

Statement from the Vice-Chancellor on the UK's exit from the European Union January 2018

The University of Hull is an outward-looking, globally engaged institution. We are proud to welcome students and staff from around the world and to collaborate with a wide range of international partners.

We value highly the contribution our EU and international students, staff and collaborators make to the academic life of the University, to the rich cultural diversity of our campus and to society as a whole.

The triggering of Article 50 in March 2017 began a period of negotiation on the terms of the UK's exit from the EU. With these negotiations comes considerable uncertainty around the likely implications of Brexit, and many current and prospective students and staff may have concerns about what Brexit may mean for them.

The UK government has offered some welcome assurances for the higher education sector. While the UK remains an EU member, there will be no immediate change to the rights and status of EU nationals studying or working in the UK. EU students starting courses in the UK in 2018/19 will continue to pay the same fees as home students and will continue to be eligible to receive student loans for the duration of their studies. Following the conclusion of the phase one negotiations in December 2017, it has been confirmed that EU nationals already living in the UK prior to Brexit will be able to apply for settled status, and that the UK will be able to continue to participate in Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+ until the conclusion of these programmes in 2020.

Nevertheless, the lasting impact of Brexit on members of the University and on UK higher education more broadly remains uncertain. As the phase two negotiations proceed, it is our priority to ensure that current and future students, staff and partners continue to feel welcomed, valued and supported by the University. We will also continue to support Universities UK and other representative bodies as they lobby government to secure an outcome for higher education which recognises the benefits to the UK which come from the mobility of talented EU students and staff, minimal barriers to working with our European collaborators and continued access to EU research funding.

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Resources

The University has set up a Brexit team to provide guidance and support for colleagues. Further details are available via HR: [Brexit Team](#)

Further information for students is available on our website: [EU referendum](#)

Universities UK have published a series of [Brexit FAQs](#) which are updated regularly