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Key criteria for consideration when establishing collaborative arrangements

1. Strategic Benefits:

- Potential to enhance Imperial's impact and the Imperial brand
- Location in an area or country in which the university would like a greater presence
- Built on the foundation of collaborations already established with the partner institution
- Comparable academic mission and standing of the partner institution/department

2. Academic Benefits:

- Opportunities to broaden the academic portfolio of Imperial in line with the academic strategy
- Opportunities for students which are not available within Imperial e.g. particular research expertise, opportunities to use specific equipment, broadening professional experience
- Potential for attracting high calibre students
- Potential to attract or work with high quality staff from the partner institution
- Opportunity for students and staff to experience novel approaches to learning and teaching

3. Academic Governance

- Confirmation that the university can ensure that the partner institution and proposed programme will conform with the governance, regulation, academic standards, quality assurance and student welfare requirement of Imperial
- Consideration of any ethical issues which may arise as a result of practices carried out by the partner institution or country. It is likely these would need to be considered on a case-by-case basis in line with the [Relationships Review Policy](#) including consideration by the Scrutiny Committee if required

4. Resource Issues

- Numbers of students predicted to enrol

- Teaching, research, welfare/pastoral and social facilities – are these at least equivalent to Imperial's?
- Impact on support services resources at Imperial, eg Registry, Library, ICT, accommodation – can they absorb the extra work involved or will more resource be required?
- Can Imperial meet the space requirements for any additional students?
- What is the relationship of intended programme or award with existing Imperial programmes and awards?
- What implications would there be for Imperial and the students enrolled on the programme if the partner withdrew from the collaboration prior to the end of the agreement?

5. Financial Issues

- 5.1. Decisions about the academic probity of programmes/modules are taken separately from the negotiations about the financial implications/arrangements with other parties (though these may be conducted concurrently).
- 5.2. The following should be considered before making a formal proposal for a strategic partnership:
- Cost of establishing the partnership
 - Cost of maintaining the partnership
 - Potential funding from other sources
 - Financial input from the partner institution
 - Whether the partnership financially (and operationally) viable in the long-term
 - What would the financial/resource implications be for Imperial if the partner withdrew from the collaboration prior to the end of the agreement
 - Proposed fees for individual programmes and awards

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