National Student Survey Success

Students at the University of Exeter are once again among the most satisfied in the UK according to this year’s National Student Survey. The University was placed 4th overall in the list of traditional universities, just behind Cambridge putting us in the top 10 for the 4th consecutive year.

19 of our subjects are in the top 10 nationally with Management, Finance, Accounting and Drama, rated no. 1 in the UK. Human Geography, Sports Science, English, Economics, Business, Archaeology, Geology, Classics, Theology, Physics and Medical Technology are all in the top 5.*

*National Student Survey 2008, based on the average of positive responses across all survey categories for full service universities (i.e. excluding specialist colleges).

Nearly 220,000 final year students from across the UK completed the National Student Survey. More than 100 universities took part. Visit the agent website for a link to the full news story.

Key dates

- 18-23 September: Business school rep visiting Jinan, Dalian, Beijing and Guangzhou
- 27-28 September: International Office rep at Education UK Moscow Exhibition
- 28 September: Meet and Greet collection, start of Welcome Week
- 30 September: Information for commission payments deadline
- 6 October: Term begins
- 8-9 October: MEO rep at International UK Universities’ Exhibition Kempinski Hotel, Amman
- 19 October: MEO rep at Education UK Exhibition Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre
- 20 October: University of Exeter Streatham Campus Open Day
- 20-21 October: MEO rep at Education UK Exhibition Dubai Al Bustan Rotana Hotel
- 26-13 November: Law rep visiting visiting Beijing, Shanghai, Nanjing and Wuhan

Overseas Visits

Following on from our NSS ranking success, I am pleased to announce that representatives from three of our top schools—Business, Sports Science and Law will be visiting China this academic term. Representatives will also be present at various exhibitions across the Middle East and Russia.

For further information about any of our planned overseas visits please see the ‘In your country’ page on our website which is updated regularly or e-mail your International Officer to discuss joint activities.

Commission Payments

The process for claiming commission for students enrolling on degree programmes has changed slightly this year. You will be emailed a spreadsheet on the 23 September which you will be asked to fill in and return to r.zandstra@ex.ac.uk by 30 September 2008.

If for any reason you do not receive a spreadsheet but would still like to claim commission please visit the commission section of the agent website. Here you will be able to download the spreadsheet which you will need to complete and return to the email address above. Please note the University will only pay commission to representatives with a current University or INTO University of Exeter contract. Commission enquiries about INTO programmes should be directed to your local INTO Regional Director.

Further information about the University’s commission payment procedure can also be found on our website.

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The Forum Project - building a world class campus

The University has embarked on a £450 million investment programme to provide world leading facilities. It is the biggest investment since the major part of the Streatham Campus was built in the 1960s. The investment programme includes a new £25m international business school and an international Interdisciplinary Centre. At its centre is the University of Exeter Forum Project.

The Forum Project is designed to provide a ‘heart’ for the Streatham campus. A new showpiece building will fill in the space between the Main Library, Devonshire House and the existing shopping centre. The building will provide an extended and refurbished library, formal and informal learning space, a mixture of frontline student services and a good mix of catering and retail outlets. In the place of the existing Great Hall car park there will be a landscaped plaza which will integrate the new INTO Centre building into the Forum developments.

The Forum Project aims to be:
- Flexible
- Future proof
- Carbon neutral

With a number of different learning spaces and wireless technology both inside and out the Forum Project aims to provide for a wide variety of learning styles. It is hoped that the space will encourage innovative teaching as well as providing an opportunity for students and staff to interact making teaching more research-led. The space is intended to demonstrate an inspirational example of mixing outside and inside space to create a truly dynamic environment and so maintain the University of Exeter’s status as a destination University.

Five concept designs were presented as part of the Forum Design Competition. A decision on the final design will be made by mid October. Go to www.ex.ac.uk/campusvision/forum/ to see which design is chosen and to keep up with the latest developments.

UCAS — guidance in 8 new languages

In response to requests made by Universities and international applicants the UK admissions body UCAS, has produced information on their website for Non-UK Students and Advisors in eight languages.

The information is available in the following languages: Chinese Standard, Arabic, Spanish, Russian, Urdu, Japanese, Bengali and Hindi. To view the information go to www.ucas.com/students/nonukstudents.

ORS funding withdrawn for international research students

Due to the recent national withdrawal of UK government funding for the ORS scheme with immediate effect the University is reviewing its funding schemes for international research students. No new ORS or ERS awards will be made in 2009/10.

Further information on any replacement schemes to assist international research students will be posted on our scholarships database as soon as available.

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