Once again, I am pleased to announce that the International Relations Office has been able to secure a small amount of funding to support mobility to and from selected key academic partner institutions.

Mobility activities are intended to contribute to the University’s Internationalisation Strategy by engaging with a small number of key partner institutions to develop joint research, teaching and professional service development activities. Funding should be used to support the development of academic and professional networks. These may build on existing joint initiatives by broadening the range of activity and including a greater number of staff or may be an opportunity to develop relationships and networks for the first time.

It is expected that proposals should outline a programme of two-way research/teaching/professional service development collaboration with an activities (e.g. seminars, sandpits etc.) plan leading to specific outputs. Travel and accommodation costs to (for overseas partners) and from Sheffield can be covered by the scheme though applicants are encouraged to seek contributions from partner institutions. The scheme’s funds may also be used in conjunction with other funding if available (e.g. departmental, Faculty or external) and details of any additional funding contributions should be included in the application.

**Funding limit per proposal:** £10,000
All awarded funding must be spent by the end of the 2016-17 financial year (end of July 2017).

**Key partners:**
- University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Cape Town University, South Africa
- Nanjing University, China
- University of Texas at Austin, USA
- University of Tokyo, Japan
- Tongji University, China
- University of Western Australia
- Zhejiang University, China

In addition, we would be pleased to receive proposals seeking to develop relations with institutions in India and South Korea.

**Previous awards**
Details of the projects that received funding from last year’s allocation can be found at:
http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/internationalrelations/news/mobilityscheme-1.467752

**Faculty consideration**
In order to maximise the impact of the funding, it has been agreed that each Faculty should first have the opportunity to give consideration to the applications and then put forward a maximum of 3 for evaluation at University level.

**Deadline for proposals for Faculty consideration**
Friday 27th November 2015

Discussions will then take place to develop proposals further in order for each Faculty to put forward a maximum of 3 by 21 January 2016.

**Deadline for decisions**
26th February 2016

**How to apply**
Please complete the Sheffield International Mobility Scheme application form.
Key contacts
Please discuss your proposal with your head of department and, for proposals from academic departments, with the Faculty Officer responsible for internationalisation:

Arts and Humanities – David Wood
Engineering – Elena Rodriguez-Falcon
Medicine, Dentistry and Health – Peter Monk
Science – Simon Jones
Social Sciences – Greg Morgan

You may also contact Tom Rhodes, Head of International Relations for general advice and support with engaging with colleagues at the partner institutions (Tel: 29612, Email: t.rhodes@sheffield.ac.uk).
2016 Sheffield International Mobility Scheme

A. Applicant information

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B. Project summary (200 words maximum)

C. Justification for funding requested (please add full costings for your proposal)

D. Statement on value to the University/Faculty Internationalisation Strategy, impact and sustainability (2 pages of A4 maximum)

This statement should outline:

- how the proposal links to strategy at Department, Faculty and/or University level.
- the likely impact and outputs of the proposed collaboration.
- longer term sustainability of the partnership.
- broader engagement, i.e. links with other stakeholders.

Reviewers will be asked to assess the quality of the proposal with respect to these four criteria.

Deadline for proposals
Please send to the International Relations Office (iro@sheffield.ac.uk) no later than 17.00 on 27th November 2015.