business School at Essex. Kaplan Singapore students are able to complete their Essex award in 18 months. The courses available are BSc (Hons) in Accounting, BSc (Hons) in Accounting and Finance, BSc (Hons) in Banking and Finance, BSc (Hons) in Financial Management, and BSc (Hons) in Management and Marketing.

Double degree leading to legal practice qualifications in France and the UK

Essex is one of only five universities in the UK which qualifies students for legal practice in both France and the UK. Students spend the first two years of this double degree studying at Essex where they take the required modules in English law. In the following two years, students will study at a partner institution in France, following modules in French law to obtain a Licence en Droit and the Maîtrise/Master 1. Currently, Essex has three partner institutions in France; Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3, Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense and Université Toulouse 1 Capitole.

Our close collaboration

“As a result of our close collaboration with the University of Essex, we were able to develop a unique and innovative study programme. This has now become an asset to our portfolio, that has enhanced our students’ professional training. Feedback from Essex academics suggests our students have made an important contribution to their studies while at Essex, and our students have gained much from the experience.”

ASTRID VASQUEZ, INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES, TECNOLÓGICO DE MONTERREY, MEXICO
Essex is one of only five universities in the UK which qualifies students for legal practice in both France and the UK.
We encourage our students to grasp opportunities to work and volunteer abroad, and take advantage of the opportunities we offer around the world.
Progression and friendship agreements

The University has 120 of these kinds of agreements with institutions around the world. Friendship agreements allow the University to formalise cooperation with another institution. Progression agreements allow students to be considered for admission to undergraduate and postgraduate courses at Essex provided they meet the admission criteria.

Studying abroad and student exchanges

We currently have study abroad partnership agreements with 164 institutions, and each year around 300 Essex students take up this excellent opportunity to broaden their horizons and earn credit towards their degree. We welcome students from around the world for a period of study abroad at Essex and aim to offer them an outstanding international experience. They are welcomed into our international community of original thinkers, to gain valuable learning within an academically-challenging environment.

Grasping new opportunities

We encourage our students to grasp opportunities to work and volunteer abroad, and take advantage of the opportunities we offer around the world that will broaden their horizons personally and academically.

We provide guidance on what direction to take and where they can go. We also help organise their time abroad, and help them get prepared through pre-departure workshops.

Each year we offer rich extra-curricular activities to Essex students across the world including in South America, China, Australasia and Southeast Asia. These include charity and conservation work with UmPhafa and Colchester Zoo in South Africa, a sea turtle conservation project with Wildlife Sense in Greece, and Buenos Aires Municipal Government Internships in Argentina.

- We hold an Erasmus+ Charter for Higher Education 2014-20
- We are an IIE GSA Commitment Partner
- We are a UUK Go International Commitment Partner

My Italian year abroad

“My year abroad in Italy has benefitted my degree a great deal because I have a broader knowledge of economics, and I was able to learn modules that are related to my degree. I’ve made friends for life, from everywhere. Say yes to a year abroad because not only do you grow academically, you grow as a person.”

MARISSA ANDERSON, BA FINANCIAL ECONOMICS

Common vision

“With a common vision, both Brickfields Asia College and the University of Essex have forged ahead towards developing a unique blend of educational opportunities for Malaysian students in various professional disciplines. Armed with this strong foundation, students of both institutions have achieved much success in their chosen profession. We are proud of the collaborative arrangement and of the level of cooperation that exists between Brickfields Asia College and the University of Essex.”

REUBEN DE ROZARIO, BRICKFIELDS ASIA COLLEGE
Our researchers are daring, visionary thinkers. We ask difficult questions, provide vital insights, and influence policy.
Shaping thinking, influencing policy

Our research is broad in its reach, and has a truly international flavour: we've helped governments model the effects of their economic policies and shaped the global debate on mental health law reform.

We are ranked in the top 25 for research quality in *The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2018*, where we're also ranked 22nd overall – and in 2018 were short-listed for the coveted title of University of the Year. Our researchers are daring, visionary thinkers. We ask difficult questions and provide vital insights, and our research shapes thinking and influences policy.

Welcoming young researchers

We are one of 18 universities working across Europe to enrich the educational experience of our students, increase the impact of our researchers and share best practice across institutions through the YERUN initiative: the Young European Research Universities Network.

YERUN was created in 2015 as the result of existing collaboration among 18 young and highly ranked universities in Europe – with a goal to facilitate and promote joint
initiatives in the areas of research, education and mobility among our members.

In January 2018 Essex hosted, in collaboration with University Roma Tor Vergata and Carlos III Madrid, the first YERUN research workshop, comprising the first of six research workshops that brought together 30 academics from 15 YERUN partners to focus on Big Data, Data Analytics and the Digital Economy.

**Promoting global Women of the Future**

Thirty inspirational women were awarded Masters Scholarships to study at Essex, funded by our 2016-17 Women of the Future appeal which raised USD $825,000 (£605,000). Receiving scholar, Elnara Khailova from Azerbaijan, said: “Receiving my scholarship was the happiest day of my life, and I will never forget this.”

**Welcoming international visiting fellows**

Led by our Pro Vice-Chancellor for Research, each year professors and experienced research academics join us to contribute to, and collaborate with, our research community, as part of our International Visiting Fellowships Scheme. Hosted by a research centre linked to their research area, Fellows join us for a minimum of two months, and up to a maximum of 10 months, and come from a broad range of countries, specialising in a number of academic disciplines. Long-term Fellows produce a paper or journal contribution and usually undertake valuable workshops with Masters and Doctorate students.

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**Visiting Fellows**

“During my visit at the University Essex, I discovered an institution with an international community of academics and students coming from various parts of the world. This international profile of the university is a large part of its strength, I believe. It was a great pleasure for me to visit the University of Essex as an International Visiting Fellow and working with my host Professor Abdelhi Salhi.”

DR. MOHAMED AREZKI MELLAL, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, M’HAMED BOUGARA UNIVERSITY, ALGERIA

“My time at Essex was a tremendous learning opportunity for me, providing me with a chance to see sociology, and indeed the world, from a different point of view. I met numerous outstanding sociologists with whom I intend to stay in contact, and with whom I hope to collaborate in the future.”

CATHERINE HARNOIS, WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY, NORTH CAROLINA, USA

“Out of my fellowship, I expect to publish five journal articles. The visit also helped me make significant progress on my book and I expect it to be completed timely. Thank you for the opportunity to visit and collaborate with the outstanding colleagues and staff at the University of Essex.”

PROFESSOR MARC L. ROARK SAVANNAH LAW SCHOOL, GEORGIA, USA
RESEARCH CASE STUDY

PREDICTION TOOL

As a policymaker, imagine you had a tool which allowed you to see the impact of your policies before you put them into place or let you test the effectiveness of existing ones. That is what EUROMOD - a tax-benefit microsimulation does.

Now in its third decade, the model has been developed by Professor Holly Sutherland, who leads a team at the Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER) at Essex, in collaboration with experts from across the EU.

Increasingly influential

The tool has become increasingly influential and is used by the European Commission for policy formulation and analysis: as part of its European Semester (the EU’s economic policy coordination process); in a growing range of policy reports; and, most recently, by Eurostat in helping to ‘now cast’ rates of poverty and income distribution across the EU.

“The importance of [EUROMOD] grows with every year and is highly valued by the European Commission. We are proud to have supported this analytical tool which has contributed to efficient policy making at national and European level.”

MARIANNE THYSSEN, EUROPEAN COMMISSIONER FOR EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL AFFAIRS, SKILLS AND LABOUR MOBILITY
Mental Health Law Reform

Since 2010 the Essex Autonomy Project has been using philosophy to understand the complexities of care and the challenges of supporting and preserving autonomy in care contexts.

"We’re finding ourselves shaping the global discussion on mental health reform. There is an international debate happening about law reform and how to achieve compliance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and we’re helping people chart a course through the issues they are facing.”

Professor Wayne Martin, Essex Autonomy Project

Central to the project has been an interdisciplinary investigation into the ideal of self-determination (autonomy) in the context of care: healthcare, psychiatric care, social care, and care for elderly people. The latest stage sees the project joining an international research collaboration with King’s College London, funded by the Wellcome Trust, which is addressing public policy challenges surrounding mental health and its interaction with human rights.

Global impact

When EAP co-director Professor Wayne Martin attended a meeting in Washington DC he was surprised to meet a group of Peruvian legal experts who were fully aware of the Essex Autonomy Project (EAP) and its work on mental health law.

“They told me case studies developed by the EAP team had been used by the Reform Commission for the Civil Code in Peru,” said Professor Martin. “They had actually translated our reports into Spanish and were using our case studies to ‘stress test’ the statutes they were developing – which have now become law.”

Advice and support

This is just one example of the influence of EAP around the world. The EAP team has found itself providing advice and support to all three of the UK’s three legal jurisdictions – England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Official delegations have also travelled to Essex from Japan, Norway and Bulgaria to meet with the EAP team while team members have been invited to many countries including the Republic of Ireland and given evidence to the United Nations.
RESEARCH CASE STUDY
Our bespoke executive education programme was delivered to 100 Malaysian public officials and businesses by Professor Tazeeb Rajwani, Essex Business School
Sharing expert knowledge

At Essex we’re engaged with the world. We host incoming delegations, build bridges and form partnerships with overseas institutions, share our knowledge and help other institutions build their capacity.

We invite delegations to visit us for strategic fact-finding trips and knowledge-sharing. We also work in partnership with Essex County Council to link with international partners. Our professional services employees also share good practice with colleagues in partner institutions.

**Sharing knowledge**

Every other year, a delegation of our professional services staff visits the University of Konstanz for knowledge-sharing and networking. Academic staff can visit partner institutions through Erasmus+. In 2018 our Essex Abroad team is also hosting 50 senior staff from partner universities for a training and development week, focused on Mainstreaming Internationalisation for the New Age.

**Building capacity**

Backed by EU funding we are engaged in supporting capacity-building activity for institutions in other areas, including Russia, Israel and the Caucasus. For example, the Head of our Employability Team is working with a network of Georgian universities to help set up careers services. This type of activity is in the interests of sharing our knowledge and improving learning outcomes for other international institutions.

**Boosting prosperity**

We were one of the first UK universities to join the Santander Universities network. This was created in 1996 by Banco Santander’s late Chairman Emilio Botin – with the aim of bringing together the bank’s corporate social responsibility activities. The network began in Spain and now engages more than 20 countries including Brazil, Mexico, Argentina and Portugal with almost 1,200 university partners network in 2007, and today is has 83 UK members. Since joining, we have received more than £1.3m which has helped us to support 120 Masters Scholarships, 200 internships and more than 150 travel grants.
Entrepreneurial spirit

“I am really inspired by the entrepreneurial spirit and drive of students at the University of Essex. We’re delighted to be supporting such an important initiative that recognises the importance of encouraging these young business leaders; nurturing the next generation to dare to invent, innovate, create and be entrepreneurial, such as the University of Essex, to help Santander UK be better and ready for the future as well.”


Business and enterprise partnerships

We help businesses improve and grow by enabling innovation. We provide world-class expertise in data science and advanced analytics to big data, through our Institute for Analytics and Data Science, and have award-winning projects based on implementation of our AI expertise. We are in the top five in the country for the number of Innovate UK Knowledge Transfer Partnership projects that we have with businesses. We also drive innovation through our graduates who provide a talent pipeline for business. Our growing USD $50 million research and technology park, the Knowledge Gateway, is attracting many new companies to join us and benefit from co-location with a top 25 UK university (Times Good University Guide 2018).
DIGITAL MALAYSIA

Executive education for the Sarawak region.

The state government of the Sarawak region in Malaysian Borneo is embarking on a major digital economy programme and in 2017 senior representatives travelled to Essex to explore the ways our expertise could help.

Building capacity
The Sarawak government's programme includes the development of an innovation hub, boosting e-commerce and cyber security, e-government projects, and talent development, as part of a $2 billion drive to upskill Malaysia’s workforce. Professor Tazeeb Rajwani, from our Essex Business School, has also delivered a bespoke executive education training programme on disruptive technologies to 120 Malaysian Government officials as part of the partnership.
Our dedicated alumni team helps our graduates stay connected, get involved, share experiences and support the University’s work into the future.
Reaching around the world

Our students come from 150 countries, and our alumni networks represent communities of thousands. Our three campuses reflect a genuinely international setting that fuses ideas, cultures and different perspectives: internationalism is central to what we do, and who we are.

Global networking

No matter where in the world our graduates live, Essex alumni membership gives them access to exclusive events, networking opportunities, alumni discounts, professional development opportunities, business webinars, reunion support, and news from our departments.

Our dedicated alumni team helps our graduates stay connected, get involved, share experiences and support the University’s work into the future through volunteering and philanthropy.
Global winners

In 2016 and 2017, Essex had five finalists and one winner in the British Council Alumni Awards, chosen from more than 1,700 applications from 125 countries. Our finalists in 2018 include a leading academic, a roboticist, a biotechnologist, an innovator in the central Asian finance sector, and a founder of an English school who has become a YouTube sensation.

In 2017 Roichatul Aswidah (pictured, left) was a finalist in the Social Impact category of the awards. As a former Human Rights student at the University of Essex, Roichatul is now a commissioner of the Indonesian National Commission of Human Rights in the Indonesian Parliament.

Also in 2017, Ricky Gunawan won the Social Impact category of the awards, having earned his Master’s degree in Theory and Practice in Human Rights from the University of Essex. Ricky’s work focuses on ending the death penalty, reforming drug laws, and protecting the rights of Indonesia’s most vulnerable people.

A truly unforgettable experience

"Being able to study in the School of Law at the University of Essex was truly an unforgettable experience. Not only are all the lecturers experts in their research which truly affirms Essex for its excellence in research, but they also strove to perform at their best, equipping the students with relevant and applicable skills for their future endeavours. Since graduating I have now enrolled in the Certificate of Legal Profession course back in Malaysia and began my internships with various different legal institutions. Without my degree, this would not have been possible and it is thanks to all the wonderful opportunities, legal workshops and various supporting platforms at Essex that I am where I am today."

JIN CHI TAN, LLB LAW DEGREE TRANSFER PROGRAMME, 2017
ALUMNI CASE STUDY

LIFE ON MARS?
How Anushree is reaching for the stars.

Essex graduate Anushree Srivastav, from India, was chosen as a 2018 finalist in the British Council Alumni Awards for her outstanding contributions to space exploration research. Anushree completed a Masters in Biotechnology at Essex in 2016 and said her experience at Essex helped pave the way for her dream job in astrobiology.

Hands-on experience
The knowledge she gained helped her secure the position of crew biologist on The Mars Society’s 160 Twin Desert-Artic Analog Mission, whose aim was to simulate a real mission to Mars, which involved adapting to extreme living conditions and learning how to carry out scientific research on the red planet. Anushree said: “Essex gave me hands-on research experience in a geomicrobiology lab, looking for signs of past or present life trapped inside crystals. Find your passion and do what you love no matter how difficult things appear at first. Follow your heart and reach for the stars.”

“Find your passion and do what you love, no matter how difficult things appear at first”
ANUSHREE SRIVASTAV,
MA IN BIOTECHNOLOGY 2016
Our network of regional offices supports our aim to achieve a truly transformational education at the University of Essex.
Global

An expert team, with local knowledge

Our specialist, in-country expertise is here to help you discover Essex.

Our worldwide recruitment team (pictured) recruit students to our campuses in Colchester, Southend and Loughton; forge partnerships and networks; host alumni and stakeholder events; and develop our local knowledge to enrich our students’ experience.

Spotlight on Dubai

Joanna Muldoon (pictured above left), regional manager, North Africa and Middle East, explains, “Located in Dubai, we’re a dedicated team able to reach most parts of the Middle East within a few hours. The University is focussed on growth from within this region at all levels.

“Traditionally, Essex has attracted many Middle Eastern students to our PhD programmes, so we’re now fortunate to have Essex alumni working in higher education throughout the Middle East. We’re now working with these alumni to build links and partnerships with their institutions to ensure our future growth.

“Dubai has established itself as a transnational hub and the Dubai office is here to support and develop transnational provision and opportunities for the University of Essex.”
A worldwide welcome

When students join us, for shorter or longer-term study, they will meet people from all over the planet and have wonderful opportunities to broaden their own horizons through a range of educational, cultural and leisure activities.

Achieving gold

The UK Government introduced the Teaching Excellence Framework in 2017 to recognise and reward excellent learning and education, and ensure that prospective students can make informed choices. Out of the 134 UK higher education institutions who took part in the review, 43 are Gold, 67 Silver and 24 Bronze.

Essex was awarded the top rating of Gold, and the judging panel praised us for ensuring "students from all backgrounds achieve outstanding outcomes with regards to continuation and progression to highly skilled employment or further study, notably exceeding the University’s benchmark" as well as having "outstanding levels of satisfaction with education, academic support, and assessment and feedback, markedly exceeding the University’s benchmark".

We are also in the top 15 of mainstream universities in England for overall student satisfaction, according to the 2017 UK National Student Survey.

Living and learning together

Across our Colchester (above), Southend and Loughton campuses, located in the county of Essex, southeast England, we strive to create a living and working environment that helps students truly make their mark.

With more than 165 sports clubs and societies to join, our community and activities support our belief that every student’s Essex experience should be life-changing and unforgettable. Our sports teams have travelled the world over, spreading our Essex Spirit and enhancing our partnerships, including our basketball and volleyball teams visiting Germany and Macau.

Take a look at our country-specific information to find out all you need to know about studying here:
www.essex.ac.uk/international/country-specific-information
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JUDGING PANEL ON THE UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX SUBMISSION TEACHING EXCELLENCE FRAMEWORK 2017
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Contact our partnerships team to find out more about how we can work together, and share more of our Essex Spirit with your institution and students.

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