

Erasmus Overall Strategy

Halmstad University's long tradition of International cooperation in research level as well as educational level prepare for success in the global academic work. For a university to be successful and play an important role in the national as well as the international field it is necessary to put a lot of effort in the quality of research and recruitment of high reputed researchers as well as ambitious students. It is of great importance to Halmstad University to be one of the actors which tie a pressing issue- on what happens here and now, together with more wide- ranging societal concerns of significance, globally and culturally. This concerns comprehensive social issues such as democracy, humanism, quality of life and welfare. However, these questions also deal with contributing to change and development within a certain knowledge, skill, technique or problem area. Halmstad University's goal for 2014-2020 is to be an innovative and specialized university with an education and research recognized both nationally as well as international and is closely connected to other participants acting in in-disciplinary partnerships. An international perspective should be included in both education and research. This means that the University will be recruit students and staff internationally as well as international cooperation within research and education. The incoming exchange students contribute to the global environment at the university and is an asset to the educational and research environments development and quality. The incoming exchange students are a resource for recruitment to the university's PHD-education which also means that the partner institutions and agreements all over the world are of great importance. The strategic selection of the partner institutions is based both on the geographical area as well coherence in research and education. Apart from the European Union interesting areas concerning collaboration and projects are China, Korea, India, Pakistan, Brazil and Mexico as well as some nations such as Russia and former Yugoslavia. The outgoing students will get new perspectives as well as experience that will enrich their education as well as strengthen their personal and professional competences and prepare them for the working life.

Developing curricula which actively promote multilingualism, linguistic diversity and interculturalism in European society. Over and above this the University of Halmstad should strive towards: Develop lifelong learning strategies and become "continuing education centers" or "open learning centers" for our region; Halmstad University should work actively for equal opportunities and diversity from two perspectives. The first builds on democratic values and human rights. Each individual has the right to equal treatment. The other aspect concerns quality assurance. The institution regards equality and diversity as important aspects in the raising of quality as staff and students. At concern renewal and change, thereby enhancing their attractiveness in the labor market.

Halmstad University strives to strengthen the international dimension and the global knowledge for all students and staff at the university.

Halmstad University's ambition is that together with strategic partner university develop long term relationships that will include student mobility as well as teaching and research mobility. Halmstad University is also striving to promote non- academic staff mobility to enrich and deepen the global knowledge at the university. Halmstad University's goal is to systematically create educational cooperation with universities in other strategic nations and partners. The responsibility for implementing cooperation agreements and projects is both on institutional level as well as on faculty level. The institution strives to support each Faculty in their cooperation projects that are in line with the university's international policy. The internationalization at the University is continuously revised and part of the regularly quality work at the university. In order to maintain and enhance a high level of experienced quality among all participants participating in Halmstad University mobility projects, two administrative computerized systems is being used at the University. The first system is an administrative tool named Move On, used by some hundred European Institutions performing and presenting all information needed for students, faculty and staff. The other system is a (quick) computerized quality control system called Quick Search, providing the institution with a very comprehensive tool for systematized feedback and quality control.

Halmstad University works actively to recruit students from all different backgrounds in order for students from a non- academic background to study on a higher education level. The institution regards equality and diversity as important aspects in the raising of quality as staff and students. There are also several supporting mechanism at the university which support the students during their studies and helping them to complete their programmes and graduate. Halmstad University should work for the greater good

of community and regional development by ensuring that its teaching and research are characterized by openness with regard to the local community and individual citizens. The University promotes freedom in its teaching and research activities with respect to the wider political, ideological and economic interests. Developing strategies for cooperation between higher education and enterprises which has to include a clear concept of guidance and counseling; introduce entrepreneurship as part of the curriculum for students and especially as a skill for teachers/researchers. Halmstad University strives to educate global citizens. In particular the preparation, implementation and follow up for all student placements, tutoring capacity and the quality of supervision of the student while abroad. The issue of language learning and linguistic preparation in the host country should be taken into consideration.

Halmstad University offers several educational programmes in which a study- and work placement is a mandatory component. Therefore the institution organized specific positions in the different schools to obtain and process the acquisition of new places, maintenance and follow up. Students also evaluate and assess the standard of the study- and work placement. These experiences are reported back in a seminar afterwards. Halmstad University works closely with the industry to connect students and researchers with the professional world. During their studies students connect to the industry which enables them to have a steady platform to work for once graduated. In order to maintain and enhance a high level of experienced quality among all participants in Halmstad University mobility projects, two administrative computerized systems have been launched. The first system is an administrative tool named Move On, used by some hundred European Institutions performing and presenting all information needed for students, faculty and staff. The other system is a (quick) computerized quality control system called Quick Search, providing the institution with a very comprehensive tool for systematized feedback and quality control.