

Request Ref: 2745

FOI Request dated **08/11/2022** as follows –

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act with a request regarding partnerships and/or collaboration with Chinese organisations.

1. *Please provide me with details of any placements, secondments or other work, training or study-related collaboration undertaken at your organisation in the last five years with organisations based in China.*

This could include, but is not limited to, training courses delivered, exchange programmes offered, or secondments to your organisation for knowledge sharing.

2. *Please provide the date the collaboration started and ended, the name of the organisation, which department the collaboration was related to and (if applicable) the names of any of the Chinese organisation's staff members who worked/undertook training/took part in secondments etc. at your organisation for any period of time.*

If redacting some information is the only way to enable disclosure, please do so.

Response

The following data has been retrieved from the Global Experience Office and the Faculty of Health Sciences.

The Global Student Recruitment team manage progression partnerships with China. This is not a collaboration but rather a recognition of a certain level of qualification. The University of Hull recognise that students who have completed 2/3 years of certain degree programmes in China are adequately qualified to enter onto a University of Hull degree in levels 5 and 6.

Global Experience

- The University taught pre-session English courses in China. The University hired two rooms and ran the course ourselves, it was aimed at Chinese students who then went onto undergraduate courses at Hull.
- We do not hold information of start dates or end dates for the programmes. They were cancelled when Global Engagement was created.
- The University has an agreement with Tianjin University in China to host a Confucius Institute on campus. The current agreement was signed in January 2021, and expires in April 2025. We host teachers on campus, but do not send any staff on secondments, placement or training to China.

Outgoing exchange

- The University currently has agreements with a number of Chinese universities on an exchange basis. The majority of outgoing Hull students who went to China on an exchange were from Modern Languages, which was under the Faculty of Art, Cultures and Education. Modern Languages programmes closed in recent years, so now very few students go to China as an exchange student.
- We have previously sent 37 students for an exchange period between the years of 2018-present, to Exchange partnerships study (Exchange only), Tianjin Normal University, East China Normal, Wuhan University, Beijing Languages & Cultures University, Xiamen University, City University Hong Kong and Hong Kong University BS.
- Faculty of Health Sciences ran a programme which is still active as students are yet to complete, this was in collaboration with Yangzhou University. UGNUSYPF BSc (Honours) Nursing Science Degree conferred by Hull University (UoH) this started in September 2018 – expected end date for existing students is Sep 2024.

Note, in 2018-19 six students (BA Education Studies with TESOL) went to China for one month on an education work placement. We do not hold data about where they went.

Tianjin Normal – agreement signed in 2016

East China Normal – agreement signed in 2019

Wuhan University – agreement signed in 2016

Beijing Languages and Culture University – agreement signed in 2015

Xiamen University – agreement signed in 2015

City University of Hong Kong – agreement signed in 2012

Hong Kong University BS – agreement signed in 2006

Incoming Exchange

- We have had 15 incoming exchange students from China studying at Hull in the academic years 18-19/19-20/20-21/21-22/22-23. This included East China Normal University, Beijing Language and Culture University, East China Normal University, Beijing Language and Culture University and City University Hong Kong.