LUAS Eveliina Kivinen Katri Kämäräinen

12.3.2014

## A short expression of LUAS, and the activities in regards to international student exchange

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V6XdvbDcqkw

Lahti University of Applied Sciences (Lahti UAS) is a multidisciplinary higher education provider located in Southern Finland. We have around 5,300 students, 380 staff members and a high level of expertise to be shared globally.

Lahti University of Applied Sciences operates in the following fields:

- Business
- Design and Communication
- Fine Arts
- · Social and Health care
- Technology
- Engineering
- Music and Drama
- Tourism and Hospitality

At Lahti UAS we are dedicated in providing our students with the right skills for the demanding working life. By implementing integrative pedagogy in our teaching methods, we aim at developing new and authentic learning situations.

At Lahti UAS we are proud of our education and achievements. Our expertise arises from highly qualified teachers and staff, our solid background in diverse educational fields, strong regional and international networks and a successful cooperation with partners and business contacts both in Finland and abroad. In addition, our operations are focused on our strategic focus areas of design, environment and the development of welfare services; areas which are of particular importance to the whole Lahti region.

At Lahti UAS we believe that sustainable and active collaboration with partner universities, companies and other organisations in Finland and abroad enhances our activities and enriches our students' learning experience. Our agreements with more than 190 universities around the world secure mobility for our students and staff.

Annually, approximately 20% of our students gain international experience abroad by spending a semester either studying at a partner university or completing an internship. In addition, our 350

international degree students, 150 exchange students and many exchange teachers from all over the world contribute to a truly international studying environment at Lahti UAS.

The priorities of internationalization at the Faculty of Social and Health Care are in student and teacher exchanges, international internships as well as in international research and development projects.

In the faculty of social and health care, the exchange students participate in thepry and practical studies as well as in clinical placement. They have their own tutor-students and tutor-teacher. The personal study plan is done for all exchange students. Internationl coordinator takes care of exchange students' practical issues as arrival, accommodation, ect.

## Our expectations from the project

More cooperation between HEI and working life. The cooperation has a long time plan and there is a win-win situation. The work places are willing and voluntary to supervise exchange students' and degree programme students studying in English in clinical placement. There are tools available for clinical placement mentors.