



**INTERNATIONAL  
NETWORK  
OF UNIVERSITIES**  
25th Anniversary

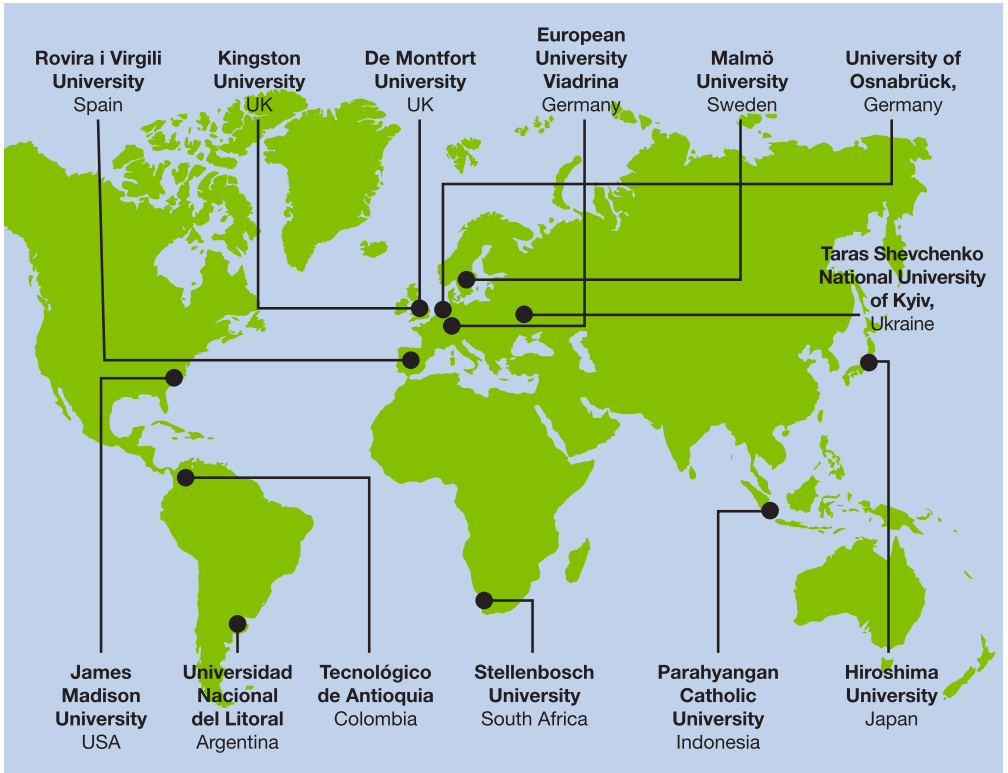


# INU Impact Report

The Network for Global Engagement



## A truly global network



INU Member Universities (As of July 2023)

### Members

- 13 member universities
- 11 countries represented worldwide

### Governance

#### INU Council

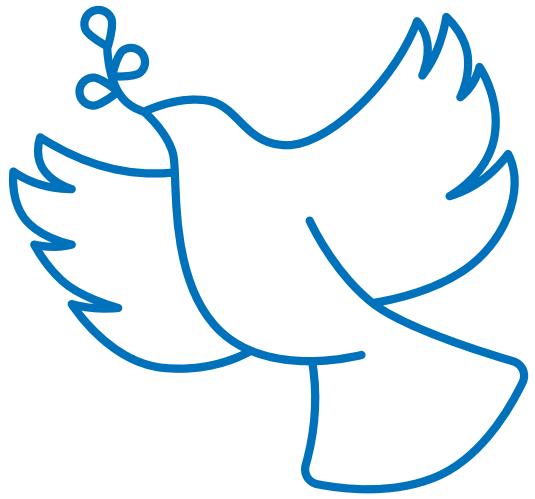
- The network is governed by INU Executive Committee and INU Council, both of which meets twice a year (Once online and once in person)
- Each INU member has two appointed representatives on the INU Council

#### Coordination

- The network's activities are organised by the INU Coordinator, currently based at Kingston University (UK)

#### INU Presidency

- INU Presidency rotates every two years. From 2023-2025, the presidency is held by Stellenbosch University, South Africa. INU Presidency has previously been held by European University Viadrina (Germany), Kingston University (UK), James Madison University (USA) and Malmö University (Sweden)



**International Network of Universities (INU) is a global network of universities committed to advancing internationalization.**

It allows the member universities to provide a richer array of educational and research opportunities than any one university acting alone.

INU is a global platform where member universities from around the world work collaboratively to provide transformative experiences that continuously advance the global engagement of students, faculty, and staff.

**INU activities focus on:**

- Advancing internationalization of member universities
- Preparing students for lives and careers as global citizens
- Engaging students and staff in international and virtual mobility programs
- Sharing experiences and best practices
- Delivering joint teaching and degrees
- Supporting international research collaborations

**Celebrating 25 years of INU**

INU was founded in 1998 by two Australian Vice-Chancellors at La Trobe University and Flinders University.

To mark this 25th anniversary, INU is holding a University Leaders’ Summit, in August 2023, hosted by Hiroshima University, Japan with leaders from 9 INU member universities attending.

The summit is a demonstration of our universities’ commitment to global engagement at the highest level. It gives the opportunity to forge stronger links between INU member universities at the most senior level of our member institutions and to go beyond our already significant INU activities in furthering our internationalization strategies, facilitating international research collaborations, student and staff mobility and exchange of best practice and expertise across member universities.

The Summit focuses on 'The role of Universities in internationally changing political and social contexts', considering how universities can navigate the challenges in their political surroundings, whilst making an impact on society.

In this intimate forum, the INU Leaders' Summit brings an opportunity to open dialogue on matters which affect universities and their students most greatly. It addresses the role of universities beyond education and research; the role of the university as a key driver of social change, as protectors of democratic rights and freedom of speech, challenging inequalities and upholding social justice, in often complex political backdrops. Working together as a collective of universities, INU members are ideally placed to drive meaningful change in both a local, regional and global context.

### International Student Seminar for Global Citizenship and Peace

The International Student Seminar for Global Citizenship and Peace is a unique immersion program which is hosted by Hiroshima University in Japan. The seminar welcomes students from around the world from INU member universities and is structured around the 6th August commemoration of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.

The 10-day program has a different theme each year and includes workshops, lectures and small group discussions. The program

also offers field trips to local attractions and cultural learning experiences and culminates in a United Nations role play where groups of students represent different countries and negotiate to pass a draft resolution relating to the theme of the seminar.

The Student Seminar provides students with a working knowledge of global citizenship and peace with a focus on cross-disciplinary problem solving of real-world political, economic, social, and cultural problems.

The seminar focuses on a different theme each year and attracts students from all disciplines.

#### Themes:

- 2023 Climate Emergency and Action
- 2022 The Age of Artificial Intelligence: Opportunities and Concerns
- 2021 Global Inequalities - Bridging the Gaps
- 2019 The Health of Democracy
- 2018 Food and Water Security



## International Student Conference, Indonesia

The International Student Conference (ISC) has been running annually since 2013, and is organised and hosted by Parahyangan Catholic University, Indonesia.

International Student Conference (ISC) provide a learning platform for students from all over the world by incorporating various learning methods on specific current issues related to the broader theme of Global Citizenship.

### Themes:

- **2023** – “Inclusivity and Accessibility to Welfare and Sustainable Living After the Pandemic”
- **2020** – “The Role of Industrial Revolution 4.0 on Global Citizenship”
- **2019** – “Global Transportation and Mobility: Attempting for a Better Living”

*“The International Student Conference pushed me to test my existing beliefs, expand my knowledge of what I thought I already knew, cultivate the way I approach problems and solutions, and build connections with people that will leave a lifelong impact on me.”*

**Shukrana Shukrullah**, James Madison University (USA), International Student Conference 2023



## Staff Knowledge Exchange

This program is targeted at administrative and professional services staff to strengthen links between INU member universities, exchange best practice and develop joint projects.

All professional services areas are included. Past visits have taken place between library staff, admissions, accommodation, program management, student counselling, human resources to multimedia production – to name a few!

### 134 participants to date (June 2023)

This program is a demonstration of INU members’ commitment to internationalization across all aspects of their universities – beyond teaching and research.



*“I cannot recommend the INU’s Staff Knowledge Exchange programme highly enough, especially to administrative and support staff. I extend my sincere appreciation for and profound thanks to INU for creating these kinds of opportunities for us, and for putting their trust in me to make the most of mine.”*

**Lauren Onraët**, Postgraduate Programme Coordinator, Stellenbosch University, visited Rovira i Virgili University, Spain in September 2022



Tua Agustinus Tamba, Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering at Parahyangan Catholic University, Indonesia, visited Hiroshima University in April 2023, after being awarded funding under INU's Researcher Mobility Program.

## Researcher Mobility Program

The INU's Researcher Mobility Program provides the opportunity for PhD students and researchers to engage in research at another INU member university. The purpose of this program is to develop joint research initiatives between two INU member universities, with a view to further expand to multilateral research collaborations with other INU member universities in future.

Each year, five Researcher Mobility Awards of £1,700 are available.

- In 2022 and 2023, INU has allocated \$10,000 of its budget to Researcher Mobility Awards.

## Seed Money Funding

- Awards of £2,500 available to start a new project, or develop an existing project

This open seed-funding call supports the development of collaborative projects between INU member universities. Projects should involve two or more INU member universities, and can

be in any area, and should seek to further internationalisation and global engagement whether it is an academic or administrative area.

In 2022, a group of nursing academic staff from 6 INU member universities were successfully allocated Seed Money funding for their project: "The Use of Virtual Learning Spaces to Cultivate Cultural Competency and Leadership for Global Citizenship in Nursing"

## Henry Fong Award

The Henry Fong Award offers the chance for one student to receive a bursary of £1,700 to study at another INU member university. The award is offered to a student based on their reflective essay following their participation in International Student Seminar for Global Citizenship and Peace. The award is offered as recognition of an outstanding student within the INU network who exemplifies a person committed to the concept of global citizenship.



Anniversary celebrations, with a variety of sessions addressing:

- Intercultural learning: theory, practice, and research
- Institution-wide efforts in development of intercultural competencies
- UN SDGs at intersection with intercultural competencies/global engagement related topics

The conference had over 50 participants from across INU member universities.

In 2019, the ILGE group organised two conferences, the first in Bandung, Indonesia and the second in Malmö, Sweden with special guest session from Dr Darla Deardorff discussing Intercultural and Global Competence.

In 2020-2022, ILGE transitioned its activities online with multiple sessions delivered collaboratively by INU member universities, sharing expertise on a range of topics such as Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL), inclusive-curriculum initiatives and embedding intercultural learning in teaching, to name a few.

## Intercultural Learning for Global Engagement Group (ILGE)

Intercultural Learning for Global Engagement group (ILGE) are committed to creating an inclusive curriculum for students, reflecting the rich diversity of cultures around the world. Through the network, we bring together expertise and experience from our member universities to enable students and staff to develop intercultural understanding and a global perspective.

## ILGE Conference 2023

The Intercultural Learning for Global Engagement Conference was delivered online in March 2023, as part of INU's 25th



## New for 2024

Development of a new online program for students: **Global Citizenship and Sustainable Futures: *Learning for Change***.

As well as an introduction to UN's SDGs and Developing Intercultural Competences, the program will help students explore what it means to be a global citizen through learning and reflecting on a range of key global issues, including:

- Borders, modern slavery and human mobility
- Peace education and reconciliation
- Climate change and social inequalities
- Food security
- Gender inequality and violence against women
- Inclusive and sustainable economic growth and consumerism

Sessions will be delivered jointly by faculty from INU member universities, bringing expertise and insights from across the network.

## Further information

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## Joining INU network

INU welcomes expressions of interest from Universities interested in joining the network who:

- Have a forward-thinking international strategy aligned with INU values
- Have a commitment to global citizenship and engagement
- Demonstrate a commitment to active involvement and participation in INU activities
- Can offer a clear contribution to the INU mission and activities
- Add to the breadth of geographical representation of INU
- Hold a wide portfolio of courses
- Have active participation and commitment of senior management in international activities.

Please contact INU Coordinator for further information on the application process.



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