

ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT OF PAMUKKALE UNIVERSITY

Pamukkale University (henceforth PAU) takes the EU Modernisation and Internationalisation Agenda for Higher Education as a guide and it is a very important part of PAU's ongoing and future plans for internationalisation. Higher Education is a powerful tool that makes a great impact on the intellectual, cultural, and economic levels throughout the World. For PAU higher education is a contributing factor in many areas. PAU knows the importance of international collaboration and we believe that world-changing high-quality research is possible with high-quality education methods that are adapted to international standards as we see the future in inclusive academic culture between higher education institutions. These values mentioned in PAU's institutional strategy are also a guide to international engagement.

PAU's target is to create an international university, as we know the benefits of collaborative work. With a great number of partnerships and inter-institutional agreements with program and partner countries, PAU supports and facilitates incoming and outgoing student and staff mobility. Developments in teaching methods are adapted to PAU's learning methods to provide high-quality teaching methods for all students.

Further collaborative research is highly supported by our institution. International partnerships are the main element of our internationalization strategy regarding our aim to be on the international level in teaching methods, research techniques, and learning activities. The rules PAU will follow for successful international cooperation will be to support partners in criteria such as strategic fit and risk assessment, quality assurance, development, monitoring, and evaluation of cross-border collaborations and supporting our partners in these areas.

The main focus of PAU is to carry out projects that support our Universities development strategy in line with the EU Modernization Agenda for Higher Education. PAU's successful partnerships are possible by the shared commitment of both institutions and mutual benefit of both sides by these international partnership relations. PAU aims to expand the number of agreements to increase international recognition and create new mobility opportunities for its staff and students. In addition, PAU aims to increase the variety of inter-institutional agreements at undergraduate, graduate and doctoral levels in order to provide more opportunities for its students and staff. PAU's international partners are selected according to the needs of our university and according to the needs of the partner university. PAU supports academic-led initiatives and research projects. PAU's main focus is to disseminate these projects and share the project results at national and international level. In order to ensure sustainability, PAU pays importance to the promotion of good practices and benefits of our international partnerships that are gained through these projects, these outcomes are also shared across the university and also with the local community, and industry. PAU will go on giving more possibilities to students and staff by extending the variety of inter-institutional. This will raise the number of students and staff, who will participate in Erasmus Mobility.

PAU organizes an international week every year, which involves an education fair with the participation of many universities from many countries. With these kinds of organizations PAU aims to increase its international recognition, start new collaborations, and extend existing collaborations and to increase the number of student and staff mobility. In order to achieve these goals, PAU International Relations Office organizes informative meetings for exchange programs, distributes flyers and shares current information on all social platforms.

PAU respects diversity, as well as tolerance, equality and non-discrimination, as we believe that differences will strengthen the university structure. PAU believes that education provided in multicultural and multi-national and modern learning environments will raise generations who will contribute to world peace and will have cultural empathy. With these modern learning environments PAU will go on to be the focus of many foreign students every year, as a result the number of foreign students studying at PAU is increasing every year.

Within the framework of Erasmus Charter for Higher Education principles PAU will go on focusing on equal opportunity for all students especially from disadvantaged backgrounds. Students with special needs are guided by PAU International Relations Office to make use of Erasmus mobility, and while searching for the right institution. The partner institution is informed about the needs of the student before, during and after the mobility regarding all aspects of the mobility of students with special needs. As "accessibility" is an important target at our University we support all kinds of development regarding an equal opportunity for students and staff with special needs. Within the scope of the EU Modernisation and Internationalisation Agenda for Higher Education, PAU will adopt the non-paper and fully digitalized Erasmus system for all students and staff to simplify the application process for students and staff, as it will also be in accordance with the equality principle of our University.

All international activities of our University are monitored and evaluated by International Relations Office. Being in contact with our partners at all levels of the mobility will enable us to raise the quality of mobility as it is beneficial for both institutions to invent new policies and strategies according to the needs of both sides. PAU aims to develop the existing fruitful partnerships by extending their subject variety scope. PAU, whose future goal is to establish strategic and sustainable partnerships, will continue to increase and strengthen the quality of education by supporting Erasmus mobility and international collaborations. PAU believes that the experience of different education systems will expand our knowledge, and will improve knowledge and qualifications of our graduates. PAU works successfully with local industries and associations to meet the demand for skilled workforce. The cooperation with the industry gives way to turn research into innovations. PAU will go on developing research collaboration with local and national industries. Further, we will enable opportunities with the aim to integrate industrial experience into degree programs.

Improving the quality and the relevance of Higher Education is also a strategy that we will focus on. PAU aims to educate its students to have the skills required by the age we live in. Having a strong communication infrastructure, PAU successfully conducts distance education and successfully uses communication technology. In this way, PAU will easily make the transition to the "Erasmus without paper" process and will successfully carry out "virtual mobility" offered by Erasmus program. PAU will continue to increase and strengthen the quality of education by supporting Erasmus mobility and international collaborations.