

Swansea University

United Kingdom

The Swansea-Grenoble partnership is now a unique multidisciplinary strategic collaboration and a major venture between a UK and French university which is widely seen as a model for international collaboration between research-intensive universities. It has become central to the two institutions strategic ambitions, for their drive for continued gains in research excellence and for enhanced presence in Europe and beyond.

Ongoing bilateral cooperation

Academic cooperation

Erasmus+ agreement (2016/17 - 2021/22)

- ▶ 15 outgoing student mobilities (PhITEM, Chimie Bio, POLYTECH, IUT1)
- ▶ no incoming student mobility
- ▶ 1 outgoing staff mobility (IM2AG)

Staff week in Grenoble with Swansea in order to involve administrative staff in the cooperation (2015).

Master double degrees

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ UGA - IM2AG Master of Science in Informatics at Grenoble – MOSIG Master in Operations Research, Combinatorics and Optimization – ORCO Master in Cybersecurity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ SU Master of Science in Computer Science |
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Since 2018-2019: 2 incoming students, no outgoing student.
Ongoing negotiations for renewal.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ UGA - UFR LE Master Traduction Spécialisée Multilingue | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ SU Master Extended MA in Professional Translation |
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Signed in 2021

Research cooperation

IDEX International Strategic Partnership call (ISP)

18 ISP projects with a SU-UGA collaboration were selected between 2017 and 2020 16 of them were funded.

Double degree PhD or joint PhD: 24 ongoing; 8 thesis defended

Main research topics: artificial intelligence and resilience

Joint workshop on resilience (May 2021)

ABOUT

17,500 students, including **3,500** international students

Shanghai Ranking 2021: **401-500**
QS World Univ. Ranking 2022: **440**
THE 2022: **251-300**

COORDINATORS AT UGA

- Judith Peters (LIPHY, CED)
- Élisabeth Glangeaud (DGD DIT)
- Élise Pinault (DGD DIT)

FRAMEWORK

- 2012: Signature of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Swansea University (SU) and Université Joseph Fourier-Grenoble (UJF)
- 2013: Signature of a Memorandum of Agreement between SU and UJF to underpin a Strategic Institutional Partnership
- 2015: Signature of an Institutional Agreement between SU and UGA
- 2020-2021: Setting up and implementation of the Strategic Plan 2021-2026
- 2021: Signature of a Memorandum of Understanding (renewal)

VISITS

- Delegation hosted once or twice a year (delayed in 2020-2021 because of COVID-19)
- Usually 2 Strategic Board meetings per year since 2020 (visit or online)
- Usually 3 Strategic Delivery and Implementation Group meetings since 2020 (visit or online)

Towards the future

Strategic Plan for 2021-2026

SU and UGA have elaborated a strategic plan that sets out priorities for the next five years of the strategic collaboration development and comprises the key objectives, means of measuring success and implementation strategy.

The strategic plan introduces the common overarching goals and established a common management structure that includes a strategic board (chaired by UGA President and Swansea Vice-Chancellor – two meetings per year), a strategic delivery and implementation group (chaired by Prof. Karine Samuel and Prof. Matt Jones) and a stakeholder advisory board.

Upcoming

Launch of the Grenoble-Swansea Centre in Human centered Artificial Intelligence and data systems.

TOPICS OF COLLABORATION

The strategic plan has highlighted the following aspects as points to strengthen:

- Joint education
- Joint research
- Artificial intelligence
- Resilience
- Exchange of best practices on adapting to COVID-19