



INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF
RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES

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3.1 2023 IARU Courses

Lead	n/a
Reporting	<i>IARU Secretariat</i>
Executive summary	<p>In 2023, 7 institutions offered IARU Courses, with 169 students attending. This marks a big increase in student numbers and a return to more normal levels of participation in summer schools, following the pandemic.</p> <p>Following this trend, the vast majority (79%) of students attended in person, rather than online.</p> <p>PKU originally offered only 4 courses as part of the IARU Courses programme, but due to increased interest, it expanded this to 18 courses.</p>
	None
Funding to date	n/a
Outcomes of previous meetings	<p>Senior Officers' Meeting 2022</p> <p>There was a rise in students attending IARU Courses, which was 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 was 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>

IARU Courses

2023 IARU Courses

CAM:	Summer Programme
NUS:	FASStrack Asia: The Summer School
NUS:	Global Science Summer Programme
OXF 1:	English Literature Summer School
OXF 2:	History, Politics and Society Summer School
OXF 3:	International Politics Summer School
OXF 4:	Statistical Genomics Summer School
PKU 1:	Climate Change and Sustainable Development
PKU 2:	Cycling in Ancient Beijing City: Exploring the Echo of the One-Thousand-Year Old Capital
PKU 3:	International Practice from the Perspective of the New Structural Economics
PKU 4:	The Rise of China and Change in World Politics
UCB:	Summer Sessions
UTOK:	Global Unit Courses
YALE:	Summer Session

N.B. UCT's Global Academy and the Sustainable Water Management course did not run this year. They are currently working on the accreditation and certification of the Global Academy and are keen to engage more with IARU partners for more participation in the two programmes. If Senior Officers would like to be put in touch with UCT about these opportunities, please contact the Secretariat.

3.2 Global Internship Program

Lead	n/a
Reporting	<i>IARU Secretariat</i>
Executive summary	<p>After the difficulties with travel in 2020-22, four internships and one internship scheme have gone ahead in 2023. The increase to the value of the internships (from US \$2,000 to US \$3,000) may have also played a part in the renewed interest in the programme.</p> <p>ANU requested additional funding from the Secretariat to support a second in-person intern and this request was granted. The total amount of ANU's GIP funding was therefore c. US \$9,000. At the 2022 meeting, Senior Officers agree that institutions could request additional funding in this way, provided there were sufficient funds.</p> <p>The total funds committed to GIP in 2023 were US \$15,000 out of a budget of US \$22,000.</p> <p>Following the discussion last year, Senior Officers may wish to consider if the GIP still represents good value for IARU and could also ask the Education Committee to evaluate the scheme.</p>
Items for decision	Funding request below
Funding to date	<p>22,000 USD GIP (2022)</p> <p>22,000 USD GIP (2021)</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 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 participation, the Secretariat proposed to increase the value of the internship to \$3,000, as it was anticipated that not every IARU institution would offer internships in 2022-23.</p> <p>Senior Officers agreed to raise the value of the Global Internship Program (GIP) grants to \$3,000 to try and reinvigorate the scheme. The Education Initiatives Committee would consider the GIP and, after assessing the impact of the increase of the grant, decide whether it represents good value for IARU.</p> <p>Senior Officers' Meeting, October 2021</p> <p>Three universities (Peking, Oxford, UTokyo) offered a total of eight internship positions across three different programs. UTokyo and Peking</p>

	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.
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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.

2023 Global Internship Program Positions

ANU

Two interns were accepted by the ANU Mathematical Sciences Institute to study the stochastic Navier-Stokes (SNS) equation, which plays a key role in climate change modelling. The two students arrived in Canberra in August 2023 and will complete a 4-week internship.

The supervisor for the internships, Associate Professor Pierre Portal, emphasised that he thought the internships were a great opportunity for IARU students and should be advertised more widely, stating “IARU institutions all have some truly exceptional students. Having them build networks of peers and mentors across our universities would be highly beneficial for all involved.”

ANU requested additional funding to be able to support two interns. The issue of additional funding, subject to availability, had been agreed by Senior Officers at the 2022 meeting, so the Secretariat approved this request. As both prospective interns were from Cambridge, the Secretariat (based at Cambridge at the time), sought approval from two IARU Senior Officers from other institutions to avoid a conflict to interest.

Berkeley

This internship was offered in connection with the Global Transformation Group and included assisting with the coordination and implementation of IARU-GT Migration and Publication initiatives.

Berkeley was able to accept two interns (one from PKU and one from Cambridge) who participated remotely.

University of Tokyo

As part of UTokyo's wider UTRIP scheme (University of Tokyo Research Internship Program), 41 IARU students attended.

UTRIP is open to students in the second or a later year of undergraduate studies at a university outside of Japan, who major in a natural science or related field. Selected participants will work closely with leading researchers at the laboratory of their own choice in the five departments at the Graduate School of Science: Physics, Astronomy, Earth and Planetary Science, Chemistry, and Biological Sciences. The program also incorporates a short Japanese language course, an excursion outside of

Tokyo, a Japanese culture workshop, and a few social events, to enhance the participants' understanding of Japan and rapport with current students at UTokyo.

UTokyo intends to offer this internship scheme again next year.

Global Internships Program: Funding Request Form

Total Requested Amount & Breakdowns:

Item	Amount
A grant of up to USD 3,000 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.

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

3.3 Education Committee

Lead	<i>Anne Bruun, UCPH</i>
Reporting	<i>Anne Bruun, UCPH on behalf of Education Committee</i>
Executive summary for the period Sept 2022 to Sept 2023	<p>To help ensure that IARU's educational initiatives are effective and appropriate, the Secretariat proposed to the Senior Officers in 2021 that an education committee be formed. The proposal was supported. The Committee met for the first time in October 2022. Participants have changed slightly over the four meetings which have been held now to consist of staff working with summer courses and international student mobility. The Committee now has participants from all institutions except Oxford and ETH.</p> <p>At the initiative of UCPH, the Committee has discussed a IARU Summer Hub at UCPH in 2024. UCPH took the lead on the Hub but unfortunately it has proven too difficult to get enough courses on board.</p>
Items for decision	No
<p>To assist the Senior Officers in understanding your group's work patterns and the goals you are hoping to achieve this year, we would be grateful if you could answer the following questions:</p>	
What specific topics does your group hope to address in the coming year?	The Committee will discuss other types of future student mobility in the Alliance. It has been suggested to discuss the Global Internship Program.
Do you have projects that you hope to begin or continue? <i>(Please give details)</i>	No specific projects at this point. We need to look at new initiatives
How often do you plan to meet (approximately)?	The Education Committee will meet online 1-2 times per year; or more frequently if needed.
Funding to date	
Summary of previous updates	<i>N/A</i>

3.4 Novo Nordisk International Talent Program

Lead	<i>UCPH</i>
Reporting	<i>Sara Dinesen, UCPH</i>
Executive summary for the period Sept 2022 to Sept 2023	<p>The Novo Nordisk International Talent Program supports student mobility between University of Copenhagen and IARU partners.</p> <p>An application round for Novo Nordisk International Talent Program took place in the spring 2023 and closed on 1st April. 20 applicants were awarded a scholarship.</p> <p>It is anticipated that there will be further application rounds in October 2023 and April 2024. If the funding is exhausted in those application rounds, then the program will close at that point.</p>
Items for decision	None
Summary of previous updates	<p>Senior Officers' Meeting 2022</p> <p>In 2022 the programme supported 33 students during their studies abroad.</p> <p>It has previously been announced that NNITP would close by the end of 2022. We were happy to share with the IARU Senior Officers, that this is not the case, and NNITP will be supporting mobility students in 2023. The first of two application rounds, aimed at student mobility in 2023, will take place in October 2022 and will close on October 25, 2022. For further information please visit https://studies.ku.dk/visiting/scholarships/</p> <p>It is anticipated that the Novo Nordisk International Talent Program will run until the available funding has been distributed to mobility students. It is expected that the scheme will run into 2024 and then finish, but this will depend on the level of interest from applicants.</p>



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SENIOR OFFICERS' MEETING 2023