



Opportunities & Challenges for Internationalisation

A strategic overview

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Our internationalisation efforts are broadly focused on increasing mobility, building partnerships and growing student recruitment. The benefits are multi-faceted: enriching our student and staff experience, growing our reputation globally, and diversifying our university finances.

The past five years has seen significant growth in full-time international students (up 30%) and outbound mobility (up 50%). Our strategic planning process needs to identify our optimum size and profile for the years ahead and invest to scale our supports and services accordingly.

Accommodation shortages, visa obstacles and changing politics in Ireland and overseas may threaten our future internationalisation efforts. It will take coordinated effort across the University to plan for and mitigate against these risks.

ENLIGHT offers an enormous opportunity to innovate education and research partnerships and mobility throughout Europe. All of our global partnerships offer huge possibilities but require commitment, time and resources to cultivate and build upon their potential.

Supporting our internationalisation efforts requires greater sharing of information and service provision across the University. As a university community, we need to decide on our ambition and capacity for further growth.

Ireland remains a very attractive country for international students.

While remaining cautiously optimistic for the years ahead, we need to balance our ambition for further internationalisation with the need for sustainability.

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