

INFORMATION SHEET FOR EXCHANGE PARTNER UNIVERSITIES 2025-26		
Full Name of University	University of Portsmouth (UoP)	
Postal Address	Global Mobility Team, Floor 4, Mercantile Building, Hampshire Terrace, Portsmouth, United Kingdom, PO1 2EG	
Email addresses	For partners and prospective students – <u>incoming@port.ac.uk</u>	
	Application enquiries: exchange-admissions@port.ac.uk	
Website	Global Mobility - https://www.port.ac.uk/study/exchanges-and-study-abroad	
Telephone	+44 (0)23 9284 3488	
Academic Calendar	https://www.port.ac.uk/about-us/key-dates	
	Year Long and Autumn dates (TB1)	Spring dates (TB2)
	International Orientation Monday 15 September 2025 to Sunday 21 September 2025	International Orientation Monday 19 January 2026 to Sunday 25 January 2026
	Teaching block 1 (TB1) Monday 22 September 2025 to Friday 23 January 2026	Teaching block 2 (TB2) Monday 26 January 2026 to Friday 26 June 2026
	Year Long: Monday 22 September 2025 to Friday 26 June 2026	
Nominations and applications deadlines	Nomination deadline: 28 March 2025 Application deadline: 30 May 2025	Nomination deadline: 26 September 2025 Application deadline: 28 November 2025
Module catalogue	https://www.port.ac.uk/study/exchanges-and-study-abroad/choose-what-youll-study	
CONTACT DETAILS		
Global Mobility team	Joanna Paraskelidis – Global Mobility Manager Dan Wightman - Global Mobility Officer Andy Smith - Global Mobility Adviser Beatriz Sao Pedro – Global Mobility Administrator	
Office hours	Monday – Thursday: from 08:30am – 17:00pm. Friday – Friday 08:30am – 16:00pm	
APPLICATION PROCESS		
Information	This application process applies only to exchange students attending modules for one teaching block or full year. Please note that students attending only for thesis preparation/research project, need to complete a different application form. Students should contact exchange-admissions@port.ac.uk to receive further guidance in this instance. Applications to the exchange programme can only be made via an online application portal; access to which will be provided to every accepted nomination by email, along with an application guide. Nominators will also be included in this email. Students must receive and accept a conditional offer from the University before accommodation can be applied for. Students need an unconditional offer to secure housing. As such it is strongly recommended that students complete their applications at the earliest opportunity to secure housing.	
	Please note that applications received after the	e given deadline may not be accepted!



Academic Requirements

Each nominated student must have successfully completed **at least one year** of academic study at their home institution and meet the entry requirements:

- 1) A copy of their academic transcript of records, in English
- 2) English language proficiency evidence at a minimum of IELTS band 6.0 with no component score below 5.5 or an approved equivalent. See *Language Requirements* section for more information.
- 3) A copy of a valid passport
- 4) Learning Agreement including a list of selected modules
- 5) Portfolio of your work (<u>ONLY for students joining the Exchange Programme in the Faculty of Creative and Cultural Industries</u>).

Learning Agreement for Studies

The Learning Agreement for Studies must show all modules selected for the intended period of mobility. The Learning Agreement must be signed by the student and home Academic Coordinator, and then submitted before the start of the mobility. We advise students to submit the Learning Agreement for Studies as soon as possible to ensure module availability.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Visa

All students applying to study on an Exchange or Study Abroad Programme, need to apply for the correct visa to study in the UK, depending on the mobility duration:

VISAS FOR 6 MONTHS OR LESS

If the exchange programme lasts for 6 months or less, students will need to apply for visa from the 'Standard Visitor for the purpose of study' category. The 'Standard Visitor for the purpose of Study' visa can't be extended and applicants aren't permitted to work on this visa.

Please check further information about this visa on our website: https://www.port.ac.uk/student-life/international-students/visa-advice/visas-for-exchange-and-study-abroad-students

VISAS FOR MORE THAN 6 MONTHS

If the exchange programme lasts for more than 6 months, students will need to apply for a <u>Student Route visa</u>. Students cannot switch to the Student Route visa in the UK if they have entered as a Standard Visitor. They must apply in their home country. A Student Route visa for an Exchange programme cannot be extended in the UK. Please check further information about this visa on our website: https://www.port.ac.uk/student-life/international-students/visa-advice/visas-for-exchange-and-study-abroad-students

For both types of visa some students may need to apply for an Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) certificate if your course and nationality require it.

Please note that visa regulations can change at any point and students need to ensure they apply for the appropriate type of visa by visiting UK Government's website https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa.

For any queries about making a visa application please contact the International Student Advice team by emailing student-visa@port.ac.uk

ATAS Check

Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS) – To study some of our courses in <u>science and technology</u>, students need to have clearance under ATAS. This will be requested depending on the modules selected to study. ATAS is a security check the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office makes. Once successful, the student receives an ATAS Certificate, which is needed while applying for a student visa.

For more information please visit our website: https://www.port.ac.uk/study/international-students/visa-advice/academic-tech-approval-scheme

Language Requirements

Language of instruction: English



	ALL APPLICANTS must provide evidence of their English language proficiency at a minimum of	
	IELTS band 6.0 with no component score below 5.5 or an approved equivalent - please see a full	
	list of accepted English language tests on our website:	
	https://www.port.ac.uk/study/international-students/english-language-requirements	
	Please note that native English speakers (Australian, USA nationals etc) must provide proof of	
	English language competency through a copy of their high school (or equivalent) transcripts.	
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International	The Orientation programme:	
Orientation	Information about the programme and what students should do before they arrive can be found	
programme	here: https://www.port.ac.uk/study/international-students/starting-at-portsmouth	
Facilities for	Additional Support and Disability Advice Centre (ASDAC)	
disabilities and	ASDAC can provide advice and discuss support for any student who discloses a disability or	
additional support	additional learning needs. For more information please visit the website:	
additional support	https://www.port.ac.uk/student-life/guidance-and-support/additional-support-and-disability-	
	<u>advice</u>	
Healthcare and	Students applying for the UKVI Student Route for a visa duration of six months or more, are	
insurance	required to pay the Immigration Health Surcharge (IHS) as a compulsory part of a visa application.	
	This will give them access to NHS healthcare and the ability to register with a GP (doctor).	
	Students applying for less than six months, and for a Standard Visitor visa for the purpose of	
	study, can still access medical care, but they will be required to pay for the service. Students may	
	be able to register as a temporary patient with a GP surgery and may be able to access National	
	Health Service (NHS) walk-in services.	
	It is strongly recommended that all students obtain comprehensive travel and medical insurance	
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	about healthcare can be found on the UKCISA website www.ukcisa.org.uk.	
	Visit https://www.port.ac.uk/study/international-students/starting-at-portsmouth/your-first-	
	weeks for essential information before arrival in Portsmouth.	
Accommodation	A room can be offered in halls for all students, applying for full year or autumn term, who accept	
(Student Housing	their offer to the University of Portsmouth and meet any accommodation deadlines and other	
team)	related requirements. Accommodation in halls of residence is dependent upon availability. Exchange students can apply for accommodation once a conditional offer has been made to them.	
	Therefore, it is strongly recommended that students complete their application form early, so	
	there is adequate time for applying for accommodation and to meet relevant accommodation	
	application deadlines. Housing will only be confirmed once an Unconditional offer is made.	
	The Student Housing team will assist students in finding a place to live either in a Hall of Residence	
	or a student house in the private sector. There is a variety of private accommodation in Portsmouth, with a range of price points.	
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	Accommodation applications will be sent by email from the end of March 2025 onward to all	
	students who have firmly accepted an offer to study here for 2025/26. Places in halls of residence	
	are allocated in order of receipt of the accommodation application in Student Housing. Applicants	
	will be allocated to their highest available preference of accommodation, subject to availability.	
	Students, who have received an official acceptance from the university and applied for halls of	
	residence, will be notified from April onward of the outcome of their application. If allocated to	
	halls, a £250 deposit or advanced rent will be required within 2 weeks of receiving a room offer to	
	secure the room (refundable, if cancelled by set deadline). Students who choose to live in student	
	houses in the city, are given support and advice on finding private rented accommodation through	
	secure online resources.	
	Email: student.housing@port.ac.uk	
	Website: https://www.port.ac.uk/student-life/accommodation/guaranteed-room-in-halls	