Our ambition

Cardiff University is a global, outward looking university with a growing international staff, student and alumni community. We extend our reach internationally through partnerships with high quality institutions across the world. We support our students and staff to build meaningful global connections through international exchanges and collaborations. Our international research partnerships enhance the global reputation and impact of our work. We contribute to the global higher education mission by supporting the expansion of education and research capacity of our partners.

Building on the previous strategy

We are proud to have exceeded our ambitious target set for international student mobility, having developed and supported a variety of global opportunities open to all our undergraduate students. Explicitly, 18% of our home undergraduate students graduated in 2015/16 with a completed international placement of four weeks or more, thereby contributing to their academic achievements, employability and intercultural skills. We will continue to develop the two institutional strategic partnerships we have established, with KU Leuven and Xiamen University, and grow our collaborations through individual academic endeavour, new opportunities for students and initiatives at School, College and University level.

Underpinning objectives

We will be known as a University:

• recognised as world-leading, where international connections are paramount and which contributes actively to issues of global importance
• creating opportunities for all students to participate in impactful international experiences as an integral part of their study
• actively supporting our staff in developing international research and education partnerships
• strengthening our global alumni network to support our international mission.

Making this happen

Long-term commitment is key to the success of our international activities, in particular during a time of major changes to the international environment we are operating in. We will therefore emphasise the continuation of previous actions, updated and expanded as appropriate.
### Nurturing mutually beneficial international partnerships

**We will:**
- develop three further mutually beneficial strategic partnerships with high quality institutions in key regions of the world to raise our global profile and increase education and research collaborations, giving us a total of at least five international strategic partnerships
- expand our provision of transnational and collaborative education programmes to enhance the education experience for students and staff
- diversify our postgraduate research provision in collaboration with our international partners
- respond quickly and effectively to overseas opportunities and keep open the option of a campus outside the UK
- respond flexibly to the demands of Brexit and reformulate and strengthen our relationship with our European neighbours accordingly.

### Global opportunities for students, staff and alumni

**We will:**
- seek to recruit the best talent in our staff and students worldwide and recognise and celebrate their contributions to our institution – we aim for at least 25% of our overall student body to come from domiciles outside the UK and grow our international academic staff ratio to 30%
- provide appropriate and timely support to our international staff and students in the face of changes and uncertainties in our external environment
- expand our summer school programme to offer more students an opportunity to experience the Cardiff offering first hand
- grow the number and activity levels of our international alumni groups and actively engage them in our international activities, including student recruitment and enhancement of our global opportunities
- continue to encourage all of our students to be internationally mobile by providing excellent opportunities and support for study, work or volunteering overseas; explicitly 30% of our home undergraduate student population will have studied, worked or volunteered abroad for at least three weeks through continued investment in our Global Opportunities offering
- welcome visiting international students and staff to our institution and develop our University accommodation provision to cater for them with dedicated, fit for purpose accommodation
- embed our Doctoral Academy, developing new programmes and expanding our international scholarship offering to grow and diversify our community of postgraduate researchers
- promote the outward mobility of our postgraduate research students to enhance their international experiences and researcher development
- expand the opportunities for our staff to undertake delivery of education activities overseas to support professional development and strengthen our institutional partnerships.

### International recognition and research collaboration

**We will:**
- continue to support our staff to collaborate with partners across the world, with the explicit objective of increasing our research outputs produced with international collaborators
- give appropriate recognition to international activities in the workload model
- build on existing global connections and networks across the institution to foster research initiatives that promote international economic development and address global challenge
- promote our international activities and strengthen our reputation for excellence internationally through effective communication of our outputs and achievements.

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**Image Description:**
A group of students is gathered on the grass, engaged in various activities. The scene is set in a serene outdoor environment, indicative of a university campus setting.