

Call for Proposals

UMAP Research Net 2016

1. Introduction

University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific (UMAP), founded in 1991, is an association of government and non-government representatives of the higher education sector in the Asia-Pacific region. The organization is responsible for overseeing the UMAP Exchange Program, which involves the development and implementation of university student and staff exchanges which are consistent with UMAP principles. Through increased mobility of university students and staff, UMAP aims to achieve enhanced international understanding.

Since the 1980s, cross-border higher education through the mobility of students, academic staff, programs/institutions, and professionals has grown considerably. Driven by this global trend, UMAP has instituted UMAP Research Net (URN) to promote research collaboration and facilitate cooperation among member institutions, territories, and countries.

URN further aims to promote academic mobility and collaboration, and to promote effective interaction and exchange among scholars, researchers, and educators across cultures.

2. Eligibility

To be eligible, a proposal for URN must meet the following requirements:

1. The research team submitting the proposal must comprise individuals from two or more UMAP member universities from two or more UMAP member countries / territories. The principal researcher must be a faculty member or researcher with a Ph.D. or equivalent, while the others may be post-graduate students or researchers without a Ph.D.
2. The proposal must show that one of the goals is to develop a research network and promote the mobility of researchers.
3. The proposal must show the full research project budget indicating existing or potential sources of revenue other than the UMAP Grant.
4. The proposal must include a strategy/critical path to pursue further collaboration after the completion of the initial project.
5. A final report must be submitted in English within two months of the completion of the research project.

Note: The projects will be evaluated by a UMAP Research Net Evaluation Panel at the end of the project period. Proposals based in purely scientific subjects such as physics, chemistry, medicine, engineering, etc. which would not lead to better knowledge and understanding of higher education for sustainable development are not eligible, nor are proposals which focus exclusively on technological or methodological issues.

3. Topics

All submitted proposals will be reviewed by an international panel of reviewers, and UMAP will select the proposals based on their significance, timeliness, and relevance to the goals of UMAP.

Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- Global education;
- Cross-cultural communication;
- Student mobility in higher education;
- Cross-cultural education and religion;
- Cross-cultural experiences and the transformation of teachers' and learners' roles;
- Discourse in intercultural communication and translation problems;
- Methods of cross-cultural research;
- Co-curricular programs that enhance global competencies;
- Mentoring students across cultures;
- Enhancing interaction between domestic and international students;
- Transnational education and global citizenship;
- Internationalization - curriculum and the student experience;
- Quality assurance in Asian higher education;
- Defining and assessing educational outcomes;
- Other issues related to promoting international student mobility.

4. Schedule

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| Proposal submission deadline: | 15 July 2016 |
| Final decision on the selection made by: | 10 September 2016 |
| Notification of selection results to all applicants made by: | 15 September 2016 |
| Project starting date: | 15 September 2016 |
| Research objectives and plans presented at the UMAP Board Meeting | 22 September 2016 |
| Interim research outcome presented at parallel sessions during the APAIE (Asia-Pacific Association for International Education) Conference and Exhibition: | 22-23 March 2017 |

Research completed and final report submitted to UMAP IS by:

30 November 2017

Final report delivered at the UMAP Board Meeting:

March/April 2018

5. Responsibilities of the Grantees

Researchers selected for URN grants are required to:

1. Present their research objectives and plans at the UMAP Board Meeting
 - *Submitting a PowerPoint slides with narration, a video clip or using Internet tools such as Skype is acceptable
2. Present their interim research outcomes at the APAIE Conference and Exhibition, and
3. Submit a final report to UMAP.

6. Application Procedure

With the official endorsement of his/her institution, and having assembled a research team, the designated principal researcher should submit an electronic PDF copy of the completed Application Form for UMAP Research Net to UMAP IS (via email at: umap-is@umap.org)

7. Payment Procedure

The overall funding made available under this call for proposals is for up to four URN proposals:

1. In principle, URN applicants may request funding of up to 5,000 USD; however, applicants who can demonstrate matching funds from other sources may request funding of up to 8,000 USD. Funding can be used for travel expenses of the responsible researchers, costs for communications, and meetings. UMAP does not provide scholarship grants to research students for URN.
2. UMAP provides partial financial support to the selected URN researchers for expenses incurred in participating in the APAIE Conference and Exhibition where they present the interim results of their research, such as travel expenses between the researchers' home country and the country where the APAIE Conference and Exhibition will be held, accommodations for three nights, the APAIE Conference and Exhibition registration fee, and a stipend for up to two principal researchers. The maximum amount of support to be provided is 4,000 USD.
3. Successful applicants will be sent a Grant Agreement detailing the value and conditions of the award. The Grant Agreement must be signed and returned to the UMAP International

Secretariat within fifteen (15) days. The Grant is provided after the International Secretariat has received the signed Grant Agreement. The URN Grant is a one-time, non-renewable grant.

4. The Principal Researcher will be responsible for managing the Grant.

Note: The recipients are responsible for making all arrangements related to the URN project including: international travel, visas (if applicable), accommodation, and medical and life insurance.

8. Contact Information

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