

Appendix 4

Criteria to be considered when considering prospective partners

Departments should be aware of the following criteria against which proposals for working with others to deliver Higher Education will be considered:

1. Potential benefit to the University
2. The overall academic standing and reputation of the partner
3. Whether the partner is one with which the University can legally contract
4. Its financial stability and its ability to provide appropriately qualified and experienced staff and other resources to run the programme, including access to its own library and IT services
5. The robustness of its quality assurance and enhancement processes at institutional or organisation level and its record in quality assurance reviews (QAA or equivalent)
6. Whether the organisation has appropriate administrative support for quality assurance
7. Whether it has experience of delivering programmes at the same level or can demonstrate potential to do so
8. Whether the partner is able to demonstrate a knowledge, understanding and commitment to the requirement of the UK Quality Code for Higher Education
9. Whether the partner has an appropriate infrastructure to support students
10. Potential implications for approval by PRSBs

In addition where proposed partners are located overseas:

11. That the prospective partner has an understanding of current practices in UK higher education
12. That the prospective partner can address differences in expectations and cultures between higher education systems to ensure that the requirements of the arrangement can be fulfilled
13. That the medium of instruction and assessment is English