

UK higher education as an export industry

The UK is a global leader in the export of higher education and particularly in the growing and competitive market of internationally mobile students. The global activities of UK universities in teaching and research will continue to bring economic and social benefits to the UK.

This is an area where the UK is looking to build on its success, with an increasing focus on trans-national education.

Contributing to an export-led recovery

Higher education is also important to the UK as an export industry, contributing £7.9 billion in 2009 and projected to contribute £16.9 billion by 2025.

FIG 3.15
Export earnings for the UK economy, 2008/09 prices

