

# Erasmus Exchanges

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# Purpose

- Introduced in 1987 to promote collaboration between European Universities via;
  - Facilitating Pan-European Research opportunities
  - Staff exchanges
  - Student exchanges
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- Over the years Erasmus has developed beyond an educational programme to acquire the status of a social and cultural phenomenon

## Our present partners are:

- Tampere and Lhati, **Finland** for staff and student exchanges
- Naestved, **Denmark** for staff and student exchanges
- Goteborg, **Sweden** formerly staff/student exchange

# The physiotherapy exchange consists of:

- A 13 week exchange normally consisting of:
  - - an induction week
  - - 2 x 5 week placements with a 'study week' in between
  - - placements – usually elderly and Neurology
  - - and a final week of study
  - - exchange starts at the beginning of year 3 - usually travel there mid August
- Must be back at BU by November

- Note you are not expected to participate in academic studies whilst on exchange.
- You will not miss any Brunel academic studies whilst on placement – since a placement period in the UK is substituted by a placement period in Europe.
- The clinical placement will be assessed utilising the same assessment format as is used by Brunel i.e the Clinical Assessment Report (CAR) form.

# The Conditions of going:

- BU staff will only agree to you going on exchange if:
  - - you have passed all assessments so far.
  - Although the Erasmus scheme is a fantastic opportunity for students we will not allow you to participate in the exchange if we feel you require extra support and assistance which can only be provided “on-site”
  - - have shown you will be a good ambassador for the university and the profession.

## **Applications to the scheme are made during Year 2:**

- We require 1 page of A4 outlining:
- Why you should be selected
- The value of the exchange to you
- The value of the exchange to the host establishment
- The possible value of the exchange to the profession.....

# Support

- **Financial:** There is an EU grant to cover some expenses
- You will receive some of this prior to departure.
- You must be an EU citizen to qualify
- **Language:** The University will offer you a language crash course prior to going. However it is an experience that many Scandinavians are quite proficient in English
- **University:** You will maintain normal email links with the University. You will be visited by a Brunel Physiotherapy Tutor

# Finally...

- It is a wonderful opportunity to broaden your experience of physiotherapy and of

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