UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH

INFORMATION SHEET FOR EXCHANGE PARTNER UNIVERSITIES 2024-25

Full Name of University	University of Portsmouth (UoP)	
Postal Address	Global Mobility Team, Floor 4, Mercantile Building, Hampshire Terrace, Portsmouth, United Kingdom, PO1 2EG	
Email addresses	For partners and prospective students – incoming@port.ac.uk Application enquiries: exchange-admissions@port.ac.uk	
Websites	Global Mobility - https://www.port.ac.uk/study/exchanges-and-study-abroad	
Telephone	+44 (0)23 9284 3488	
Academic Calendar	https://www.port.ac.uk/about-us/key-dates	
	Year Long and Autumn (TB1) dates: **International Orientation** Monday 16 September 2024 to Sunday 22 September 2024 **Teaching block 1 (TB1)** Monday 23 September 2024 to Friday 24 January 2025 **Year Long:** Monday 23 September 2024 to Friday 27 June 2025	**Spring dates (TB2)** **International Orientation** Monday 20 January 2025 to Sunday 26 January 2025 **Teaching block 2 (TB2)** Monday 27 January 2025 to Friday 27 June 2025
Nominations and applications deadlines	**Nomination deadline: 29 March** **Application deadline: 31 May**	**Nomination deadline: 30 September** **Application deadline: 31 October**
Module catalogue	https://www.port.ac.uk/study/exchanges-and-study-abroad/choose-what-youll-study	

CONTACT DETAILS

Global Mobility team	**Dan Wightman -** Global Mobility Manager **Andy Smith -** Global Mobility Adviser
Office hours	**Monday – Thursday:** from 08:30am – 17:00pm. **Friday** – Friday 08:30am – 16:00pm

APPLICATION PROCESS

Information	**This application process applies only to exchange students attending modules for one teaching block or full year.** Please note that students attending only for thesis preparation/research project, need to complete a different application form. Students should contact exchange-admissions@port.ac.uk to receive further guidance in this instance. Applications to the exchange programme can **only** be made via the online application portal; access to which will be provided to every accepted nomination by email, along with an application guide. Students must receive and accept a firm offer from the University before accommodation can be applied for. **It is strongly recommended that students apply at the earliest opportunity to secure housing.** **Please note that applications received after the given deadline may not be accepted!**
Academic Requirements	Each nominated student must have successfully completed **at least one year** of academic study at their home institution and meet the entry requirements: 1) A copy of their academic transcript of records in English 2) English language proficiency evidence at a minimum of IELTS band 6.0 with no component score below 5.5 or an approved equivalent 3) A copy of a valid passport

	4) Learning Agreement including a list of selected modules 5) Portfolio of your work (<u>ONLY for Exchange Programme in the Faculty of Creative and Cultural Industries</u>).
Learning Agreement for Studies	The **Learning Agreement for Studies** must show all modules selected for the intended period of mobility. The Learning Agreement **must be signed by the student and home Academic Coordinator, and then submitted before the start of the mobility**. We advise students to submit the Learning Agreement for Studies as soon as possible to ensure module availability.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Visa	All students applying to study on an Exchange or Study Abroad Programme, need to apply for the correct visa to study in the UK, depending on the mobility duration: **VISAS FOR 6 MONTHS OR LESS** If the exchange programme lasts for 6 months or less, students will need to apply for visa from the '<u>Standard Visitor for the purpose of study</u>' category. The 'Standard Visitor for the purpose of Study' visa **can't be extended** and applicants **aren't permitted to work on this visa.** Please check further information about this visa on our website: https://www.port.ac.uk/student-life/international-students/visa-advice/visas-for-exchange-and-study-abroad-students **VISAS FOR MORE THAN 6 MONTHS** If the exchange programme lasts for more than 6 months, students will need to apply for a <u>Student Route visa</u>. Students cannot switch to the Student Route visa in the UK if they have entered as a Standard Visitor. They must apply in their home country. A Student Route visa for an Exchange programme cannot be extended in the UK. Please check further information about this visa on our website: https://www.port.ac.uk/student-life/international-students/visa-advice/visas-for-exchange-and-study-abroad-students For both types of visa some students may need to apply for an Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate if your course and nationality require it. Please note that visa regulations can change at any point and students need to ensure they apply for the appropriate type of visa by visiting UK Government's website https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa. For any queries about making a visa application please contact the International Student Advice team by emailing student-visa@port.ac.uk
ATAS Check	**Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS)** – To study some of our courses in <u>science and technology</u>, students need to have clearance under ATAS. This will be requested depending on the modules selected to study. ATAS is a security check the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office makes. Once successful, the student receives an ATAS Certificate, which is needed while applying for a student visa. For more information please visit our website: https://www.port.ac.uk/study/international-students/visa-advice/academic-tech-approval-scheme
Language Requirements	Language of instruction: English **ALL APPLICANTS** must provide evidence of their English language proficiency at a minimum of IELTS band 6.0 with no component score below 5.5 or an approved equivalent - please see a **full list of accepted English language tests** on our website: https://www.port.ac.uk/study/international-students/english-language-requirements Please note that **native English speakers (Australian, USA nationals etc)** should provide proof of English language competency through a copy of their high school (or equivalent) transcripts.

International Orientation programme	**The Orientation programme:** Information about the programme and what students should do before they arrive can be found here: https://www.port.ac.uk/study/international-students/starting-at-portsmouth
Facilities for disabilities and additional support	**Additional Support and Disability Advice Centre (ASDAC)** ASDAC can provide advice and discuss support for any student who discloses a disability or additional learning needs. For more information please visit the website: https://www.port.ac.uk/student-life/guidance-and-support/additional-support-and-disability-advice
Healthcare and insurance	Students applying for the UKVI Student Route for a visa duration of <u>six months or more</u>, are required to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) as a compulsory part of a visa application. This will give them access to NHS healthcare and the ability to register with a GP (doctor). Students applying for less than six months, and for a Standard Visitor visa for the purpose of study, can still access medical care, but they will be required to pay for the service. Students may be able to register as a temporary patient with a GP surgery and may be able to access National Health Service (NHS) walk-in services. It is strongly recommended that all students obtain comprehensive travel and medical insurance with sickness cover before arriving in the UK to cover the period of stay. Helpful information about healthcare can be found on the UKCISA website www.ukcisa.org.uk. Visit https://www.port.ac.uk/life-at-uni/international-students/starting-at-portsmouth/your-first-weeks for essential information before arrival in Portsmouth.
Accommodation (Student Housing team)	A room can be offered in halls for all students, applying for full year or autumn term, who accept their offer to the University of Portsmouth and meet any accommodation deadlines and other related requirements. Accommodation in halls of residence for is dependent upon availability. Exchange students can apply for accommodation once a firm offer has been made to the them. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that students complete their application form early, so there is adequate time for applying for accommodation and to meet relevant accommodation application deadlines. The Student Housing team will assist students in finding a place to live either in a Hall of Residence or a student house in the private sector. There is a variety of private accommodation in Portsmouth, with a range of price points. Accommodation applications will be sent by email from the end of March 2024 onward to all students who have firmly accepted an offer to study here for 2024/25. Places in halls of residence are allocated in order of receipt of the accommodation application in Student Housing. Applicants will be allocated to their highest available preference of accommodation, subject to availability. Students, who have received an official acceptance from university and applied for halls of residence, will be notified from April onward of the outcome of their application. If allocated to halls, a £250 deposit or advanced rent will be required within 2 weeks of receiving a room offer to secure the room (refundable, if cancelled by set deadline). Students who choose to live in student houses in the city, are given support and advice on finding private rented accommodation through secure online resources. Email: student.housing@port.ac.uk Website: https://www.port.ac.uk/student-life/accommodation/guaranteed-room-in-halls