Partnerships for Internationalisation: Connecting People, Ideas, and Practices Across the University

Internationalisation is a cross-cutting institutional responsibility that reaches far beyond the International Office. It depends fundamentally on the people and units who shape the everyday functioning of a university: executive leadership, academic faculties and departments, as well as central administration.

For internationalisation to take root across the institution, universities need internal coalitions and a shared recognition that administrative professionals are active co-designers of international activities, not merely operational support. Strong internal partnerships are an essential complement to international collaboration and networks: Comprehensive and sustainable internationalisation happens when it becomes part of how the university works – across units, roles and levels.

This Staff Week brings together colleagues committed to advancing internationalisation as a shared institutional mission. The programme combines input sessions, collaborative peer-learning formats, and selected job-shadowing sessions, giving participants the opportunity to exchange views on operational routines and specific tools with colleagues at the Universität Innsbruck

A central thematic pillar of the programme is dedicated to the interface between internationalisation and research management, co-developed with our colleagues from the project.service.office (psb). Participants from research services, third-party funding management, and project administration will cover practices related to:

- International and EU research funding acquisition and management
- Proposal development, project administration, and international researcher mobility
- Strategic research partnerships, compliance, risk assessment, and research security/academic integrity
- Advancing synergies between internationalisation in research and education

The week is complemented by cultural and informal exchange, including a historic guided walking tour of Innsbruck and a panoramic gondola excursion up the Patscherkofel mountain.

We look forward to welcoming you to Innsbruck soon!