

Call for Proposals

UMAP Research Net 2018

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.

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. Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- Research related to Promotion of UMAP in the Asia-Pacific region;
- Research related to Promotion of UCTS in the Asia-Pacific region; and
- Research related to the future prospect of 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 knowledge or understanding of higher education for sustainable development are not eligible, nor are proposals that focus exclusively on technological or methodological issues.

4. Schedule

Proposal submission deadline:	4 June 2018
Evaluation by the reviewers:	from 12 June to 16 July 2018
Final decision at UMAP Board meeting:	Aug.-Sep. 2018
Notification of selection results to all applicants by:	30 September 2018
Project starting date:	1 October 2018
Interim research outcome presented at UMAP Board meeting (PowerPoint presentation with narration)	Aug.-Sep. 2019
Research completed and final report submitted to UMAP IS by:	30 November 2019

*Note: The projects will be evaluated at a UMAP Board Meeting.

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 Aug.-Sep. 2018
 - *Submitting PowerPoint slides with narration or a video clip is acceptable
2. Present their interim research outcomes at the UMAP Board Meeting in Aug.-Sep. 2019
 - *Submitting PowerPoint slides with narration or a video clip is acceptable.

3. Prepare their final research outcomes reflecting comments from the UMAP Board Meeting,
and
4. Submit a final report to UMAP International Secretariat.

6. Application Procedure

With the official endorsement of his/her institution, and having assembled a research team, the designated principal researcher should submit an electronic 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 Meeting. 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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