University Mobility Networks in Asia and the Pacific - Trends and Future Agenda -

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3. What is UMAP?

• UMAP is an acronym for the “University Mobility in Asia and Pacific”.

• Initiated in 1991, it is a voluntary association of government and non-government representatives of the higher education (mainly university) sector.

• UMAP currently comprises 35 eligible countries / territories with over 570 participating universities.
Conference to Discuss Higher Education Co-operation in Asia/Pacific Region
(Canberra, Australia, 17-19 September 1991)
UMAP Members

UMAP comprises 35 eligible countries/territories. Currently 230 universities in 16 member states are active.

Member Countries/Territories

Australia / Bangladesh / Brunei / Cambodia / Canada / Chile / People’s Republic of China / Ecuador / Fiji / Guam / Hong Kong / India / Indonesia / Japan / Kazakhstan / Republic of Korea / Laos / Macao / Malaysia / Mexico / Mongolia / Myanmar / New Zealand / Papua New Guinea / Peru / Philippines / Reunion Island / Russia / Samoa / Singapore / Taiwan / Thailand / Timor-Leste / USA / Vietnam

Currently 16 states/regions shown in orange among 35 eligible states are FULL members (plus 1 sub-national area; New York state) which participate in student exchanges by paying the membership fees ($500-4,000/year).
Merit of Joining UMAP

• Universities can participate in the exchange programs without separately signing bilateral agreements with other universities. **No membership fee is required.**

• Students will have broader opportunities to study abroad and learn from other cultures with scholarship opportunities.

• Credit can be transferred through the UMAP Credit Transfer Scheme (UCTS).

• Tuition at the host university is waived in Program A.
UMAP Scholarships

Japanese Government Scholarship
(For short-term & semester-long)

- Approx. $700/month for international inbound students in Japan under UMAP programs.
- Approx. $500-$900/month for Japanese outbound students under UMAP programs.

Taiwanese Government Scholarship
(For semester-long only)

- Approx. $700/month for international inbound students in Taiwan under UMAP programs.
- Approx. $700/month for Taiwanese outbound students under UMAP programs.
5. Programs Offered by UMAP

Program A
Multilateral Student Exchange

Program B
Bilateral Student Exchange

Program C
Super Short-Term Student Exchange

Research Net
Research Collaboration Program

......and more special programs such as UMAP Summer Program
UMAP Programs

Multilateral Student Exchange (Program A)

Post-secondary institutions send and receive 2 students per semester.

Post-secondary institutions may accept more inbound students than 2 in return for extra ‘quotas’ to send more outbound students in the following semesters without any expiration date.

The host university waives tuition fees, and assists students in securing appropriate accommodations at a reasonable costs.

Programs can last one or two semesters, beginning in the fall or spring semester.
Short-term Student Exchange (Program C)

Programs are generally offered between July and September and range from 1-8 weeks.

Programs are available in a wide range of disciplines: cultural studies, language proficiency courses, vocational training, entrepreneurship, and more.

Post-secondary institutions offering Program C may charge tuition fees.

Host Post-secondary institutions decide whether or not to offer credits for Program C.
Offering Shorter Programs with government sponsorship
UMAP Programs

UMAP Research Net (URN)

Promotes the mobility of faculty, researchers and students through the establishment of research networks

Groups of 2 or more UMAP affiliated post-secondary institutions who share common research initiatives

Helps enable successful development of cooperative research projects as well as meaningful and long-lasting connections between UMAP affiliated post-secondary.

Selected research projects will be funded and partial financial support may be provided for APAIE Conference participation, where interim results to be presented.
6. UMAP and COIL

1. Diversification of the program
   • Short term programs (Program C)
   • Practical learning opportunities and employability enhancement programs (internship)
   • More government sponsored programs

2. Membership Enhancement

3. UMAP- COIL joint project (since 2018)
   <COIL: Collaborative Online International Learning>
UMAP-COIL Programs
-attracting Best and Brightest students-

1) UMAP Honors Program from 2019

Co-development of the next generation of international education:
UMAP-COIL Joint Honors Program

2019 July
2019 September
The first program will be started in 2019 for about 2 weeks (enhanced with COIL with virtual lectures by experts from Japan and US, and virtual learning between students from both countries).

UMAP-COIL Joint Advanced Placement (AP) Program

2020 Start
High school students
High school students may enroll virtually through COIL method in courses at the US universities via UMAP. When they enter the university these credits is available for transfer through UCTS.

2) UMAP Advanced Placement (AP) Program from 2020
UMAP-COIL Joint Honors Program 2019
August 3-23 (21 days) +8 days at KU

Participants: 30 students (max)
Scholarship: JASSO (COIL), UMAP Scholarship, and more (possibly from private enterprise)

Program Fee: GOAL - 2500 USD /pax.
[Some selected students will be exempt from the program fee] plus flight expenses to Japan

Dates: August (4 weeks)
2019. Juy 27 (Sat) ~ Aug. 23 (Fri)
[Osaka Departure/Kobe Arrival -- 21 days].

Call for Participation: Start March 2019
Selection / Screening by May.
(APAIE UMAP Committee)
Mar 2019      Public announcement @ APAIE 2019

June 2019     Orientation and Collaboration among the
cohort group (approx. 3 weeks)

July 2019     Virtual Lectures to the cohort group
(COIL / Virtual Sessions)

Aug 2019     PROGRAM

June 2020     Sharing the results at
EAIE 2019 July / NAFSA 2020 May
1. Do we have to pay membership fees? No!

2. Do we have to commit extra paper work? No!

3. Do we have to do matching? No!

4. Are our students eligible to receive credits and scholarship? Yes!
Better Partnerships create the Future!!

Thank you!!

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