Call for Application: UMAP Joint Study Program & UMAP Research-Net: 2009

Guidelines to Develop a Proposal for: UMAP Joint Study Program

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Back ground:

UMAP Joint Study Program is a program under the framework of the Academic and Research Mobility Forum of the University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific [UMAP] Organization dedicated to higher education networking among participating universities in UMAP Member Countries/Territories in Asia and the Pacific.

UMAP Joint Study Program [UJSP] promotes mobility of academic faculties and students in the universities that share common interests to form networks to develop joint offers of degree courses. This will enable universities in the region knowledgeable about teaching and learning of the same academic courses in partner universities to successfully develop meaningful and long-lasting contacts with their counterparts.

Definition:

UMAP Joint Study Program: a joint study program is defined as a baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate course jointly developed and operated by a group of up to three universities, which academic faculties responsible for the program will form a network for joint development of the whole course and joint offering of the subjects, including assessment, evaluation, and degree granting.

Implementation:

The first phase of UJSP will start in 2009 by inviting proposals from interested academic faculties who are able to establish networking of academic interests with partner universities according to eligibility criteria.

Eligibility:

To be eligible, a proposal for UJSP must meet the following requirements:

1. The program is an under-graduate or a post-graduate program (Bachelor or Master and Master-equivalent).

2. The program must be jointly developed by up to three different universities in three different countries.

3. The program must provide an opportunity for students to study at the different universities for some months, but not longer than one academic year.

4. The program may be a degree-granting program, such as double or dual degrees, and/or joint degree.

5. One of the participating universities must be the core university to be responsible for developing the whole scheme.

6. The program must meet the requirements and conditions of national degree accreditation in the countries.

7. The program must be provided in English.

8. The program must make use of UCTS for credits and grades conversion to enable transparent credits and grades comparison and transfer between partner universities for the benefits of the students.

9. The program must be opened through the homepages of the universities

10. The program must be evaluated by the UMAP Evaluation committee at the end of the third year run.

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Objectives of the Program and Priority Issues:

The overall objective of UJSP is for the UMAP Organization to become an increasingly incredible partner in universities' co-operation for students and staff mobility to enhance international understanding on social, culture, and economics of the Asia-Pacific region.

The purpose of the program is to promote mobility of academic faculties and students in close collaborative academic programs aiming towards developing comparable degree courses in partner universities, and facilitating for students to learn in different higher education environments. The UJSP is enabled through mutual recognition of the national degree accreditation systems, and credit transfer between partner universities, with the aid of UMAP Credit Transfer Scheme [UCTS] to be used as the international credits and grades conversion scale for purpose of comparison between countries.

A proposal for UJSP is expected to achieve the following results having implemented the following activities;

1. Participation of three different universities in three different countries;

   1) Selection, through a call for proposals, of outstanding network of universities that manifest strong commitments in the form of Memorandum of Understanding on Co-operation for UMAP Joint Study Program, and how to successfully develop meaningful and long-lasting contacts with their counterparts.

   2) Universities support for academic faculties to take up necessary roles in implementing the UJSP, and for exchange students from counterpart universities in the form of tuition fee waiver for 1 semester to 1 academic year.

   3) Acceptance for transferable credits and grades between universities in the network of UJSP with the aid of UMAP Credit Transfer Scheme [UCTS] to be used as the international credits conversion scale for purpose of comparison between countries.

   4) Resolutions on degree granting for students in the UJSP, either in the form of degrees granted by each university [with transcript indicating the part of studies transferred from partner universities], or a degree jointly offered by universities in the network [with transcript co-signed by the universities].

2. Sustainable links and academic partnerships between partner universities established;

   1) The three years project period of UJSP implementation anticipates responsible academics to exchange travels under the activities of the UJSP, and a certain number of students to travel on exchange studies or research towards fulfillment of degree requirements

   2) Evidence for indicators on evaluation and assessment of UJSP

   3) Networking events for UJSP fellows including support for formation and functioning of UMAP Alumni Forum

Financial Assistance from UMAP:

The overall indicative amount made available under this call for proposals is for 3 UJSP proposals;

1. UMAP will provide financial assistance to develop the UJSP the sum of 8,000 USD per program payable to the core university for the use of participating universities in the project. Items included are partial support on travel expenses of the responsible faculties, costs for communications and meetings. But UMAP does not provide scholarship grants to students for the UJSP.

2. UMAP will organize workshops for developing the UJSP programs for each round of the call for proposals.

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3. Successful applicants will be sent a Grant Agreement detailing the value and conditions of the award. It must be signed and returned to the International secretariat within fifteen (15) days. The Grant will be paid after receipt at the International Secretariat of the signed Grant Agreement.

4. Applicant must identification of the person that will administer the Grant.

5. UMAP will cooperate with the core universities for evaluation and assessment of the UJSP, and support the formation and functioning of UMAP Alumni Forum.

Note: The recipients are responsible for making all arrangements relating to the URN project including: international travel, visas (if applicable), accommodation, medical and life insurance

Timeline of this Call for Proposals:
The UJSP action is foreseen to start implementation in 2010-2011 academic year, inclusive of the preparatory period.

1. Full UJSP proposals are invited from applicants no later than February 20th, 2009.
2. Selection by relevant UMAP Committee will be done on March 5th, 2009.
3. Three UJSP projects will be adopted.
4. Final approval by the Board of UMAP will be on March 6th, 2009.
5. Notification to applicants from the UMAP International secretariat will be sent before April 15th, 2009.

Application Procedures and Annual Progress Report:

1. With official endorsement of the universities, and having constituted a UJSP network, the designated principal applicant from a core university of the UJSP should submit a proposal in relevancy to this guidelines to the *Contact Person of UMAP Member Secretariat in his/her Country/Territory* [please visit www.umap.org for full contact information], and cc. via email to;

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Outline of the proposal should at least indicate;

- Project Title
- Participating Universities
  a. Core University
  b. Partner Universities
- Background & Rational
- Project Brief and Goal
- Project Implementation Timelines
- Project Budget Requested to UMAP:
- Contact Person; Name, Address & Email

Additional documents required are;

- Evidence of co-operation in UJSP between universities in the form of *letters of intent, or MOU* in relevancy of this guidelines as indicated above
- Timeline of UJSP project implementation during the period April 15th, 2009 until completion of the first cycle of the project.
- Other documents or information on the status of national degree accreditation, etc. [if necessary]

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2. Selection:

All proposals will be reviewed by UMAP Committee and the International Secretariat. The UMAP Board will do the final selection following a review of complete applications and recommendations of the UMAP Committee.

3. Report of activities:

The core university must be responsible to submit an annual progress report to UMAP, and within 3 months of the completion of the UJSP cycle, a complete report must be submitted to the International Secretariat. The report should focus on demonstrating how and to what degree the objectives and expected results were attained and include a section on "next steps" that will be taken to pursue future linkages for the joint study program.

UMAP will cooperate with the main core university for evaluation and assessment of the UJSP,

and support the formation and functioning of UMAP Alumni Forum.

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<u>Back ground</u>:

UMAP Research-Net is a program under the framework of the Academic and Research Mobility Forum of the University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific [UMAP] Organization dedicated to higher education networking among participating universities in UMAP Member Countries/Territories in Asia and the Pacific.

UMAP Research-Net [URN] promotes mobility of academic faculties, researchers and students in the universities that share common interests to form networks to develop joint research, which can be part of a post-graduate UMAP Joint Study Program [UJSP], or a research project of a regular post-graduate program, or an isolated research project.

UMAP Research-Net [URN] will promote mobility of researchers in universities in Asia and the Pacific region towards the areas related to " Higher Education for Sustainable Development ". It will also enable successful development of collaborative research projects and meaningful and long-lasting contacts between the counterparts.

<u>Definition</u>:

UMAP Research-Net: a research-net is defined as a group of at least three researchers with at least one having completed graduate studies (Ph.D. or equivalent) and be a faculty or researcher, others may be post-graduate students or researchers in participating universities in three UMAP Member Countries/Territories.

<u>Implementation</u>:

The first phase of URN will start in 2009 by inviting proposals from interested academic faculties or researchers who are able to establish networking for the research topic with partners in other universities according to eligibility criteria.

<u>Eligibility</u>:

To be eligible, a proposal for URN must meet the following requirements:

1. A research team must comprise of at least 3 members from UMAP participating universities each from 3 UMAP Member Countries/Territories. The main researcher must be a faculty or researcher with Ph.D. qualification or equivalent, others may be post-graduate students or researchers.

2. The proposal must show that the goal is to foster research network and mobility of researchers, and not to emphasize finance of the research project utilizing UMAP Grant.

3. The proposal must show the full research project budget indicating existing or potential sources of revenue other than that from UMAP Grant.

4. The proposal must include a strategy/critical path to pursue linkages after the initial activity.

5. Proposals and findings must be submitted in English.

6. The project must be evaluated by an UMAP Evaluation Committee at the end of the URN project period.

Note: Purely scientific subjects such as physics, chemistry, medicine, engineering, etc. which would not lead to a better knowledge and understanding of " Higher Education for Sustainable Development " are not eligible, nor are proposals which focus exclusively on technological or methodological issues.

Objectives of the Program and Priority Issues:

The overall objective of URN is for the UMAP Organization to become an increasingly incredible partner in universities' co-operation for students and staff mobility to enhance international understanding on social, culture, and economics of the Asia-Pacific region.

The purpose of URN is to promote mobility of academic faculties, researchers and post-graduate students towards research and development areas pertaining to " Higher Education for Sustainable Development ".

A proposal for URN is expected to achieve the following results having implemented the following activities;

1. Participation of at least 3 researchers from universities in 3 different countries;

1) Selection, through a call for proposals, of outstanding URN projects that manifest feasibility of research implementation and strong commitments from the main researcher and other researchers in the network, and how to successfully develop meaningful and long-lasting contacts with their counterparts.

2) Universities' support for academic faculties and researchers to take up necessary roles in implementing the URN, and universities' support for exchange research students from counterpart universities in the form of tuition fee waiver for 1 semester to 1 academic year.

3) Acceptance for research credits and grades between universities in the network of URN with the aid of UMAP Credit Transfer Scheme [UCTS] to be used as the international credits conversion scale for purpose of comparison between countries.

2. Sustainable links and research partnerships between partner universities and between individual researchers established;

1) The project period of URN implementation anticipates responsible researchers and post-graduate students to exchange travels under the activities of the URN

2) Evidence for indicators on evaluation and assessment of URN

3) Networking events for URN fellows including support for formation and functioning of UMAP Alumni Forum

Financial Assistance from UMAP:

The overall indicative amount made available under this call for proposals is for 3 URN proposals;

1. URN applicants may request funding up to 5,000 USD; applicants who can demonstrate matching funds from other sources may request funding up to 8,000 USD for the use of participating universities in the URN projects. Items included are partial support on travel expenses of the responsible researchers, costs for communications and meetings. But UMAP does not provide scholarship grants to research students for the URN.

2. Successful applicants will be sent a Grant Agreement detailing the value and conditions of the award. It must be signed and returned to the International secretariat within fifteen (15) days. The Grant will be paid after receipt at the International Secretariat of the signed Grant Agreement. The URN Grant is a one-time, non-renewable grant.

3. Applicant must identification of the person that will administer the Grant.

Note: The recipients are responsible for making all arrangements relating to the URN project including: international travel, visas (if applicable), accommodation, medical and life insurance

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3. Final approval by the Board of UMAP will be on March 6th, 2009
4. Notification to applicants from UMAP International secretariat will be before April 15th, 2009.

<u>Application Procedures and Report</u>:

2. With official endorsement of the university, and having constituted a research team, the designated principal researcher should submit a proposal in relevancy to this guidelines to the *Contact Person of UMAP Member Secretariat in his/her Country/Territory* [please visit www.umap.org for full contact information], and cc. via email to;

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  For each team:
  - name and mailing address of principal researcher including a brief cv.
  - short presentation of other research teams' members.
  - short description of the state of the research work to date (maximum ½ page)
  - if applicable, a list of research grant(s) which have already received for that research;

- The proposed URN activities;
  c. Emphasis should be on the objectives and the expected results.
  d. The complete schedule and timeline of activities must be indicated.

4. Selection:

All proposals will be peer reviewed by a jury established by UMAP Committee and the International Secretariat which will include foreign academics from UMAP Member Countries/Territories other than those who join the research-net. The UMAP Board will do the final selection following a review of complete applications and recommendations of the UMAP Committee.

5. Report of activities:

Within three months of the completion of the activities, a complete report must be submitted to the International Secretariat. The report should focus on demonstrating how and to what degree the objectives and expected results were attained and include a section on "next steps" that will be taken to pursue future linkages for the research-net.

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The assistance of UMAP Grant must be acknowledged during the research-net activities and, if applicable, in any publications resulting from the research.

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