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## **Welcome to the University of Bath International Relations Office Summer Newsletter.**

Join us to reflect on the last couple of months. In this newsletter you will find the latest news and updates from the University of Bath and our International Office.



# Introducing the International Relations Office's GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Join us to reflect and celebrate the work of our International Relations Office over the past year.

In the first of our Global Engagement Report's, the International Relations Office share our key outputs over the previous 18 months. In this report, you will find out how we supported students to study and work abroad both virtually and physically throughout the pandemic, how our esteemed academics are collaborating across the world and how we continued to work to support the University's Internationalisation agenda.



Lily Rumsey, Director of International Relations, reflects on the report:

*I am delighted to share the first Global Engagement Report from the University of Bath International Relations Office. We are proud to have forged forward with our aspiration to become an internationally leading University despite the external challenges of a global pandemic and the UK's withdrawal from the European Union. The University, despite the turbulent year, has continued to perform well in the league tables, ranked 6th out of 121 universities in the UK in the Guardian University League Table, and we are delighted to have risen in the QS International rankings to 166th out of 1300 universities worldwide.*

[Read the Global Engagement Report Now](#)

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## Updates from the University of Bath Community

*Find out the latest news and updates on the activity going on at the University over this summer.*

### The Turing Scheme

**The International Relations Office is delighted to confirm that we have been successfully awarded funding for 372 placements under the new UK Government Turing Scheme.**

The scheme will support students on work and study placements in a number of international destinations. The Turing Scheme also enables us to provide funding to students who would not ordinarily have the opportunity to study or work due to financial constraints.

It is anticipated that the full scheme will be launched for 21/22 late September with a number of opportunities for students to engage.

Find out more about the government's new Turing Scheme here

## Summer at Bath

Over the summer, the University have hosted a series of social, fitness and wellbeing activities on campus. With the Covid-19 restrictions easing over the summer, we were delighted to be able to celebrate the end of the academic year with our students and staff on campus.

Watch some of the highlights of our Summer at Bath.



## Our plans for the new semester

Our teams have been working hard and planning for different scenarios, in order to be able to welcome students to the University of Bath at the start of semester.

Our overriding aim will be to deliver the experience and high-quality education you deserve, in a safe environment.

We are planning to deliver as much in-person learning on campus, including lectures, workshops, seminars, tutorials and laboratories, as we safely can. The delivery of each course over the next academic year is being specially designed by each department to meet the needs of its students.

Having sought feedback from our current students and teaching staff about their experience of blended learning, we are also seeking to keep the best of what we've put in place successfully over the last academic year, using this to build on our teaching from previous years. The precise make up of delivery will vary, reflecting the specific needs of each course.

We are also planning for a flexible approach that will enable us to respond effectively to any changes in circumstances, for example, any new UK Government rules on Covid.

To hear more about the start of the academic year, watch the video below or [click here](#).



Professor Peter Lambert, Pro-Vice Chancellor for Learning & Teaching and Professor Momna Hejmadi Associate Dean, describe the shape of our next Undergraduate academic year at Bath ahead of detailed course-level information at the beginning of June.

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## **Meet our new Pro-Vice-Chancellor Team**

The University of Bath welcomes 3 new Pro-Vice-Chancellors into our senior management team. Find out all about the new PVCs below.



### **PROESSOR SARAH HAINSWORTH OBE FREng**

Professor Sarah Hainsworth OBE FREng will become the University's Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research) from 1 December 2021.

She will join Bath from Aston University where she is currently Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Executive Dean leading the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences. She will be responsible for developing and implementing the University's Research Strategy, working alongside the Faculties, Schools, and colleagues across our organisation.

**[Click here for more information about Professor Hainsworth.](#)**

### **PROFESSOR JULIAN CHAUDHURI**

The Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education) from 1 December 2021 will be Professor Julian Chaudhuri.

Professor Chaudhuri previously worked at the University of Bath in our Department of Chemical Engineering. He re-joins Bath from the University of Plymouth, where he is Deputy Vice-Chancellor, responsible for Education & Student Experience.

Professor Chaudhuri will be responsible for leading on the University's Education Strategy, working in close collaboration with the Faculties, School and colleagues across our University community.



**[Click here for more information about Professor Chaudhuri.](#)**



### **DR CASSIE WILSON**

Dr Cassie Wilson has been appointed as Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Student Experience), a role she took up on 1 August 2021.

Dr Wilson has been Vice-President (Student Experience) at the University of Bath since September 2019, taking on leadership of a wide programme of student experience priorities, including student support, engagement and employability. In addition to taking up her Pro-Vice-Chancellor role on 1 August, Dr Wilson has also been promoted to a personal Chair by the Academic Staff Committee. She has therefore taken on the title of Professor, which took effect from the same date.

[Click here for more information about Dr Wilson.](#)

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## **The Bristol and Bath Brussels Office**

**Vittoria Mondini, B&BBO EU Affairs Intern and University of Bath Sociology student, is coming to the end of her internship with the office in September.**

Vittoria joined the office in March 2021 and worked with Paul Davies to raise the profile of Bath and partners in Brussels, to support the University's European relationships and to provide intelligence on European developments and activity.



### ***Vittoria describes her experience:***

"My 6-month placement as EU Affairs Intern at the Bristol & Bath Brussels Office is coming to an end and I am glad I had the opportunity to immerse myself in the city of Brussels and its so-called "EU bubble".

Thanks to this experience, I have gained a better understanding of the European political landscape. As part of my internship, I have contributed to some of the University's actions in Europe, including supporting the Placements Department in researching new placement opportunities, undertaking a research project to help the Doctoral Admissions and Recruitment Team to understand trends in the European Doctoral market, and supporting the University with intelligence on the best opportunities to join the European Universities Initiative. I've grown a lot and had a really good time during this unforgettable experience abroad which I feel very lucky for, especially considering both Covid and Brexit."

**See more about the Brussels Office**

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## **LATEST NEWS**

**From the International Relations Office**

**Our Latest Collaborations**

## **Bath signs student fellowship agreement with UNICEF**

**Bath becomes one of three global universities in partnership with the UNICEF Jordan Country Office to offer student Fellowships for MSc International Development students.**

The International Relations Office is proud to announce that the University has partnered with UNICEF Jordan Country Office to offer two paid Fellowship opportunities for PGT students studying International Development in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Working closely with the Government of Jordan, civil society, the private sector and communities, UNICEF Jordan Country Office aims to sustain results achieved for children to date. They strive to further improve policies, national institutions and programmes, for the well-being of every child in Jordan, in line with Jordan's Vision 2025 and the National Human Resources Development Strategy (2016-2025) towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

*Read More about the agreement here.*

## **Agreement with the UN renewed**

**We are delighted to have signed a two year renewal of our agreement with the UN, which will now run until 2023.**

Managed by Dr Elena Kidd, Senior Lecturer in the Department of PoLIS, this MoU has enabled the department to organise UN languages placements, including traineeships and internships in Geneva, Vienna and New York, for Bath students in the following programmes:

- MA Interpreting and Translating (MAIT)
- MA Translation and Professional Language Skills (TPLS)
- MA Translation with Business Interpreting (TPI)

Since being first signed in 2009, the MoU has enabled us to organise placements for students with UN languages on a regular basis in Geneva, Vienna and New York.

## **From our other departments**

**The Centre for Sustainable and Circular Technologies announces iCAST, its new innovation centre to tackle global challenges in sustainability**

The Innovation Centre for Applied Sustainable Technologies (iCAST) will help businesses scale up new sustainable technologies and bring them to market.



The Centre for Sustainable and Circular Technologies (CSCT) is leading a major new collaboration with academia and industry to use

**Nine of Bath's doctoral students compete against the clock in the University's Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) Final.**

On Tuesday 8 June, the University held its seventh final of the Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) competition. Due to COVID restrictions, the final was held online. Nine student finalists battled it out to be this year's winner and earn a place in the UK 3MT® Semi Final organised by Vitae.



sustainable chemical technologies to accelerate the UK's transition to net zero carbon emissions.

The **Innovation Centre for Applied Sustainable Technologies (iCAST)** is a unique £17m facility hosted by the CSCT, University of Bath, that will accelerate the translation of sustainable chemical technology research to help tackle the global challenges of the climate emergency, sustainable development and plastics pollution.

**Read more about iCAST here.**

### **School of Management academics recognised for their contributions to global learning**

The Financial Times have ranked the University of Bath's School of Management in the top 20 **most influential business schools in the world for 'teaching power'**.

The FT assessed each business school by looking at the contributions of its individual academics. It calculated how often a scholar's research was used by other business schools in their teaching.

Bath's ranking is based on a range of outstanding contributions, including textbooks from **Alistair Brandon-Jones, Andrew Crane, Veronica Hope Hailey, Michael Shulver** and John Purcell.

'I'm delighted to see the recognition for colleagues' contributions to the scholarship of teaching and learning,' said Steve Brammer, Dean of the School of Management.

'There are many pathways by which our academics' writing makes a difference globally. It's exciting to see the impacts that colleagues are making in relation to supporting teaching of business and management around the world.'

**Find our more about our School of Management.**

Mike Richardson won first place, impressing the judges with his presentation 'Seeing with the tongue'. Mike earns a commemorative plate and a place in the 3MT® UK semi-final which will be held in July. Mike said:

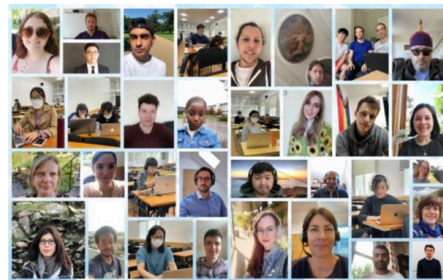
*"The experience was awesome, such a nice way to take a step back and think about what makes our research appealing to the public, which is why most of our research takes place anyway! I particularly liked getting feedback from a variety of people during the process, which helped to tailor the presentation to suit a wider audience."*

If you want to find out more about the competition, **click here.**

### **The EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Statistical Applied Mathematics (SAMBa) hosts 14th Integrative Think Tank delivers successful collaborative research**

SAMBa were pleased to welcome partners from the **NHS Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases**; the **National University of Mongolia**; the **National Development Agency, Mongolia**; **UNICEF Mongolia**; and the **National Centre for Maternal and Child Health of Mongolia** to join us for SAMBa's 14th Integrative Think Tank (ITT).

Participants from the **University of Bath, National University of Mongolia, AND Systems Tech LLC, Universite Paul Sabatier Toulouse III**, and students who are due to join SAMBa later this year, welcomed the opportunity to work on health and societal challenges, and enjoyed working in diverse teams that brought together different experiences, skills and perspectives.



**Read more about ITT14 here.**

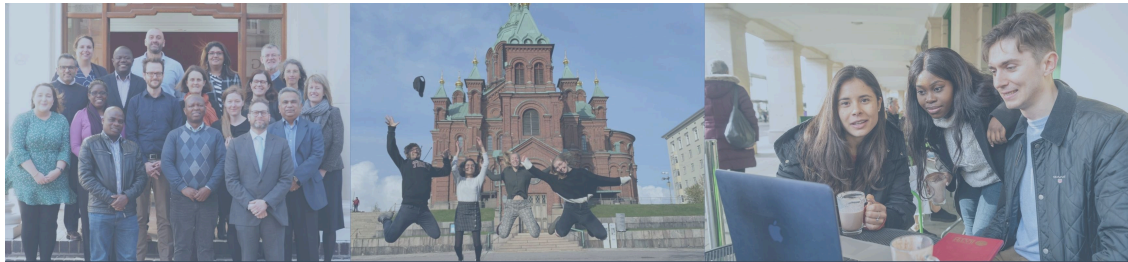
## **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE BLOG**

**Find student and staff exchange stories, examples of work and research supported by the International Relations Office and celebrations of the University's international successes!**

**Our most recent blogs include:**

**Dr Ana Dinerstein and the Women on the Verge Network (WOVNet)**

**Enhancing Student Experience through our Virtual Exchange programme, with Daisy Zhu**



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**Michelle Donelan, Minister of State for Universities in England, writes to students from across the globe to emphasise that UK Universities are ready and excited to welcome students back to their campuses to start the new academic year.**

**To read Minister Donelans letter click on the picture below, and to follow along with StudyUK's work to support students coming to the UK this September, search for #readyforyou.**



**'I believe that our world-leading teaching offer, taken together with new visa flexibilities and the progress we have made in our Covid-19 vaccine rollout, makes the UK a great prospect for any international student considering their destination of study for the new academic year.'**

**Michelle Donelan MP**

**Minister of State for Universities in England**



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