## International exchange and cooperation

NCU places great emphasis on international exchange and cooperation. It has established regular exchange programs with more than 30 universities and institutions from over 20 countries worldwide. The [Confucius Institute in France](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Confucius_Institute#France), for instance, is a cooperative venture between Nanchang University and universities in France. It was the first Confucius Institute in Europe. Nanchang University has a long working relationship with the [University of Abertay Dundee](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Abertay_Dundee) of the U.K. in jointly educating master degree students. Every year, a group of Nanchang University graduates go to Abertay Dundee for their master degrees in computer science. In the summer of 2012, Nanchang University and [Queen Mary, University of London](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Queen_Mary,_University_of_London) will be entering into a long term relationship, beginning with a group of six students who will travel to Nanchang to teach English and learn Chinese, with a plan to make this an annual event. There are similar programs with universities from Ireland, Germany, the U.S., New Zealand, Australia, Japan, South Korea, Thailand, and other countries and regions.

In recognition of NCU's excellence in education and research, the Chinese Ministry of Education officially admitted Nanchang University into the national “211 Project” in 1997, signifying the inclusion of NCU into the elite 100 key universities in China. In 2004, the Chinese Ministry of Education signed an agreement with Jiangxi Provincial government affiliating Nanchang University with the Ministry of Education and Jiangxi Provincial government.