

Links between German U15 and Russell Group universities

- More than **73,383 scientific publications** were co-authored between academics in the UK and Germany between 2013 and 2017. Of these, **19,325 publications** (26%) were between academics at Russell Group and German U15 universities, with over 30% growth in the number of co-authored publications between our two groups from 2013 to 2017.¹
- The average field-weighted citation impact (FWCI) of research carried out in the UK is 1.58 and for research carried out in Germany it is 1.43. However, when our academics work together, the FWCI of their joint scientific publications is 2.95.
- **Collaborations between Russell Group and German U15 researchers deliver an even more enhanced impact of 3.70.**
- The UK and Germany work together more than they work with any other countries in Horizon 2020 (the EU's multi-annual research and innovation programme). Russell Group and German U15 universities have made **over 400 collaborative links** funded by Horizon 2020 since the programme began in 2014.
- A third of German U15's Horizon 2020 projects include a Russell Group university partner.
- 2,250 students from Russell Group universities studied or worked in Germany as part of the EU's Erasmus programme in 2015/16.

About the Russell Group

The Russell Group represents 24 leading UK universities committed to maintaining the very best research, an outstanding teaching and learning experience and unrivalled links with business and the public sector. Russell Group universities attract and welcome talented staff and students from across the globe and these individuals make a vital contribution to our academic and economic life. Our universities collaborate at an international level with businesses, charities, universities and a wide range of different partners to boost the impact of our research and its global application. The members of the Russell Group are:

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About the German U15

The German U15 represents 15 leading research-intensive universities. Our universities are among the most academically distinguished and internationally renowned institutions of the German science system. We are dedicated to outstanding research and excellent teaching and are proud to attract bright students and scholars from all over the world. Our universities take active responsibility for society and the advancement of academic values and trust in science. The German U15 advocates for best conditions for university-based research, teaching, and transfer activities. The members of the German U15 are:

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¹ Data analysed by the Russell Group from the Elsevier SciVal platform. Data was accessed and analysed in December 2018.