



Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation

Project Proposal on "FEALAC University Discovery Year (FUDY)"

I. INTRODUCTION

The geographical distance and historical differences between East Asia and Latin America continues to be an obstacle for countries in the two regions, especially in the attempts to explore the wide range of possibilities for comparative studies and academic exchanges.

However, since the inception of the Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC), the expansion of new members and developments of new projects, programmes and actions have assisted in promoting collaborative research and exchanges in many fields of expertise.

In turn, this has also resulted in a more diversified body of research from broader perspectives that have helped in fostering a mutual understanding from both regions.

As presented in a Concept Paper during the Working Group on Science and Technology, Innovation and Education during the 15th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) in Bangkok, Thailand, several initiatives have been identified that can be pursued in the future, including cooperative projects and activities; exchange of visiting researchers/academics; joint research projects or academic events co-hosted by Latin American Studies Centers and East Asian Studies Centers from both regions.

Following the successful implementation of such initiatives, several notable accomplishments include an increased awareness among students and academics about differences and similarities between East Asia and Latin America; an increase in research on issues concerning both regions; and the establishment of Latin American Studies Programmes in Asia and East Asian Studies Programmes in Latin America.

In light of the above, Brunei Darussalam is pleased to propose the establishment of a mobility consortium known as the **FEALAC University Discovery Year (FUDY)**.

II. BACKGROUND

Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) is the premier university in Brunei Darussalam that was established in 1985.

In 2009, UBD revamped its curriculum and implemented its new broad-based and trans-disciplinary degree program also known as GenNEXT. Embedded in the 4 years of GenNEXT is the Discovery Year during which 100% of its student are encouraged to pursue one or two of the following activities:

- i. Study Abroad;
- ii. Internship;
- iii. Incubation; or
- iv. Community Outreach Programme.

Given that around 70-80% of UBD students leave the country to pursue Discovery Year annually, UBD would like to therefore extend its Discovery Year destination to Latin American countries and concurrently welcome students from Latin America nations to study in Asia, including at UBD.

III. OBJECTIVES

The main purpose of FUDY is to increase student mobility amongst FEALAC member countries. FUDY will operate on a reciprocal basis, where qualified students from UBD and interested universities in East Asia and Latin America will be exchanged with reciprocal tuition fee waiver. The duration of the Project can be one semester (14 weeks).

In the future, the scope of FUDY activities should be expanded to include academic mobility; joint/ dual/ double degree; joint supervision of Masters and PhD programmes as well as joint collaborative research.

Brunei Darussalam is optimistic that FUDY will contribute to strengthening existing relations between East Asia and Latin America; increase people-to-people contact between the two regions; and allow students to experience the diverse culture and unique way of life through this education exchange.

In addition, Brunei Darussalam is also hopeful that through FUDY, this will encourage FEALAC member countries to consolidate their own study abroad programmes and to expand their own network of partners with countries in East Asia and Latin America.

IV. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

FUDY welcomes interested participants from FEALAC member countries, especially universities from the Latin America region to participate in the Project. The following requirements must be met:

- i. For undergraduate programmes, participants must not be over 40 years old;
- ii. For postgraduate programmes, participants over 40 years old are welcome;
- iii. For undergraduate programmes, a good performance of results is required;
- iv. All participants must possess the necessary English proficiency as stated in the student exchange fact sheet; and
- v. All participants must possess a valid passport.

Students of FUDY will enrol in regular courses and permitted to take part in International Summer Campus programme administered by other Host universities. This is to encourage the active exchange of students and balance mobility.

The application for FUDY for Fall Semester 2016 will open on **15 September 2015** and the closing date will be on **15 November 2015**. The successful candidates will be notified through their respective International Relations Office (or its equivalent).

Interested participants should submit the following documents for their applications:

- i. Letter of recommendation and academic transcript from the participants' university;
- ii. Proof of English Language Proficiency;
- iii. Valid Health Certificate, with specifications of physical and mental state;
- iv. Copy of a valid passport and of valid visas at the time of the date of travel; and
- v. Completed non-graduating student exchange application form; and
- vi. Security clearance letter.

All documents should be sent to International Relations Office (or its equivalence) in their home institutions, such as the office of international relations. The international office will subsequently communicate directly with UBD's Global Affairs Office to facilitate the exchanges.

V. OUTCOMES

Through FUDY, participants from both regions are expected to undergo regular classes at Host universities. In addition, the Host university is encouraged to arrange cultural activities, field trips etc. to ensure exchange participants have a better immersive experience

For participants of FUDY in UBD, the programme will be as follows:

- i. Attend regular classes/ lectures;
- ii. Complete all required assessments;
- iii. Undergo study trips relevant to their studies;
- iv. Experience cultural activities;
- v. Visits to places of interests in Brunei Darussalam; and
- vi. Possible brief internship stints.

VI. REPORTING LINE

The activities of FUDY will be reported to the Joint Co-ordinator of Working Group on Science and Technology, Innovation and Education Meeting.

VII. CONTACT POINTS

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Universiti Brunei Darussalam

Form Ex/NG-01
Application for Exchange/
Non-Graduating Programme

Please return your completed form to the following address :-

Office of Admissions and Student Records

Mezzanine Floor, Chancellor Hall

Universiti Brunei Darussalam

Jalan Tungku Link

Gadong, BE 1410

NEGARA BRUNEI DARUSSALAM.

Tel : +673-2-463001 Ext 1186/1194/1196

E-mail : office.admission@ubd.edu.bn

Fax: 673-2-460062

URL : <http://www.ubd.edu.bn>

You are required to submit a set of the completed application includes: -

1. Completed application form (Ex/NG-01)
2. A copy of passport
3. Certified true copies of academic certificates, transcripts and English proficiency qualification
4. A security clearance letter from country of origin

NOTE : Certified English Translation must be submitted for supporting documents that are not in the English Language. Online application is currently not available.

SECTION 1 - PERSONAL DETAILS		[Please use BLOCK LETTERS]								
Name (as appears in your passport)										
Title (please tick where appropriate)	Miss	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ms	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dr	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)										
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/>	Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	Female						

SECTION 2 - ADDRESS DETAILS		[Please use BLOCK LETTERS]			
Contact Address (for Correspondence)					
Address (Line 1)					
Address (Line 2)					
City, State/Province					
Country					
Postcode/Zip Code					
Telephone (with country + area code)					
E-mail address					
Permanent Home Address					
Address (Line 1)					
Address (Line 2)					
City, State/Province					
Country					
Postcode/Zipcode					
Telephone (with country + area code)					
E-mail address					

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SECTION 3 - PERIOD OF STUDY / SOURCE OF FUNDING [Please tick the appropriate box]			
Semester I August - December		Semester II January - June	
M.O.U Grant (Waiver of Tuition Fees)		Self-Funding	Scholarship, please state :

SECTION 4 - PASSPORT DETAILS [Please use BLOCK LETTERS]	
Your passport must be valid for at least six months after the completion of this programme	
Passport Number	
Place of Issue	
Issue date (dd/mm/yyyy)	
Expiration date (dd/mm/yyyy)	

SECTION 5 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY			
IELTS score :		Test date :	
GCE 'O' Level English Language, grade :		TOEFL score :	
		Test Date :	
Others, please state :		ICCE English as a Second Language, grade :	

SECTION 6 - DISABILITIES [Please tick the appropriate box]	
Please inform us of any disabilities that may necessitate special arrangements, facilitates or treatment. All information will be treated with the strictest confidence. Please tick the appropriate box(s).	
Dyslexia	Visually Impaired/Partially Sighted
Hair Impairment	Wheelchair User/Mobility Difficulties
Personal Care Support	Multiple Disabilities
Unseen Disabilities, e.g. Diabetes	
If you have a disability not listed above, please give brief details :	
If support is required, please give brief details :	

SECTION 7 - CURRENT / MOST RECENT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION [Please use BLOCK LETTERS]	
Name of Current/Most Recent Institution	
Month and Year of Entry (mm/yyyy)	
Month and Year of Leaving (mm/yyyy)	
Year of Study	
Degree	
Cumulative GPA	
Major	
Minor	

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SECTION 10 - REFEREE DETAILS		[Please use BLOCK LETTERS]
Applicant must provide one academic reference (e.g. professor) to support your application and who is able to assess whether Exchange/Study Abroad is suitable for you. Please attach the letter of reference from the Referee to this application.		
Name		
Occupation/Relationship to Applicant		
Address (Line 1)		
Address (Line 2)		
City, State/Province		
Country		
Postcode/Zipcode		
Telephone (with country + area code)		
E-mail address		

SECTION 11 - CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS		[Please tick the appropriate box]
If you have a relevant criminal conviction, please tick the box		
Have you previously been refused admission to study, or continuation of study, other than on academic grounds?	Yes	No

SECTION 12 - PERSONAL STATEMENT & DECLARATION
Please enter below a personal statement by yourself which could include details of your aptitude for study; details of any relevant practical experience, responsibilities, or previous study abroad or exchange; outside interest; reasons for wishing to study at the Universiti Brunei Darussalam; reasons for wishing to visit Brunei, etc. [Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary]

DECLARATION		
I certify that the information given in this application is correct and complete. If I am admitted to the University I undertake to observe the University's Regulations and to ensure payment of tuition fees and other financial liabilities to the University. I agree that the Universiti Brunei Darussalam may process personal data contained in this form, or other data that the University may obtained from me or other people whilst I am an applicant and student, for purposes connected with my application or for any other legitimate reason		
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Dear International Exchange Partners,

Greetings from Universiti Brunei Darussalam.

We are pleased to announce that nomination for Academic Year 2015-2016 is now open. Please find the information on the student exchange application process as follows:

Contact Person(s):

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APPLICATION

Application deadline for Semester 1 (August to December): **June 15th**

Application deadline for Semester 2 (January to May): **November 15th**

Scanned copies of application forms (including supporting documents) can be emailed to the Director or Global Relations.

Eligibility:

1. Completed at least one year full-time study at one of UBD's partner universities;
2. Nominated by the international office of home university;
3. Achieved a minimum of GPA 2.5 (out of 4.0) or 3.0 (out of 5);
4. Meet the language requirements of the modules offered.

Procedure:

1. Complete the application form;
2. Provide a copy of passport;
3. Provide certified true copies of academic certificates, transcripts, English proficiency qualifications including academic references;
4. Provide a copy of valid health Insurance.

Visa Requirement and Procedure:

Two (2) documents required: **a) Student Visa, and b) Student Pass**

1. UBD's International Student Centre (ISC) will assist all exchange/non-graduating student to apply for student visa and student pass. All successful applicants only need to submit scanned copies of their passport to UBD at least 2 months before their arrival. Successful visa applicants will initially be issued entry visa-on-arrival. Thereafter, ISC will proceed to convert this visa-on-arrival to student visa and student pass.

Note:

1. Once their studies have ended in UBD, all exchange/non-graduating students must cancel both the student visa and student pass prior to leaving the university (Student Central can assist on these matters). The cancellation process can take up to two (2) weeks therefore students must plan their departure date accordingly.

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Dear Distinguished Exchange Partners,

Warm Greetings from **Universiti Brunei Darussalam**.

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For further enquiries, please contact:

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CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATION

November 15 for spring semester

June 15 for fall semester

APPLICANTS SHOULD FULFILL THEIR HOME UNIVERSITY'S MINIMUM
ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT

Please contact fealac@unb.ca for further inquiries

PROGRAM DETAILS

- Open to undergraduates and postgraduates
- Modules offered award academic credits
- Host university may offer summer school, research internships, incubation etc

- Similar to AUN, UMAP, etc—multilateral platform for student mobility
- FUDY exchange program provides student leadership training, cultural excursions, collaborations with renowned faculty and more

KEY FEATURES

- Fosters global citizenship
- Enhances holistic student development
- Promotes mutual understanding & appreciation of cultures
- Cultivates diverse connectivity

BENEFITS