

Call for Proposals

UMAP Research Net 2020

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.

UMAP has instituted UMAP Research Net (URN) to promote research collaboration and facilitate cooperation among member institutions, territories, and countries. Cross-border higher education through the mobility of students, academic staff, programs/institutions, and professionals has grown considerably. Driven by this global trend, 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 Pledged Institutions* from two or more UMAP Full 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) Pledged Institutions are individual universities/institutions that have signed the

“Pledge of Agreement”.

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. The theme in 2020 should be beneficial to promoting UMAP programs. Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Research related to Promotion of UMAP student exchange in the Asia-Pacific region;
- 2) Research related to Promotion of UCTS (UMAP Credit Transfer Scheme) in the Asia-Pacific region;
- 3) Research related to the future prospect of student/faculty/staff collaboration between UMAP and other university networks.

Note: Proposals based on purely scientific subjects such as physics, chemistry, medicine, engineering, etc. that would not lead to better promotion for UMAP objectives are not eligible, nor are proposals that focus exclusively on technological or methodological issues.

4. Schedule

Proposal submission deadline:	4 June 2020
Evaluation by the reviewers:	from 13 June to 10 July 2020
Final decision by UMAP Board members:	from 20 July to Aug 17 2020
Notification of selection results to all applicants by:	31 August 2020
Project starting date:	1 September 2020
Interim research outcome presented to UMAP Board members (Power Point presentation with narration)	Spring 2021
Research completed and final report submitted to UMAP IS by:	30 November 2021

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 in Oct.-Nov. 2020 if requested.
*Participation by Video conference or submitting PowerPoint slides with narration or a video clip is acceptable

- 2) Present their interim research outcomes to the UMAP Board Members in 2021
* Submitting PowerPoint slides with narration or a video clip is acceptable.
- 3) Prepare their final research outcomes reflecting comments from the UMAP Board Members, and submit a final report to UMAP International Secretariat.
- 4) Agree to upload an interim presentation and/or final research outcomes on the UMAP website.

6. Application Procedure

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

7. Payment Procedure

The overall funding made available under this call for proposals is for one URN proposal:

- 1) In principle, URN applicants may request funding of up to 5,000 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) The grant will be divided and transferred in two installments: 80% and 20%. The initial 80% will be transferred after the Grant Agreement has been signed and sent to the UMAP International Secretariat. The second installment of 20% will be transferred after submission of the final report which properly reflects the comments from the UMAP Board Members. The grantees are also required to submit copies of the receipts as attachments to the financial report.
- 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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