

Call for Proposals

UMAP Research Net 2024

1. Introduction

University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific (UMAP), founded in 1991, is an association of higher education institutions in the Asia-Pacific region. Through increased mobility of post-secondary students, faculty, and staff, UMAP aims to achieve enhanced international understanding.

UMAP instituted the UMAP Research Net (RN) program to promote research collaboration and facilitate cooperation among member institutions across the network. Cross-border higher education opportunities around the world have grown considerably through the mobility of students, academic staff, programs/institutions, and professionals. Driven by this global trend, RN 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 a UMAP Research Net Grant must meet the following requirements:

- 1) The research team submitting the proposal must consist of 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 enhance or 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 Research Net Grant.
- 4) The proposal must include a strategy/critical path to pursue further collaboration after the initial project's completion.
- 5) A final report must be submitted to the International Secretariat in English by December 31, 2024

* Pledged Institutions are individual universities/institutions that have signed the "Pledge of Agreement".

3. Theme

All submitted proposals will be reviewed by a panel of UMAP Board Members. The panel will select the proposals based on their significance, timeliness, and relevance to the strategic goals of UMAP. The 2024 Research Net Theme is: **UN Sustainable Development Goals and Student Mobility in Asia and the Pacific**. *The scope of the proposed research project should be designed to be completed by December 31, 2024.* Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Research related to student mobility programs or intercultural experiences focused on the UN Sustainable Development Goals, ideally at UMAP member institutions;
- 2) Research related to UMAP student exchange in the Asia-Pacific region;
- 3) Research related to capacity building and partnership development in UMAP member institutions for Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) or other virtual exchange models.

4. Timeline

Proposal submission deadline	June 30, 2024
Evaluation by the reviewers	July 1-5, 2024
Final decision by UMAP Board members	July 8-19, 2024
Notification of selection results to all applicants	July 26, 2024
Project Start Date	August 1, 2024
Interim research update presented to UMAP Board members virtually (Power Point presentation with narration)	October 24/25, 2024
Research completed and final report submitted to UMAP IS	December 31, 2024

5. Responsibilities of the Grantees

Researchers selected for UMAP-RN grants are required to:

- 1) Present their interim research outcomes to the UMAP Board at the Board Meeting in October 2024. Submitting PowerPoint slides with narration or a video clip is acceptable.
- 2) Prepare their final research outcomes reflecting comments from the UMAP Board Members, and submit a final report to UMAP International Secretariat by December 31, 2024.
- 3) 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 principal researcher should submit complete the online Application form and submit an electronic WORD, PDF or PPT Proposal via the Google Form application link.

7. Payment Procedure

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

- 1) Research Net 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.
- 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 RN 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 RN project including: international travel, visas (if applicable), accommodation, and medical and life insurance.

8. Contact Information

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