



Criteria for Category 1 Institutions for XJTLU's Proposed Student Exchange Partners

If a student exchange partner proposed by XJTLU meets all parts of the following criteria, the partner will usually be deemed a Category 1 institution and will not require an institutional site visit.

The proposed institution:

- **Established**
Is an established institution in terms of duration of existence, scale of operation and financial sustainability;
- **Location/safety**
Is located in countries/regions with a stable system of government and which the [Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office FCDO](#) deems as safe to visit;
- **Ranking**
Is ranked within the top 500 universities in the world by an established international ranking system* and/or within the top 10% in established national rankings; and/or has accreditation by a major professional body; and/or has an established and successful exchange partnership with UoL **
- **Accessible information**
Provides easily accessible information through the internet and via a named contact at the institution.

A proposed partner that does not satisfy one or more of the above requirements will be deemed a Category 2 institution and will require a site visit by the University of Liverpool to assess the quality of the partner.

** At the time of writing, this would include Times Higher Education World University Rankings, QS World University Rankings, or Academic Ranking of World Universities*

*** As evidenced by feedback from UoL Global Opportunities Team, academic departments and students*