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Network Overview

Member Universities:

Australia	University of Melbourne
	University of Queensland
	University of New South Wales (UNSW)
Belgium	KU Leuven
Canada	McMaster University
Chile	UC Chile
China & Hong Kong (SAR)	Fudan University
	Shanghai Jiao Tong University
	University of Hong Kong
India	University of Delhi
Ireland	University College Dublin
Japan	Waseda University
Mexico	Tecnológico de Monterrey
New Zealand	University of Auckland
Singapore	National University of Singapore
South Africa	University of Johannesburg
South Korea	Korea University
Sweden	Lund University
Switzerland	University of Zürich
The Netherlands	University of Amsterdam
United Kingdom	University of Birmingham
	University of Edinburgh
	University of Glasgow
	University of Nottingham
United States of America	University of Connecticut
	University of Maryland
	University of California, Davis

Overview

Universitas 21 (U21) is a global network of world leading, research-intensive universities. Our member-led initiatives and programmes are designed to inform and assist the development of our staff and students. We empower our members to collaborate, exchange knowledge and enhance their ability to work in partnership with their wider communities.

We work with our members to develop pioneering solutions to societal, economic and ecological issues, focused particularly on meeting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This is achieved through shared work in research and teaching, active involvement with the student body and engagement with society, industry and government.

By connecting people across borders and cultures, U21 enables our members to achieve more together.

Why U21?

Our Network
A global network of 27 partners, we are inclusive, agile and responsive; committed to providing opportunities that are tailored to our members' needs.

Peer support
We provide peer support and connections for our members at all stages of their professional and academic pathways, from undergraduate students through to university senior leaders.

Collaboration
We connect our members with a network of trusted partners; bringing together global perspectives, enabling discussion and developing initiatives which could not be delivered through a single university or bi-lateral agreement.

A global perspective
We offer a distinctive portfolio which connects three core university priorities: educational innovation, researcher engagement and student experience. This unique combination ensures our members remain at the forefront of the latest international developments within higher education.

U21's Strategic Focus

1. **Encouraging Educational Innovation**
Enabling members to realise and advocate the benefits of research-inspired teaching and facilitate the development of innovative approaches to learning through symposia and workshops, project funding, curriculum design and staff development.

2. **Supporting Researcher Engagement**
Supporting early career academics and graduate students to collaborate internationally, develop and foster research communities, share best practice and build relationships with partners across the globe. Offering funding and support to collaborative projects, enabling recipients to increase the impact of their projects and extend existing networks.

3. **Enhancing the Student Experience**
Delivering global experiences which enhance student engagement, mobility, cultural competencies and employability, helping prepare students for life and work across international borders and cultural boundaries.

U21 Impact

U21 Global Student

The U21 Global Student pathway is a suite of sustainability themed, online initiatives, designed for students. Developed to mitigate some of the challenges that the pandemic presented to international student mobility, these initiatives enable students to meet each other online, undertake cultural exchange, build their own international networks and develop responses to the SDGs. **Find out more.**

U21 Health Sciences Group (HSG)

Established in 2000 to provide a framework for Health Sciences faculties within some U21 member universities. The HSG enables members to explore opportunities for more specialised collaborative projects, information exchange and sharing of resources. **Find out more.**

U21/PwC Innovation Challenge

Now in its third year, the competition creates mutually beneficial links between U21's global student groups and PwC's top clients across its international network of companies. **Find out more.**

Global Leadership Programme

The U21 Global Leadership Programme, in partnership with Common Purpose, brings together emerging university leaders from institutions across the world. Over four weeks participants work with interactive content at their own pace, and join synchronous, real-time discussions with international colleagues. In this way participants develop their leadership skills, tools and connections needed to adapt and thrive in their respective universities in the future. **Find out more.**