

## ***Introduction***

### **Vice-Rectorate for Internationalization**

The Universidad de Granada has a long tradition of international academic cooperation; a tradition that continues today in its firm decision to get even more involved in the process of internationalising studying, teaching, research and management within the institution.

In recognition of its continuing work in the promotion of European mobility since 1987, the UGR was awarded the Erasmus Programme's Gold Star in 2007. It currently receives more students on this Programme (about 2000) than any other European university and it is one of the European universities that send the most students to other institutions (about 1650). The UGR also takes part in other mobility initiatives as part of programmes such as the Organisation of Ibero-American States' PIMA (Academic Mobility and Exchange Programme), the European Commission's Erasmus Mundus and UNESCO's PEACE programme, as well as programmes organised by the Coimbra Group of Universities. It offers grants for full undergraduate courses at the UGR through agreements with the Spanish embassies in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Romania and Morocco, and postgraduate courses through the Carolina Foundation. To complete our range of mobility initiatives, we offer a series of mobility programmes with Arabian countries, Eastern Europe, the U.S.A. and Canada, Latin America, Australia and the Far East. These arose out of a number of bilateral agreements that are still in force today and currently involve some 700 students.

In addition to these, the UGR takes a very active role in all sorts of inter-university cooperation programmes: Tempus, Alfa, Erasmus Mundus, PIMA, PEACE, Urb-Al, Interreg and many more. It is a member of a large number of international university networks and associations, including the Coimbra Group, the European University Association (EUA), the Mediterranean Universities Union (Unimed) and the Ibero-American University Association for Postgraduate Studies (AUIP).

The Vice-Rectorate for Internationalization is responsible for planning, managing and coordinating the UGR's international relations. It is also responsible for promoting, expanding and managing international academic cooperation programmes. The Office also devises and coordinates the University's internationalization strategy.

### **International Relations Office**

The UGR has an International Relations Office (Office Structure) to manage various activities.