

¹Definitions of collaborative provision and partnership models

Type	Description	Key features	Offered by the University?	Indicative risk level
Validation	An arrangement where the University agrees to make an award for a programme designed and delivered by another organisation, leading to a University award.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judged to be of the appropriate standard and quality to lead to a University award. • The intellectual property rights are owned by the partner. • The University has the responsibility for academic standards. • A validated programme of study will not have been approved to run at the University. 	Yes	High
Franchise	An arrangement in which the University authorises another organisation to deliver part or all of one the University's own programmes leading to a University award.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The University retains direct responsibility for programme content, the teaching and assessment strategy, the assessment regime and the quality assurance¹. • The intellectual property rights are owned by the University. • The University has the responsibility for academic standards. • A franchised programme of study will already have been approved to run at the University. 	Yes	High
Articulation agreement	The process by which all students who satisfy academic criteria on a specified programme, delivered at another institution, are automatically entitled, on academic grounds, to be admitted with advanced standing, to a subsequent stage of a programme at the University.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are guaranteed a place at the University. • This is not a collaborative degree programme. • These programmes are usually established to support student recruitment. • Students normally have a contractual relationship with the partner organisation for their initial programme and subsequently with the University for their University programme. • The partner organisation's programme is mapped for equivalence with the part of the University 	Yes	Medium

		<p>programme which it replaces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These arrangements normally involve credit accumulation and transfer for the approved study at the first provider, which is transferred to contribute to the programme and award completed at the University. • The two separate components are the responsibility of the respective organisations delivering them but, together, contribute to a single award of the University. • The University specifies the requirements for admission to its programme, which normally consists of grades to be achieved in the partner organisation's programme of study (and English language requirements, where applicable). • Partner organisations still need to go through a due diligence procedure before articulation agreements can be signed. 		
Progression arrangement	The process by which all students who satisfy academic criteria on a programme, delivered at another institution, are deemed to have attained a qualification that enables them to be considered for entry, possibly with advanced standing, to a subsequent stage of a programme at the University.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are not guaranteed a place at the University. • The University specifies the requirements for admission to its programme, which normally consists of grades to be achieved in the partner organisation's programme of study (and English language requirements, where applicable). • Partner organisations still need to go through a due diligence procedure before articulation agreements can be signed. 	Yes	Low

Distance learning/online delivery	A programme delivered jointly with delivery organisations or support providers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The programme leads to a University award but is jointly delivered with a partner and the University. 	Yes	Medium
Collaborative programme delivery	A collaboration with a partner institution without degree awarding powers that provides specialist input to a University programme of study leading to a University award.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme is delivered collaboratively, with the partner providing specialist expertise not available at the University. 	Yes	Low - Medium
Off Campus/ Flying Faculty	A University programme delivered at another location with premises/facilities provided by a partner organisation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All teaching delivery and assessment undertaken by the University. Delivered at another location (i.e. not University campuses in York or London). The partner provides teaching premises and/or services or facilities which are essential for achievement of the learning outcomes. The partner's accommodation and other facilities must be approved by the University. Support services will be provided by the partner organisation. The Head of Programme is a member of University staff. 	No	High
International branch campus	A branch campus is a campus of the University that is located in another country other than the home campus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The campus is at least part-owned by the University. The campus has a physical presence in the host country, including some local staffing. Students earn University awards from the campus. 	No	High

Centre for Doctoral Training (with another institution)	An educational collaboration which involves working with one or more institutions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centres for managing research council funded degrees. Usually a four-year multi-disciplinary postgraduate research programme. Usually a taught first year, with three years of research at PhD level. 	No	High
Split-site PhD	An educational collaboration where the student spends a substantial amount of time in his/her home country at a partner institution.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows for flexibility for international students. Includes provision for supervisory contribution from both institutions. Can be part of an arrangement with one or more institutions. 	No	Medium
Accreditation	A process whereby the University permits an institution which has been through the accreditation process to approve and offer taught programmes of study leading to the award of a University degree, diploma or certificate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devolution of arrangements for quality and standards to a partner institution allowing students registered with the partner institution to graduate with a University award. 	No	High

Approval, as per the University's processes, is required before any new agreement or partnership is entered into. For further information please contact quality@yorks.ac.uk