



## Policy: Internationalisation

**Owner** Deputy Vice Chancellor International

**Date** 12 May 2008

### Vision

The University of Sydney's history of commitment to internationalisation and international engagement has resulted in:

- The establishment of collaborative relationships with leading universities around the world in the areas of research, learning and teaching and student and staff mobility.
- Attraction of international students from diverse countries.
- A focus on the Asia-Pacific region.
- Engagement with international communities through academic activities, alumni, international student associations, international agencies, government, industry and professional organisations.

To further assist the University to achieve its 1:5:40 ambition principles, guidelines and action plans have been developed to promote a greater, co-ordinated focus on international activities.

### Purpose

This policy is designed to ensure The University of Sydney's learning, teaching and research activities and the student experience demonstrate international focus, international best practice and drive engagement.

### Scope

This policy applies to all academic and general staff at the University, particularly those working with international students to provide services and advice, and to staff working in international business and strategic development.

## Policy

1. All decisions relating to the internationalisation of education and research are made in the context of the achievement of international excellence and best practice and are aligned with related University policies.
2. The establishment of formal international alliances and collaborations is guided by the University's framework for collaboration and cooperation with top ranking institutions and aligned with quality processes and international best practice. Priority will be given regionally to Asia and generally to alliances that promote the expansion and consolidation of the University's international leadership and its engagement with government and industry.
3. To enhance the student experience, effective support services will be provided to address the needs of a culturally diverse student population.
4. Decisions regarding engagement with international communities - alumni, international networks, international student associations etc. – will help attract, develop and retain high quality students and staff and ensure the University provides adequate support and international opportunities.
5. The establishment of international joint ventures and the pursuit of business development opportunities will be informed by sound financial and risk management and aligned with University values.
6. The development of strategic, operational, regional and country action plans should incorporate sound financial assessment and be co-ordinated through the International Institute Advisory Council chaired by the DVC International and be an inclusive process involving expert groups.
7. Marketing, media liaison and communications related to the University's international activities should be based upon sound marketing research and advice and targeted to reach the appropriate audience and stakeholders. Special attention should be given to the requirements of the ESOS act and appropriate code of practice.

## Responsibilities

Internationalisation crosses all areas of the University and is central to quality processes and engagement. Related activities are, therefore, the responsibility of the senior executive, the academic community, the central policy-making committee system and of appropriate administrative and support service centres.

### **Management Responsibility**

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International)

### **Implementation Responsibility**

- Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International)
- Members of the Senior Executive Group relative to the development of their international activities
- Pro-Vice-Chancellor (International)
- Deans
- Faculty Associate Dean or Pro-Dean (International) or other nominated Faculty and portfolio representatives responsible for international matters
- Heads of Administrative Units as appropriate

# Administration

## 1. Background/context

This policy arises from the need for a greater and co-ordinated focus on international activities.

## 2. Authority/consultation

This document was developed by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International) in consultation with relevant parties.

## 3. Management Responsibility

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International)

## 4. Implementation Responsibility

This policy is to be implemented by all members of the University, both academic and general, in relation to any activities with international implications.

## 5. Dates

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Review	
Approval (version 2)	
Effect	

## 6. Approval

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Version 2	

## 7. References

## 8. Signatures

### Approved by:

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Date: 12 May 2008

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