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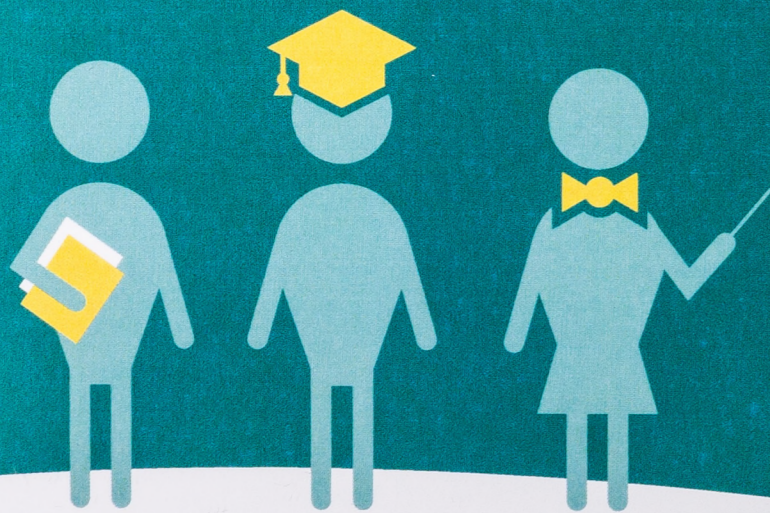
UNIVERSITIES
for **EUROPE**

What is the Universities for Europe campaign?

Ahead of the referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union the Universities for Europe campaign will highlight the value of EU membership to our universities and why this matters to British people, the economy and society.

The UK's membership of the EU makes our outstanding universities even stronger, which in turn benefits everyone in the UK. Through helping universities to collaborate internationally the EU enhances university research and teaching, which contributes to economic growth, provides employable graduates and enables cutting edge research discoveries.

Through this campaign universities will be a strong, positive voice in the referendum debate.



Europe, universities and the British people: Why does EU membership matter?

Research with international collaborators has nearly 50% more impact than research done at a national level.



Improving lives by enhancing the impact of research

Cutting-edge research leads to advances, discoveries and inventions that improve people's lives – from medicine and healthcare to new materials, products and services. Most of the very best research is done by the best minds collaborating in teams working across borders.

Working together, UK and European researchers can pool their resources, expertise, data and infrastructure to achieve more together than they could do alone. Many of today's challenges are global, not national. In the EU, researchers can collaborate more easily to come up with solutions on an international scale, making the most of Europe's diversity to achieve bigger and better results.

EU frameworks, programmes and funding support collaboration, reducing the barriers to working across borders.

Attracting the brightest and best

Being in the EU makes it easier for UK universities to attract talented staff from across Europe. They contribute significantly to university teaching, world-class research and cultural and academic life – strengthening our society and economy in the process.

EU students make an enormous contribution to British university life and local communities. Many EU students who have studied in the UK also go on to positions of leadership in their home countries, which enhances the UK's diplomatic and commercial links.

15% of academic staff at UK universities are from other EU countries.



In 2014, over half of the prestigious European Research Council Consolidator Grants awarded to UK universities were won by academics from other EU countries.



Enhancing the student experience

The EU provides opportunities for large numbers of UK students and researchers to experience living and working in continental Europe. This allows British students the opportunity to build networks and absorb other languages and cultures. These are the experiences British students need to become the global leaders of tomorrow.

In the EU, British students benefit from being taught by the best minds from across Europe. EU students and staff at UK universities also help to foster an international, outward-looking culture on campuses which in turn provides British students with a university experience that prepares them for an ever more globalised world.

Over 200,000 UK students have studied and worked abroad through the Erasmus exchange programme, boosting their future job prospects.



Students who did an Erasmus placement have been shown to be 50% less likely to experience long-term unemployment.



Over 125,000 EU students are currently studying at UK universities.



Driving local economies, growing businesses and creating jobs

Universities have a major positive impact on local economies, attracting investment, supporting and growing businesses and creating jobs. Universities are often the largest employers in their area, with many other jobs dependent on their expenditure and that of their students. This huge economic contribution is supported and enhanced by the UK's EU membership.

With EU support, universities generate local growth and jobs by turning ideas and research discoveries into new companies, by fostering entrepreneurship and employability, and by attracting talented people to study, work and spend in their areas.

Students from
other EU countries
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£2.27 billion
for the UK economy,
and support 19,000
British jobs.

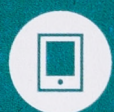


Universities generate over
£73 billion
of output a year for the UK economy
and employ nearly 380,000 people.

**‘Our outstanding universities
are stronger in Europe. This
should matter to everyone
because universities are about
the future prosperity of the UK
– driving the economy, creating
jobs and enhancing our society.’**

Dame Julia Goodfellow
Vice-Chancellor, University of Kent
President, Universities UK

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