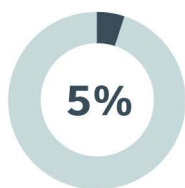
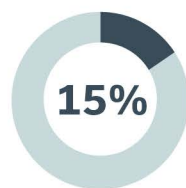


INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY IS IMPORTANT FOR THE UK AND UK RESEARCHERS



The UK makes up **5%** of OECD countries' population



but hosts **15%** of the students studying for masters and PhD degrees in OECD countries

Among EU member states, the UK has been the **top receiving country for PhD candidates** from both within and outside the EU



UK
Within EU: 11,500
Outside EU: 24,100



France
Within EU: 5,400
Outside EU: 23,000



Spain
Within EU: 3,100
Outside EU: 11,300



The number of international students studying in UK research degree programmes

tripled from 1994/5 to 2012/13

During FP7 (2007–2013), the **UK was the most popular destination for the European MCSA programme**, which supports researchers' career development.

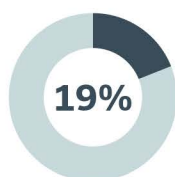
The UK leads the EU in the number of prestigious ERC grants it hosts. In 2016:



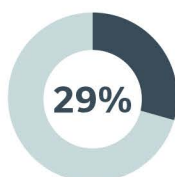
117 grants were awarded to researchers who would work in the UK

although only **45** grantees had UK nationality.

Increase in percentage of UK academic staff who are non-UK nationals:



2005/6



2015/16



72% of active UK researchers have trained or worked as researchers abroad

