

# Agents News

## Your Monthly Update

AUGUST 2013



### 'Clearing' and 'Adjustment' vacancies 2013

The University has a limited number of vacancies on both undergraduate and postgraduate programmes available for suitably qualified international students wishing to study at the University for 2013 entry.

For information on undergraduate places and details of the on-line clearing and adjustment form, please [click here](#).

For postgraduate inquiries, agents should send transcripts for any interested candidates to their relevant **International Officer** for consideration.

### Pre-departure events 2013

Over the past month the International Office has held pre-departure briefings in Brunei, China, Georgia, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Russia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Ukraine. During August, there will be further briefings in India (see Key Dates on page 4). An online version of our pre-departure presentation will be available shortly for students who have been unable to attend one of our in-country briefings.

Please see our pre-departure [web pages](#) for further details.

### Pre-sessional English language course update and visa extensions

The 11-week pre-sessional English language programme at INTO University of Exeter has already started. We are delighted to have welcomed a diverse cohort of 321 students from a wide range of different countries including Azerbaijan, Greece, Iraq, Indonesia and Mozambique. We very much look forward to students' enrolment onto their academic programmes at the University of Exeter following successful conclusion of their pre-sessional course. All pre-sessional programmes will conclude on 6 September 2013.

Students with offers conditional upon successful completion of the pre-sessional programme will require an additional CAS. Following satisfactory completion of their pre-sessional programme, assistance will be provided by the International Student Support team to help such students extend their UK visa for their academic programme of study.

## Late arrivals/non-registrations and visa regulations

Home Office regulations require the University to notify the immigration authorities of any late arrivals or non-registrations for any new/continuing Tier 4 visa student within 10 working days of the start of the academic year.

If agents are aware of any student who will not be able to arrive by the official start date of their academic programme (as stated in their offer letter), the University must be notified in advance. It is imperative that students arrive in good time prior to the start of their programme to ensure their academic progression at the University. Permission for candidates to arrive after this date will depend on the individual programme to be studied and subject to approval by the academic College in question: approval cannot be guaranteed.

In the event that a student does not arrive by 23 September 2013 or the specified start date of their programme, on no account should that individual travel to the UK without prior permission having been granted by the University.

## Heathrow 'Meet and Greet' service 14-15 September 2013

Agents are reminded that, to reserve a place on the Meet and Greet service, all students must apply online. The deadline to reserve a place on the service is 10 September 2013 and places will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis. For more information about the 'Meet and Greet' service and to access the online application form, please click [here](#).

## International Students Guide now available

The new International Students Guide 2013/14 is now available to download from our website. As usual, the guide contains valuable information to help new students prepare for their departure and reinforces the information delivered at our in-country Pre-departure Briefings. The guide provides important information which every student should read before they depart from their home country and we would encourage students to bring a copy of the guide with them as they travel to the UK. Please click [here](#) for a copy of the guide.

## Reminder: UK Bribery Act

In the light of recent allegations of bribery against GlaxoSmithKline in China, agents are reminded that the University of Exeter expects all third parties performing services for or on behalf of the University to adhere to the requirements of the UK Bribery Act 2010.

The University expects every business and individual performing services for it or on its behalf to do so in an honest and professional manner.

All agents must report any suspected bribery to the University via your **International Office contact**. Please click [here](#) for information on your responsibilities towards the University of Exeter under the Bribery Act.



## International Summer School

154 students from 29 countries have joined the University of Exeter's **International Summer School (ISS)** this year. Drawn from partner universities around the world, the 2013 cohort – the largest to date – are studying across eight accredited pathways throughout July and August. 82 members of faculty, from all six of the University's Colleges, are teaching on the programme.

Since the establishment of the first ISS, the number of participants from around the world has grown rapidly from 23 students in 2010, to 68 in 2011, 108 in 2012 and 154 in 2013.

Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Neil Armstrong, said: "In the midst of a glorious English summer, we are absolutely delighted to welcome some of the brightest and best students from around the world to Devon and Cornwall. I believe that our International Summer School is unique within the UK due to the quality of our credit-rated courses, the quality of our faculty teaching those courses, and the fantastic opportunity we offer to explore the South West of England."

## Graduation success

As Exeter basked in sunshine last week, the University welcomed back students from all over the world to celebrate their academic success at Graduation 2013. The International Liaison Office was particularly eager to recognise the achievements of five of our student helpers: Lin Chai, Rebecca Chow, Stephanie Lisman, Cindy Samoto and Queenie Wong.

This group constituted some of University of Exeter's very first 'INTO Student Ambassadors' and are all previous INTO students who progressed on to study at the University of Exeter. The students have been invaluable in offering help and advice to current INTO students, by assisting the International Liaison Office and the INTO Centre with numerous events and workshops throughout their studies here at Exeter.



For photos of Graduation 2013 and to keep up to date with news from the International Liaison Office, please see our Facebook page [here](#)

### KEY DATES

<b>24 August</b>	Pre-departure briefing in Delhi, India
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<b>30 August</b>	Pre-departure briefing in Bangalore, India