Connecting to Compete
Increasing Research Strength through International Research Collaborations

A core partners strategy

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Strategy 2015 and the core partnership approach

- *Key aim 1: To make Warwick an undisputed world leader in research and scholarship*

  The means (1.6): Develop selected research collaborations with overseas partners, including at overseas sites

- To raise our research profile across the world and be in a stronger position to address global research agendas
- To compete for international research funding
- Improve research experience for PhD students

Internal activities focussing on core partnerships

Concentrate resource (staff and funds) on core partnerships

- Int Office (Strategic Partnership Fund)
- IAS (e.g. Visiting Fellowships)
- RSS (Research Development Fund/Managers)
- Develop new targeted streams of funding

Core partnerships progress

- Boston University (USA)
  - Working on setting up a joint fund
  - Broadening across faculties
  - Joint workshops and bids

- Monash University (Australia)
  - Strategic alliance agreement
  - Joint funding initiative
  - Broad-based across faculties
  - Work jointly on lessons learnt/ communication about the partnership

Core partnerships progress

- Jawaharal Nehru University (JNU) (India)
  - signed agreement but no fund
  - Humanities and Social Sci.; inter-disciplinary
- Vanderbilt University (USA)
  - English & History, broaden across humanities
- Nanyang Technological University (NTU) (Singapore)
  - Neuroscience, Politics; One-to-one?

Challenges towards success

- Really has an impact on the research profiles of the partnering institutions, with real use of complementarity
- Is sustainable long term and sees a change in the way partnering institutions do business jointly over time
- Research priorities in certain areas become more aligned
- Opens up new opportunities through combined research strengths to tackle global challenges
- Global research power of partner institutions increases