

# NTU Internationalisation Conference 2016

**Achieving internationalisation at  
Postgraduate Research level:**

**Experiences of Coventry University's  
Global Research Programme**



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# Background



- Centre for Global Engagement (CGE)
- Institutional approach to internationalisation
  - Linguae Mundi
  - International Mobility
  - Culturae Mundi
  - OIL
  - Erasmus
  - Summer Schools
  - Work Experience
  - Field Trips & Projects
  - Global Leaders Programme

# Why internationalisation matters for Research Students

- The Globalised World
- Cost-sharing
- Greater capacity and capability
- Interdisciplinarity
- Creates opportunities
- Publications with international co-authorship are, on average, more highly-cited





## GLOBAL RESEARCHERS PROGRAMME (GRP)

- Launched September 2015
- No fees
- Open to all Postgraduate Research (PGR) students
- Works in tandem with other CGE projects

# GRP Aims

- Intercultural awareness
- Intercultural competences
- Mobility
- Experience
- Reflection



# GRP: Activities

- Professorial Talks
- Webinars
- International 'Research Buddies'
- Intercultural Workshops
- Skills Sessions
- Conference Mobility Assistance
- Short and Medium Term Mobility



# GRP: Professorial Talks



- Once a month
- Not subject specific
- Experiential
- Cross disciplinary
- Focus on different routes and career paths
- Networking

# GRP: Webinars



- Fully customisable format
- Approach is to 'do what works'
- Working with partner universities
- Subject Specific
- Staff and students



# GRP: Workshops



- Skills Based
- Not subject specific
- Intercultural competencies
- Peer support
- Networking

# GRP: Mobility



- Funding
- Conferences
- Primary Research
- Reflection & Sharing

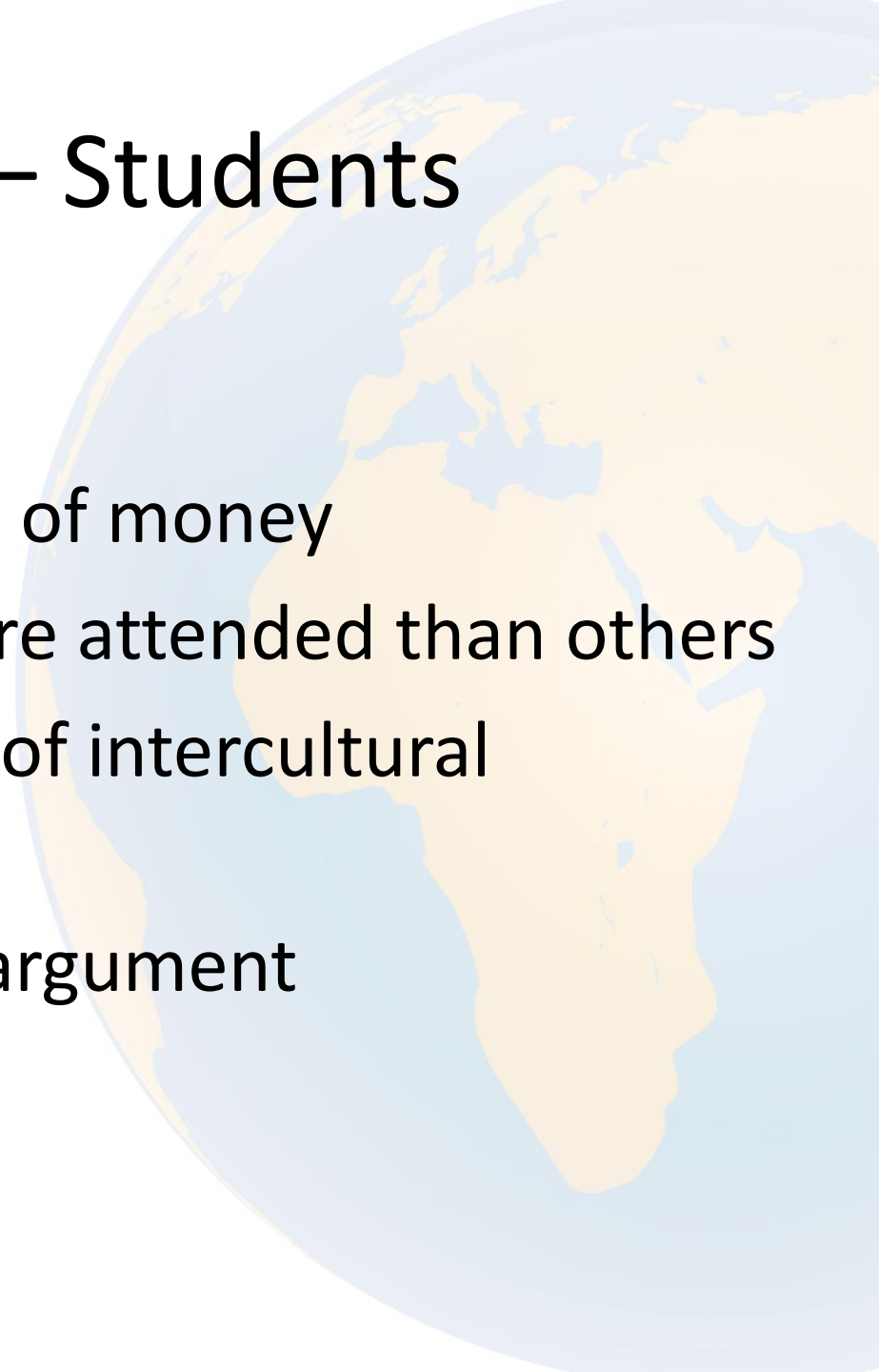
# GRP: Research Buddies




- Co-ordinated approach
- Domestic
- Overseas
- Research Collaboration Potential

# Challenges – Students

- GRP is more than a pot of money
- Some activities are more attended than others
- Conveying importance of intercultural competences
- The ‘staff vs students’ argument



# Challenges – Partners



- Most existing CU partnerships do not include Postgraduate Research elements
- It takes time to set up new activities (eg Urbana Champaign, Belgrade)
- Needs the buy-in from staff to make things happen
- Timezones
- Technology – some regions do not allow the use of Skype

# GRP: Future



- Encourage all research students to be involved
- More mobilities...
- ...leading to collaborations
- More workshops & talks
- More guest speakers
- Cementing Coventry University as a strong , supportive, institution for research students

**Any Questions?**



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