

## Academic Policy Statement APS6

### *International Work*



**Middlesex  
University**

Middlesex University regards its international activities as an essential part of its mission to offer comprehensive educational opportunity and to create and transmit knowledge, and it recognises also that these activities constitute an important source of funding. To foster these activities, the University will continue the policy of establishing regional offices and a network of approved agents globally.

The University believes that higher education should reflect and contribute to global developments and that to achieve this all students and staff should be made aware of the benefits of international educational experience. Students gain in their personal development through greater understanding and tolerance, and become more effective in the workplace through the acquisition of perspectives and skills that enable them to transcend national boundaries. Staff development and research likewise is increasingly contingent on international contacts.

To promote international experience, the University will: (1) provide students with opportunities for overseas study and work experience, wherever possible involving language acquisition; (2) develop an international ambience on all campuses through targeted increases in the number of overseas students; (3) strengthen the international character of the curriculum; and (4) set up campuses and teaching partnerships overseas. It will also: (5) encourage and where possible assist staff to: teach overseas; participate in international forums and subject networks; pursue research; and to develop overseas consultancies, particularly in parts of the world most needing assistance.

In furtherance of these objectives the University will seek partnerships based on clear criteria which include consistency with the University's Mission and Vision statements and its Equal Opportunities Policy in selected institutions, regions and countries.

In operating these partnerships the University recognises that arrangements for student and staff exchange and other activities need careful planning and close supervision. In particular, international students will be selected responsibly and fully integrated into support services which will be sensitive to cultural differences.

In sum, the University recognises the multiple contributions (outlined below) that significant international activity makes to the quality of the Middlesex experience as well as the increasing importance of the Middlesex contribution in the world arena. Significant international activity:

- makes Middlesex a more attractive institution at which to study and work;
- enhances the prestige of the University as an institution with an international reputation for research and consultancy and a genuinely international student body;
- enhances teaching expertise;
- provides British education to students from all over the world;
- generates income; and
- facilitates the development of knowledge of other cultures, which the University regards as an important part of its educational provision.

*The original policy statement was approved by Academic Board at the meeting on 10 March 1993. It was reviewed during 1995/96 and 2000/01. It was reviewed again during the Academic Year 2006/07 and approved by Academic Board at its meeting on 20 June 2007. It is due for further review by 2012.*