

International Sussex

Encouraging rise in overseas students

Latest figures for new students who joined Sussex in October 2009 show strong growth in the number of overseas fee-paying taught postgraduates. Sussex admitted 536 overseas students, an increase of 56 per cent on the 2008 intake of 343, and 6 above the target. Programmes in business, management and economics had the highest number of new overseas postgraduate students (127) – double the previous year's intake.

The overseas undergraduate intake also increased on last year by 11 per cent, from 230 in 2008 to 257. Growth in the number of students coming from India, China, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Taiwan and Turkey was particularly noticeable.

Extending our partnerships with universities in China and India

The Vice-Chancellor has visited both China and India in recent months, strengthening our existing links with leading universities, discussing potential future partnerships, and meeting alumni groups in both countries.

One of the most important events during the visit to China was the signing of an agreement with the China Scholarships Council. This is a non-profit institution affiliated with the Chinese Ministry of Education, responsible for the management of the State Scholarship Fund, administering over 12,000 awards for overseas study annually. Under the agreement, Sussex has committed to offer joint awards for up to eight DPhil and visiting researchers each year. Sussex programmes will be promoted in the leading Chinese universities.

The Vice-Chancellor also had discussions at Nanjing University, Tsinghua University, Renmin University and the Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences.

In India, he visited seven of India's top institutions, including Delhi University, and met with Noel Tata, a leading Indian industrialist and Sussex alumnus.



The Vice-Chancellor, pictured at Renmin University on a recent trip to China

New appointment boosts our international credentials

Professor Chris Marlin has joined Sussex in the new senior post of Pro-Vice-Chancellor (International). An Australian national, Chris was previously Professor of Computer Science at Flinders University in Adelaide, South Australia, where he was Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) from 2004 to 2009 and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research) from 1998 to 2004.

Chris will develop the University's worldwide partnerships and links, and a principal task will be to increase the number of international students at Sussex in a fast-changing and competitive market. Addressing the internationalisation of the curriculum, the campus and the student experience will also be important, complementary tasks.

Professor Chris Marlin, the new PVC (International)

