



Erasmus Policy Statement

The School's fundamental purpose - and thus its strategy which is necessarily international - is to maintain and develop the resources of its 9 member institutes, many of which have long and distinguished histories, for the benefit of humanities, social science and law research communities internationally. The 9 member institutes are

Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

Institute of Classical Studies

Institute of Commonwealth Studies

Institute of English Studies

Institute of Modern Languages Research

Institute of Historical Research

Institute of Philosophy

Institute of Latin American Studies

Warburg Institute

The School does not have any undergraduate students. It has a small masters and doctoral student base. The School currently achieves its mission in several ways:

- by providing a research base for an international community of scholars;
- by inspiring, developing, supporting and creating the conditions for research initiatives and networks; by enhancing the dissemination of the research of others, and related activities, beyond what they or their institutions could achieve alone; by providing specialist research training at masters, doctoral and postdoctoral levels, including internationally;
- adding value to the work of researchers in the humanities and social sciences.

The School's Strategic Plan 2014-18 [<https://www.sas.ac.uk/about-us/administration/strategic-framework>] identifies strategic objectives and priorities to fulfil the School's national and international research promotion and facilitation role.

Internationalisation is threaded through key elements of the School's strategy. In terms of international mobility this includes enhanced fellowship opportunities for outstanding visiting researchers from the EU and beyond, and the support and facilitation of international research (again, EU and beyond) and the fostering of policy-making networks and the enabling of international collaborative opportunities. The School's aims are to build on the links which are already established in terms of incoming mobility; enable new international research networks to flourish; and to extend the reach of their impacts.

The School's location within the University of London precinct in Bloomsbury, central

London, allows easy access to the rich cultural amenities of London and there is a two way

gain: not only do the incoming scholars reap the benefits of being placed in such a central location and the facility it gives them to travel elsewhere in the UK, but the broader academic environment gains greatly from the participation of visiting researchers in the UK's intellectual life. There is the third benefit that networks, informal and formal, are made, and links formed, which continue to flourish once the visiting scholar has returned home.

We do not have any formal joint degrees at masters level. At doctoral level we have co-tutelle agreements where appropriate.

Increased mobility for the School's research students in the humanities, social sciences and law form a key part of its strategy. The aim is particularly to increase incoming doctoral student mobility where feasible - enhancing both employability and broadening experience, thus strengthening quality and cross-border co-operation. Under the current UK funding regime, greater collaboration is planned between other London universities which will bring about additional opportunities for outgoing mobility: our funded doctoral students to spend periods abroad (primarily in the EU), thus improving the quality and relevance of doctoral education. This aim closely aligns with the UK Research Councils' strategic aims: to enable the UK doctoral graduate to form an active, high-quality participant in the EU research constituency, as well as in the current labour market, where it must not be assumed that all doctoral graduate will go on to employment in research or teaching.

The School's is the only institution in the UK that is nationally funded to promote and facilitate research in the humanities, social sciences and law. It receives special funding for its mission from the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE).

Participation in the Programme will allow the School to continue to initiate and foster the international networks and collaborations, which are the lifeblood of research, by providing a research base for an international community of scholars, thus strengthening the quality of research through mobility and cross-border co-operation.

The increased mobility the Programme will enable will allow enhancement of specialist research training at doctoral and postdoctoral level, increasing attainment levels to provide the graduates and researchers required in modern Europe in the teaching, cultural and third sectors, and in business.

The Programme will enhance the School's ability to disseminate and promote the research of others in the humanities and social sciences, extending its impact beyond academia and into the cultural and social life of Europe, as well as locally.

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