



## Degree Programmes

This FULL YEAR placement is available **for Biology and Biomedical** students and is a combination of study in Semester 1 and lab work in Semester 2.

Number of Places: 4

This document provides basic information about the university. **Please do your own research before applying.**

## Application Process

To apply for this opportunity you must submit an online application.

Link to the online application can be found in the **How to Apply** section in each university ad. Online application form requires registration, please register with your Aston University e-mail.

Please note that you can submit one application only. As a part of the application, you must provide three universities in order of preference, which should also be specified in your motivation letter.

You are required to submit one motivational letter, which must be focused on your first priority.

**Please do not contact the partner university directly as all the applications are processed by Aston's International Projects Team.**

## The University

French University of Rennes (UR1)

[Main university website](#)

[Faculty of life sciences website](#)

International biology student exchange  
Coordinator addresses: PR N Boujrad  
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Rennes is the main town of Brittany with 250 000 inhabitants among which 50 000 students. Its university stems back to the days of the Breton university founded in 1461. 23 000 students are currently studying at the University of Rennes 1, which is mainly oriented towards sciences.

The faculty of life sciences in health and environment trains 2000 students among which 500 post-graduate students. Its 120 faculty members are also members of one the research center/units listed below:

In the field of Molecular and Cell Biology and Health

- IRSET- Institute for Research in Environmental and Occupational Health, UMR U1085 INSERM - Head : Bernard Jégou, [website](#).
- Micro-environment and Cancer – MICA, Inserm U 917, Head : Karin Tarte. [Website](#)
- Research Institute in Genetics and Development (IGDR), UMR 6290 CNRS. Head :Claude Prigent, [website](#)
- Liver, metabolisms and cancer, Inserm U991. Head: Bruno Clément, [website](#)
- EA 4712 - Behavior and basal ganglia, Head : Marc Vérin
- LTSI : Signal and Image Processing Laboratory, Inserm U1099. Head: Lotfi SENHADJI . [website](#).

In the field of Microbiology:

- Microbiology « Infectious risk », EA 1254. Head : Martine Bonnaure-Mallet. [website](#).
- Function, structure and inactivation of bacterial ribonucleic acids, Inserm U835, Head: Brice Felden. [website](#).

In the field of Molecular and Cell Biology and agronomy

- IGEPP research Institute « genetics, environment and plants protection» , UMR INRA 1349. Head: Denis Tagu. [Website](#).

All these research units can welcome British students for placement studies. If you are interested, you'll have to send your request (including CV and topic interest) to Pr N Boujrad, the coordinator of international exchanges in Biology. You may also contact him to get advices/informations to make your project appropriate laboratory choice.

In any case you should contact first N. Boujrad before any lab contact.

#### What it is like to study at Rennes

Check out this [video](#):

## Location

Time zone: GMT: + 1 hours  
International country code: +33

Rennes is the capital of the region of Brittany and is with its 200,000 the second-fastest growing metropolitan area in France. The city is known for its beautiful timber-framed houses which are in the historic city center. Rennes has an attractive culture and has number of museums and festivals such as the music festival Les Transmuciales, les Tombees de la Nuit and the cinema festival Travelling.



## Semester/key dates

Classes in French and Research training in English

Autumn term (Semester 5): September – late December (exam mid-January and June)

Spring term (Semester 6): mid-January – May (exam end of May and June)

Suggested Arrival Date: Late August 2013

## Academic Calendar

### Courses Available

Students will normally study for one or two semesters at University of Rennes 1, they choose a bloc of course unites to capitalize à total of 30 ECTS per semester (each course worth 6 ECTS). Teaching and assessment will normally be in French

Lab research training can be done in English depending on your degree requirements.

NB: You are strongly recommended to take a laptop computer with you.

**Workload:** 30 ECTS per semester

### Living in France:

- Accommodation and living Expenses:

All exchange students can benefit from students residency. But alternative private “room to rent” are possible.

Approximate budget:

Hostel fees (per year) € 120 à 200

Meals on campus (per year) € 3

Bus fare from CUHK to Kowloon € 1,1

Cost of living € 600-700 monthly

There will be no additional fees, since UR1 and Aston University are under an Erasmus-Agreement

In Rennes there is possibilities to apply for a grant to help setting down in Rennes (ask N Boujrad)

- [Additional Information](#)

### Next stes if you are successful

1. You will be invited for a face-to-face or phone interview with the Placements Team
2. You will be nominated by us to the partner university
3. You must complete and send us the Erasmus application form
4. Following the nomination you must in most cases, complete a registration online. The International Placements Team will contact you about this.
5. Read the Study Plan (available on Blackboard from June)
6. Complete a Learning Agreement once your modules have been approved by your Placement Tutor

### Visa

Please ensure that you have an up to date passport before applying and also that you fulfill any visa requirements for entering and studying in France. For further information, please see the website of the [embassy of France](#) in your home country.

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