



INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF
RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES

Session 5: Education Initiatives

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5.1 2022 IARU Courses

Lead	n/a
Reporting	<i>IARU Secretariat</i>
Executive summary	<p>There has been a rise in students attending IARU Courses, which is encouraging given that travel restrictions have eased in many countries. A total of 18 courses were offered by 9 institutions and attended by 89 students. (For comparison, in 2021 there were 17 courses offered by 8 institutions with 51 students attending.)</p> <p>In 2022, there seemed to be a fairly even split of student attending online vs in-person for the courses where this information was available. 25 students attended in person, with 29 attending online and there was no data for the remaining 35 students.</p> <p>Although it is a positive sign that student numbers have improved, it should be noted that attendance is still not at the level of the previous Global Summer Program (2018: 23 courses from 10 universities with 299 students attending), which also benefitted from the Santander scholarship funding. The continued impact of travel restrictions for some countries has made it hard to assess the degree to which the loss of the Santander funding has affected applications.</p>
Items for decision	None
Funding to date	<i>n/a</i>
Outcomes of previous meetings	<p>Senior Officers' Meeting, October 2021 The take up of IARU courses continued to be affected by the pandemic. A total of 17 courses were offered by 8 institutions and attended by 51 students. The Secretariat was holding \$2,500 on behalf of both UCPH and UCT, which was left over from the Santander-sponsored Global Summer Exchange Programme, which ended in 2018. Santander had recently confirmed that IARU was free to use these funds as it wishes. The Secretariat proposed that these funds remain with UCPH and UCT to be used to support general student exchange between IARU universities, as they saw fit. Senior Officers approved this proposal.</p> <p>Senior Officers' Meeting, October 2020 Most of the 2020 IARU Courses were cancelled or postponed to 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. a total of 12 courses were offered online by 4 universities and attended by a cumulative total of 65 students from 8 universities. IARU Courses had carried over funds from 2019, but as students could not travel, no one used the funds. It remains unclear when IARU Courses would be able to resume its activities that involves student travel and in-person interaction. The Secretariat have asked Banco</p>

Santander whether it is possible to return the unconsumed funds this August; however, the Secretariat have not yet received their answer. The Secretariat will continue to remind them.

An online meeting was held by PKU in May 2019, and IARU Courses Coordinators from ten member universities participated. All of them were concerned about finance, as most of the units offering courses are self-financed units in their institutions. However, they believed online courses had merits and expressed their enthusiasm to explore for new forms of cooperation for the future. There was no funding request.

Senior Officers' Meeting, September 2019

Masaki Kato (IARU Secretariat) reported that the 2019 IARU Courses offered 43 courses from 9 partner universities. Out of the 43 courses, 13 were previously established Global Summer Program (GSP) courses, 3 were newly added, and 27 were general summer school courses. A cumulative total of 129 IARU students participated from 9 universities. The number of students attending IARU courses was less than a half of that attending 2018 GSP courses probably due to the termination of Banco Santander funding for student scholarships.

Several institutions had remaining Santander funds as carryovers from 2018. In February Banco Santander authorized the unconsumed funds to be used towards student travel for IARU courses. As a few universities still could not use up the carryovers in 2019, they will be used for 2020 IARU Courses. The Secretariat will submit a report to Santander twice, by the end of 2019 and 2020 respectively.

It was the first year that IARU Courses were held as a replacement for GSP, shifted to a more decentralized system. The details of IARU courses were listed on the official website, but, as agreed, IARU was not involved in the operation of the IARU courses, such as in the application process, or with student surveys and improvement of IARU courses. Some universities decided not to appoint a specific staff to be in charge of IARU Courses from this year. Senior Officers agreed that appropriate information sharing among institutions continues to be required as a follow-up to changes in the operation system.

Kiichi Fujiwara (UTokyo) requested partners' support to renew the MoU (Memorandum on student exchange for the global summer program within the IARU that was signed at Presidents' Meeting (PM) 2014), which UTokyo needs in order to receive students from member institutions to IARU Courses held at UTokyo. The IARU Secretariat will approach key contacts to get Presidents' signatures when the MoU is ready.

Senior Officers' Meeting, September 2018

Rexille Uy (IARU Secretariat) reported that the 2018 Global Summer Program offered 23 courses from ten partner

universities. 299 IARU students participated from all eleven universities. Banco Santander contributed one final year of funding in the amount of USD 200,000 to the 2018 GSP. 135 students were awarded Banco Santander scholarships. At the end of the 2018 GSP, a combined carryforward of USD 14,000 remained of Banco Santander funds. This carryforward is mostly due to enrolled students dropping out of the program too late for their awards to be given to other GSP students. The IARU Secretariat is currently checking with Banco Santander to see if the carryforward funds can be used for future IARU student mobility opportunities.

The 2018 GSP Working Committee Meeting took place on 16-17 September at ETH Zürich, immediately before SOM2018. The following outcomes, as agreed on by the GSP Coordinators, were reported verbally by the IARU Secretariat:

GSP in 2019

The majority of GSP Coordinators remain enthusiastic and determined to offer summer courses to allow for IARU student mobility and exchange.

For 2019, summer courses will no longer be classified under the "Global Summer Program," but rather, will be listed on the IARU website under "**IARU Courses**." Enrolled students will be called IARU Scholars. The following operational changes will also take effect:

- IARU universities may offer up to four courses under this umbrella. Some universities have already stated they will offer no courses for 2019.
- Each course name and description will be accompanied by a link to the host institution's application platform. The application process will, therefore, be entirely decentralized in 2019.
- Host institutions will be responsible for reviewing applications and selecting incoming IARU students for their summer courses. Host institutions will set their own application deadlines and acceptance notification dates.
- Students will be responsible for paying tuition to the host institution. Eligibility for financial aid and credit will be determined by the home university. Some universities have stated they can offer tuition discounts for incoming IARU Scholars as an incentive to apply for their courses.

Beyond 2019

Coordinators agree that possibilities for seeking outside funding ought to be explored. Since this topic was last discussed at the GSP meeting in 2017, little progress has been made in finding other sources of financing.

Coordinators are requesting funding from the Senior Officers of USD 10,000 for 2019 to host one or more meetings, possibly in

conjunction with conferences already attended by a vast majority of GSP Coordinators. Meetings are an integral part of the development, planning, assessment, and improvement of IARU Courses, especially during the first year of the program. Coordinators see value in meeting face-to-face to best carry forward projects already in the planning stages, such as collaborating on future Joint-Online courses, seeking outside sources of funding, expanding IARU Courses to include semester- and year-long curriculum, and developing an IARU Global Leadership Program that combines online courses and internship opportunities.

There is a consensus that the administrative mechanism created by the Coordinators has been successful and there is value in this established network. The network has generated many positives for IARU, such as the dual degree program between UC Berkeley and NUS, the Global Transformation Field Course led by UCPH and UC Berkeley, the Global Internship Program between Berkeley & Tokyo and Berkeley & NUS, in which several hundred students per year participate, faculty teaching exchanges between UCPH, with Oxford, NUS and Yale, and the UC Berkeley summer program at Oxford. Students who have previously participated in GSP have also gone on to enroll in graduate programs at the IARU university at which they studied. There is a consensus that GSP has run its course and should evolve into a general student mobility program with opportunities for faculty exchange.

Takeaways:

The Senior Officers deliberated the outcomes from the 2018 GSP Working Committee Meeting and supported the plan submitted by the GSP coordinators to formally end GSP and replace it with "IARU Courses," offering student mobility opportunities on the IARU website, decentralizing the application process, and including programs that run outside of the summer term.

The IARU Senior Officers unanimously acknowledged the contributions made by the GSP coordinators in administering the GSP program over all these years and thank them for their efforts. With the conclusion of the Global Summer Program, Senior Officers did not approve the request of USD 10,000 to hold a meeting in 2019 but suggest that the group convene virtually to coordinate course offerings or arrange logistics as needed.

In addition, the Senior Officers discussed other ways to increase student opportunities between IARU universities and concluded that a new committee--or committees--should be formed to develop these ideas further. The new committee(s) may include some members of the GSP, although institutions may nominate a different individual.

IARU Courses

2022 IARU Courses

CAM	Summer Programme
NUS 1	FASStrack Asia: The Summer School
NUS 2	Global Science Summer Programme
OXF 1	English Literature Summer School
OXF 2	History, Politics & Society Summer School
OXF 3	International Politics Summer School
OXF 4	Statistical Genomics Summer School
PKU 1	Arts of Chinese Traditional Performance
PKU 2	Belt & Road Initiative and the International Practice from the Perspective of New Structural Economics
PKU 3	Flower in the Mirror: the Chinese Values
PKU 4	The Rise of China and Change in World Politics
UCB 1	Disc* (Design & Innovation for Sustainable Cities)
UCB 2	Summer Sessions
UCPH	Cultural Rights: A Promising Global Discourse?
UCT 1	Afropolitanism, Social Justice and Entrepreneurship, Personal Mastery (Leadership & Mindfulness) and Design Thinking
UCT 2	Sustainable Water Management
UTOK	Global Unit Courses
YALE	Summer Session

5.2 Global Internship Program

Lead	n/a
Reporting	<i>IARU Secretariat</i>
Executive summary	<p>GIP 2022</p> <p>In 2022, Oxford offered a graduate student internship at the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing. However, only one application was received but, as the applicant was an Oxford student, she was not eligible for the internship. Oxford intend to offer the same internship again in 2023.</p> <p>To encourage wider participate, the Secretariat has proposed to increase the value of the internship to \$3,000, as it is anticipated that not every IARU institution will offer internships in 2022-23. This proposal was circulated to Senior Officers in August 2022. The Secretariat will report on whether the increased funding has had an effect on applications.</p> <p>GIP 2021</p> <p>Three universities (Peking, Oxford, UTokyo) offered a total of eight internship positions across three different programs. UTokyo and Peking each selected a single intern, Oxford four (although only 2 engaged). The internships were successfully completed online at Peking and Oxford. However, the in-person UTokyo internship was initially delayed due to travel restrictions and, in the end, the student was unable to take up the opportunity due to her dissertation deadline.</p>
Funding to date	<p>22,000 USD <i>GIP (2021)</i></p> <p>---</p> <p>22,000 USD GIP (2020)</p> <p>10,000 USD NUS, UCPH, Oxford, UTokyo, Yale (2019)</p> <p>8,000 USD UCPH, Oxford, UTokyo, Yale (2018)</p>
Outcomes of previous meetings	<p>Senior Officers' Meeting, October 2021</p> <p>As in previous years, a request of USD 22,000 was made (USD 2,000 per member university) and was approved by Senior Officers. The programme continues to be impacted by COVID. Travel restrictions had no doubt deterred some from applying, and in some cases had delayed people taking up their internship (as is the case with UTokyo). Oxford transferred its internship online. The student feedback from the virtual internships had been very positive.</p> <p>It was hoped that next year would see improved international travel, enabling greater take up of exchange opportunities, and an</p>

expansion of the programme. Oxford and Copenhagen had already informally expressed interest for next year.

Senior Officers' Meeting, October 2020

Three universities, Oxford, UTokyo and Yale, planned to offer a total of four internship programs this year; however, UTokyo and Yale decided to cancel them due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Oxford selected two interns after extending their deadline for applications, and started conducting their program this October. GIP submitted funding request, aiming to provide USD 2,000 to each university that plans to offer GIP in 2021. As supplemental information, it was mentioned that a total of five universities have contributed in this initiative up until now and according to the survey carried out by the Secretariat last year, both the intern and coordinators felt that the USD 2,000 was effective in promoting the program. Nina Tomlin (Oxford) stated that the funding provides an important incentive to the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing to hire an intern from one of IARU member universities every year. Carolyn Newton(UCT) commented that for many students at UCT, participating in internship programs at other IARU universities has been a challenge because they could not afford to pay the cost even with the support of USD 2,000. However, if internship program can be provided virtually, it could give chances to students at UCT to participate. Kiichi Fujiwara pointed out that new budget request guideline allows each university, if necessary, to request more than the standard amount.

Senior Officers' Meeting, September 2019

As of 2019, five universities (NUS, Oxford, UCPH, UTokyo, and Yale) offered internship opportunities. A grant of USD 2,000 was given to each of these universities from IARU central funds. As feedback from participating universities was requested at Senior Officers' Meeting (SOM) 2018, the Secretariat collected feedbacks about the financial support from one intern and three coordinators. All of them expressed positive impression towards the program, and coordinators regarded the USD 2,000 as crucial incentive for interns to participate in GIP, even though it only covers a small portion of the travel and living costs. The intern stated that the level of GIP was quite intense and she had a great experience, but the internship would have not been financially feasible without the funding support due to high cost of living.

Anders Hagström (ETH Zürich) reported that strict visa and work permit rules have prevented them from providing GIP for students from non-European countries.



	<p>Senior Officers agreed to continue GIP. If each IARU university submits a proposal, the maximum funding amount allocated for GIP in 2020 would be USD 2,000 per university, for a total of USD 22,000. Proposals will be automatically approved as they are received by the IARU Secretariat and posted to the IARU website.</p>
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2021 Global Internship Program Positions

Three universities (Peking, Oxford, UTokyo) offered a total of eight internship positions across three different programs. UTokyo and Peking each selected a single intern, Oxford four. The Secretariat asked those students who have so far completed their internships for feedback.

Peking University

PKU received two applications and accepted a student from UCPH. The online internship ran March-April 2021. The internship was based at the Arthur M. Sackler Museum of Archaeology and Arts at Peking University. The intern's responsibilities included assisting the leading faculty and curator as the Curatorial Assistant, and assisting the IARU coordinator for the promotion of IARU Virtual Museum Tours.

University of Oxford

Oxford's internal application deadline was moved from April to October 2020, so the internships in practice spanned 2020/21. Four interns were accepted but only two engaged; one student from PKU and another from UCPH. The internships were based at the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing, a multidisciplinary research institute concerned with the processes and implications of global demographic change. The interns were able to engage in graduate level, multidisciplinary research on different aspects of population ageing.

Both students engaged in all institute events (formal seminars, informal seminars and reading groups), which collectively provided a comprehensive insight into global ageing issues. Both interns presented on their work. Both worked with the institute for the whole 2020-2021 academic year.

One of the interns kindly provided detailed feedback to the Secretariat. They praised the learning experience as flexible and rigorous, adding that they received excellent support. They also noted that while the original internship was to run for three months, the student's decision to participate virtually due to travel restrictions allowed them to continue working with the Institute, for which the student was very grateful. In this time they received further feedback on their work and continued to benefit from the institute's online seminars.

University of Tokyo

Three internship positions were advertised. One student was accepted. The student, from ETH, actually applied for two of the three internships and was accepted for both. However, due to Covid-related travel restrictions the student was not able to commence their studies immediately and eventually had to decline the internship due to her thesis deadline.

Global Internships Program Background

The Global Internship Program was proposed by the Senior Officers during the SOM2017 to provide students from IARU member universities opportunities to engage in an internship at another IARU member university. Universities that are interested in providing such internship

opportunities may submit a proposal, and with the Senior Officers' approval USD 2,000 will be allocated per university.

In 2021, as in 2020, the ongoing difficulty of international travel interfered with the running of the GIP. However, whereas only one university was able to offer an internship opportunity in 2020, three universities offered positions in 2021. The students spoke very highly of the quality of the instruction and support that they received. The Secretariat has distributed information about the GIP to key contacts in anticipation of its potential continuation in 2022, noting the greater accessibility of internships that are either wholly or partly virtual.

GIP is an important way for IARU member universities to provide their students, faculty and staff opportunities to engage in a collaborative and creative effort with other IARU members. Its full potential has yet to be realised. It is anticipated that, as international travel becomes more feasible over the next twelve months, a greater number of IARU members will offer opportunities and more students will apply, thereby increasing the importance and impact of the programme.

Funding Request Form

Project Name/Year:

2023 Global Internship Program

Total Requested Amount & Breakdowns:

Item	Amount
A grant of up to USD 2,000 per university (on a request basis)	USD 22,000
Total Requested Amount	USD 22,000

*Please note that it is required to report how the approved funding is actually used and the outcomes later in the annual status report.

Other Financial Resources (if applicable):

Depending on institutions, there could be other financial resources that support the internship program.

Participants List (Please specify the lead by adding "Lead" next to the name):

The Secretariat is the lead in this initiative.

University	Name of the institution	Years when programs held
ANU		
ETH Zurich		
NUS	Global Relations Office	2019
PKU		2021
Berkeley		
Cambridge		
UCT		
Copenhagen	UCPH Global Development, Faculty of Social Science	2018, 2019
Oxford	Institution of Population Ageing	2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
UTokyo	School of Science	2018, 2019, 2021
Yale	Office of International Affairs	2018, 2019

*The list does not need to be complete in case not all participants are confirmed yet.