

# Wishing all our Agent partners a very Merry Christmas



The International Office would like to wish you and all your colleagues a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. This last year was one of record applications and offers which would not have occurred without the very strong support of our partner agents throughout the world.

We appreciate very much the hard work that all our partners have undertaken on behalf of the University of Exeter.

## Exeter scoops award for best international student satisfaction

Five universities in the United Kingdom were awarded a Certificate of Outstanding International Student Satisfaction, with the University of Exeter coming top and being awarded Gold.

The StudyPortals International Student Satisfaction Awards 2014 are based on comments made by international students throughout Europe. These reviews provide rare insights into universities' performance from an international student perspective.

Compared to the previous year, overall student satisfaction has improved in the UK. Britain's average has increased from 8.8 in the last academic year to 9.0 this year. This means that UK universities rank 2nd place in international students' satisfaction amongst the most popular study destinations in Europe.

For more information about this story and StudyPortals, please click [here](#).

Dr Shaun Curtis, Director of International Exeter said:

*"We are delighted to have come first in the UK, achieving a score of more than 9.5 out of 10. We work very hard to make sure all our students have a fantastic experience during their time at Exeter, and it is especially pleasing to note that this also applies to our international students."*

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# Science and Engineering Scholarships

A substantial range of new scholarships and bursaries have been announced for the study of science and engineering subjects at the University of Exeter. Awards are available for both undergraduate and postgraduate study, for enrolment in September 2015.

One of the most generous awards is the [Future Leaders of Sustainability Masters Distinction Scholarship](#). This prestigious award, a full tuition fee waiver plus £10,000 living allowance, is for an exceptional student who accepts a place to study on the [MSc Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture](#), [MSc Sustainable Development](#) or [MSc Sustainable Development \(Climate Change and Risk Management\)](#). The award is to support an individual with a passion for their chosen field of study and an ambition to use their knowledge, training and skills to effect and ultimately lead progressive change.

Details of other awards are shown below. Further information, including full details of eligibility criteria and how to apply, can be found [here](#).

Award	Value	Application deadline
<a href="#">International Undergraduate Distinction Scholarships</a>	£5,000	30 April 2015
<a href="#">Future Leaders of Sustainability Masters Distinction Scholarship</a>	£10,000 plus tuition fee waiver	30 April 2015
<a href="#">Masters Distinction Scholarships</a>	£5,000	30 April 2015
<a href="#">China Masters Excellence Award</a>	£2,000	30 April 2015
<a href="#">US Masters Excellence Award</a>	£2,000	30 April 2015
<a href="#">Africa Masters Excellence Award</a>	£2,000	30 April 2015
<a href="#">Ayudar Scholarship</a>	Up to £30,000	30 April 2015
<a href="#">GREAT University of Exeter Scholarships – India 2015</a>	Up to £4,500	30 April 2015
<a href="#">Commonwealth Shared Scholarships</a>	Tuition fee waiver plus living allowance	12 March 2015
<a href="#">Career Mentor Scholarship</a>	£5,000	30 April 2015
The Dr Catherine Masterman Bursary	£5,000	30 April 2015
Quintiles Bursary	£5,000	30 April 2015

Students can also find out information about funding opportunities for other academic disciplines on the International Exeter [webpages](#) and central funding database.





## International Office Annual Report 2013/14 now available

We have received many enquiries as to when this publication will become available. We are pleased to advise that you can now read this report about another outstanding year [here](#). If you would like a hard copy, please advise your International Officer.

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## University Christmas closure dates

The University will close for the Christmas holiday at 5pm (GMT) on Tuesday 23 December 2014 and will not re-open until 9am (GMT) on Monday 5 January 2015.

Applications received during this period will be dealt with as quickly as possible by the Admissions Office upon their return after January 5, 2015. Your assistance in managing the students' expectations regarding turnaround of their decisions will be greatly appreciated.

In the event of emergencies, please note that the Estates Patrol Office will remain open 24 hours a day every day (including Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day) and can be reached on (01392) 723999 or, if telephoning from abroad, +44 1392 723999.

In addition, should any student or applicant have an emergency regarding immigration during this period, they can call 07785 371690. If telephoning from abroad, +44 7785 371690. It must be stressed this emergency number is only for emergencies related to immigration (e.g. student is being deported the next day or the Immigration Officer at Heathrow airport has refused to permit a student to enter the UK).

## 'Empire: The Controversies of British Imperialism' MOOC launched

A new free online course (MOOC) has been launched by the College of Humanities. Anyone who has an interest in imperial history can sign up for 'Empire: the Controversies of British Imperialism' which will run for six weeks starting on January 19, 2015. Professor Richard Toye has worked with The Centre for Imperial Global History at the University of Exeter to produce an exciting and innovative programme exploring the Empire through the themes of money, violence, race, religion, sex, propaganda and power.

Find out more and watch the trailer for the course [here](#), follow The Centre for Imperial Global History on Twitter [@ExeterCIGH](#) or use the hashtag #FLEmpire.

## KEY DATES

1 - 5 December	International Office representative visiting S. Korea
8 - 12 December	Vice-Chancellor visiting Japan
24 Dec - 4 Jan	University closed
4 January 2015	International Office representative visiting Turkey