

Erasmus+ Policy Statement

The RNCM International Strategy 2015 – 2021, which won the Times Higher Education Awards for Outstanding International Student Strategy in 2016, was endorsed by the Board of Governors in 2015. The main aim of the strategy was to foster a shared responsibility for internationalisation and, as a result, the work of the International Office has now been embedded across all areas of the College to the benefit of students, staff, and the institution.

One of the objectives of the RNCM International Strategy 2015 – 2021 is to ‘develop strategic, collegial and mutually beneficial partnerships with leading overseas organisations and key individuals that transcend national and international boundaries.’ As RNCM comes towards the end of this current strategy, our emphasis within this objective is on the development, and continuation, of a limited number of long-term, sustainable partnerships with institutions across the world that share in our vision for music education, creativity and innovation in artistic practice.

Partnerships are now overseen by the RNCM Executive Team and are based on a number of factors that include, but are not limited to: institutional strategic objectives; compatibility of programmes; staff and student experience; commercial activity; and academic benefits.

RNCM understands the benefits of international mobility and students at all three levels - UG, PG and PhD - have an opportunity to benefit from Erasmus+ or other study abroad activities. Promotion of the scheme to students is carried out by Marketing and Student Recruitment, Academic Registry and Heads of Programme, in collaboration with Heads of School. Selection of students (whether inward or outward) is carried out on the basis of merit and is in line with the RNCM Equality and Diversity Policy. On return to RNCM, students are interviewed and individual stories are collated to enhance the information available to future participants.

RNCM is committed to the provision of a high-quality experience for all students who participate in Erasmus+ or study abroad and, support for students who undertake a mobility (whether inward or outward) is offered by Marketing and Student Recruitment and Academic Registry, and is overseen by Heads of Programme. In line with the Erasmus+ Charter, full credits are awarded for study within the Erasmus+ Framework.

Erasmus+ mobility is an invaluable opportunity for staff across the College to develop both personally and professionally and is seen as an excellent way for staff to share their skills and experience with our international network. Selection of staff for mobility has now been built into Staff Development Policy and Performance and Development Reviews, and is overseen by staff from within Marketing and Student Recruitment and Human Resources.

RNCM welcomes visits from staff within the College’s international network and values this contribution to the work of the College.

International Recruitment Officer
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