What is RMP?
The Worldwide Universities Network (WUN) Research Mobility Programme (RMP) is a scheme that encourages personal and academic development in other research cultures by supporting travel to WUN partner universities (18 universities spanning 11 countries on 5 continents).

The aim of the RMP is to support the development of international networks and long-term research links with WUN partners, exchange expertise and share access to specialised facilities. Funds for the RMP come directly from the International Relations Department Budget. All WUN members waive any fees associated with the RMP, which are typically short visits.

Who can apply?
These awards are available to support students and staff wishing to undertake short visits to countries that are part of the WUN Network. Although some WUN partners favour early career researchers for research trips, the University of York encourages applications at all levels (Staff and PhD Students) based on the quality of their proposals.

RMP 2016/2017:
The Budget for this year’s awards has not yet been confirmed; therefore we cannot make any allocation commitments yet. We can however estimate the total budget at £15k (for individual awards up to £2,500). Each award is set out to cover economy air travel, visas, accommodation and subsistence costs; other reasonable research costs may also be covered.

Criteria for Success:
All applications will be reviewed by a panel chaired by the PVC for Research. Applications should clearly demonstrate the criteria listed below:

- Benefits to your personal development, to the departmental international ambitions and/or to the University’s internationalisation strategy
- Details of the expertise or facilities available to you in the hosting institution
- Detailed plan on how you propose to sustain the relationship after your visit. E.g. Funding bids, workshops, publications. Etc.
- NEW: This year, applications demonstrating clear connections and contributions to the University of York research themes are encouraged.
  - Creativity
  - Culture and Communication
  - Environmental Sustainability and Resilience
  - Health and Wellbeing
  - Justice and Equality
  - Risk, Evidence and Decision Making
  - Technologies for the Future
How to apply

You are a member of Staff:

1. Identify a potential project and choose your WUN overseas partner.
   - The WUN website has contact details of the WUN coordinator for each partner institution. The local coordinator will be able to find you collaborators if you do not have an academic contact in that partner institution already.
   - The project should be sustainable – early plans about possible reciprocal visits, seminars, future projects, and funding bids should be included.
   - Reference to departmental research strategy, the University’s international strategy and the University’s research themes is encouraged.
   - When approaching your host academic, you should also copy in the local WUN coordinator in that institution. Remind your contact that if they have any queries about how the scheme operates locally, they can talk to their coordinator.
   - Please copy international-relations@york.ac.uk, into all correspondence.

2. The visit must take place during the 2016/17 academic year. All allocated funds must be spent by the end of July 2017.

3. With your host partner decide on dates, duration and plan of work/project.

4. When completing the budget information, include costs for:
   - travel (flights and transfers)
   - subsistence (accommodation and meals)
   - visa (if you need one)
   - other research costs that may be incurred

In addition to the application form, you will need to provide:
   - A 1000-word summary of the research you intend to undertake, as well as details of all success criteria listed above.
   - A supporting statement from the host academic.
   - A supporting statement from your Head of Department, also indicating the benefits and sustainability of your proposal.

If regulatory approval is required by the recipient university (e.g. where it involves radiation or work with animals) you must secure this before you submit your application.

The application should be put into one pdf document and sent by email to international-relations@york.ac.uk by 5pm on Friday July 1st.

Notification: You will receive notification of the outcome of your application within 5 weeks of the deadline. Please do not plan projects that commence within 5 weeks of the application deadline.

5. Ahead of the visit you should check:
   - The process for obtaining a visa, including timelines and any extra documentation needed.
   - Whether your host university needs any additional documentation.
   - Information about York’s Insurance policies for overseas visits (only accessible to York staff).
You are a Student:

1. Talk to your home supervisor and enlist their support. They should help you:
   - Identify a potential project and choose your WUN overseas partner. Be clear about why you want to go to this partner. Are you accessing expertise, facilities, or technique?
   - Identify a potential host supervisor at your chosen institution. The WUN website has contact details of the WUN coordinator for each institution. The host coordinator can help you find a supervisor if you do not have a contact already. Think of ways you can keep the relationship going (reciprocal visits, seminars, funding bids).
   - Decide who makes the approach (you, copying in your supervisor, or supervisor to supervisor). You should copy in the WUN Coordinator in the host institution. If your potential supervisor has queries about the scheme, they can talk to their coordinator.
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   - A 1000-word summary of the research you intend to undertake, as well as details of all success criteria listed above.
   - A supporting statement from the host academic.
   - A supporting statement from your Home Supervisor also indicating the benefits and sustainability of your proposal.

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