

UK-VIETNAM UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS – EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

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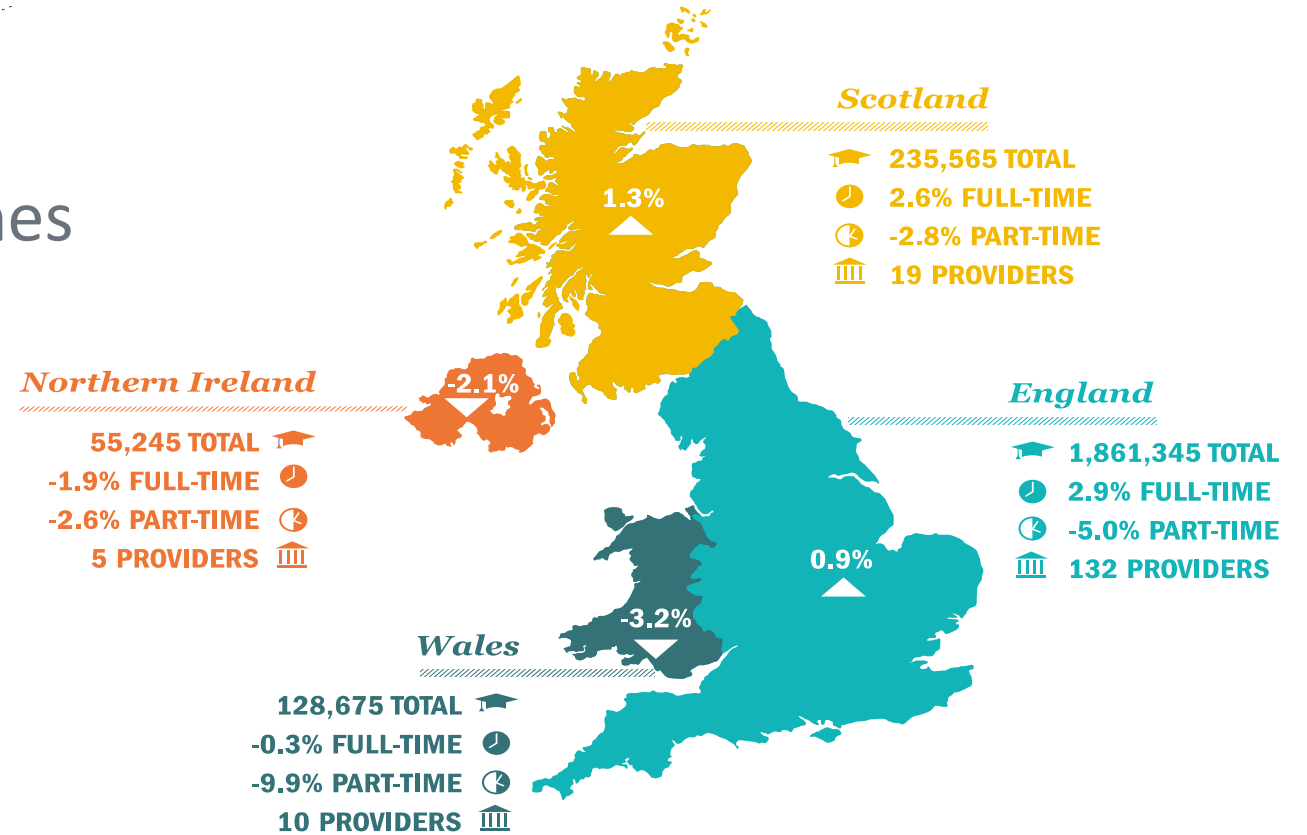
UUK International represents the UK higher education sector internationally and leads UUK's work on global engagement

We have three strategic aims:

- To **enable** universities to develop and deliver strong international strategies
- To **influence** the UK & international policy and regulatory environment through our ability to represent UK universities
- To **create** diverse opportunities through strategic partnerships

KEY FEATURES OF UK HIGHER EDUCATION

1. Highly autonomous universities
2. Diverse institutions and disciplines
3. High quality:
 - Teaching and learning
 - Research and knowledge transfer
 - Strength in depth



INTERNATIONAL DIMENSIONS OF UK HE

International students make up...

19.6%

of the total student population.



14%

of all undergraduates.



35.8%

of all postgraduates.



International research collaborations

55.2%

of all UK publications are the product of international research collaborations.



Transnational education

693,695

students are studying for a UK degree overseas.



Outward student mobility

7.8%

of undergraduate students study work or volunteer overseas as part of their degree.



International staff

20%

of all staff at UK universities are international.



TRENDS IN UK HE INTERNATIONALISATION

- **Partnership-based** – Combining research, teaching, mobility and engagement
- **Diversified** – International engagement in arts, humanities and social sciences, as well as science, engineering, business and management
- **Impactful** – Responsive to local needs, conditions and skills-gaps, as well as global challenges

CONTEXTS FOR PARTNERSHIP 1: NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY



UK Industrial Strategy – Four ‘Grand Challenges’:

- Artificial Intelligence and data
- Ageing Society
- Clean Growth
- Future of Mobility

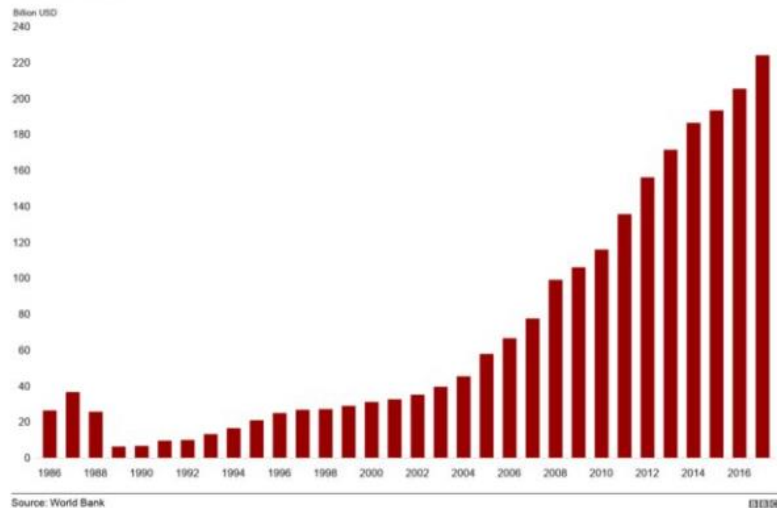


Vietnam ‘Industry 4.0’ Strategy

- Digital economy – AI, Big Data, IoT, Cloud Computing
- Application of digital technology to:
 - Manufacturing
 - Communication
 - Services

CONTEXTS FOR PARTNERSHIPS 2: SKILLS AND THE ECONOMY

Vietnam's GDP



Vietnam skills strategy
(World Bank 2014):

1. Early childhood development
2. Cognitive and behavioural foundations in general education
3. Building job-relevant technical skills

AND:

- Quality over quantity.
- Creativity and soft skills

CONTEXTS FOR PARTNERSHIPS 3: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



July 2019 – UNESCO Forum for Education for Sustainable
Development and Global Citizenship Education, Hanoi

e.g. UKRI GCRF Living Deltas Hub

Newcastle University, with researchers from An Giang
University, CRES, VINACOM, VINATOM



NATIONAL ACTION PLAN
FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2030
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA



e.g. 2nd UK-Vietnam Partnership for Infectious Disease
Research – projects launching in 2019 – MRC-MoST

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