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Summary

- Current activity: benefits and barriers
- International partnerships
- Teaching partnerships: case studies
- Research collaborations: case studies

Current activity

- **Benefits of study abroad**
  - Employability
  - Increased cultural awareness
  - Improved ‘soft skills’
- **Lower levels of UK students abroad**
- **Barriers to overseas study**
  - Costs
  - Risks
  - Foreign language requirements

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International partnerships

- **International partnerships as a way forward**
  - Increasing number of partnerships
  - UK as a key partner
  - Beneficial for all involved

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International teaching collaborations

- **Breadth of activity**
  - Franchising programmes
  - Exchanges and student visits
  - Overseas campuses
- **Lancaster University - branch campus partnership**
- **University of Bath**
  - Joint Masters programmes
  - Industrial placements

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International research collaborations

- Benefits of research collaborations
- Loughborough University – sharing facilities
- Lancaster University - next generation internet
- Queen Mary's University of London – Large Hadron Collider

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