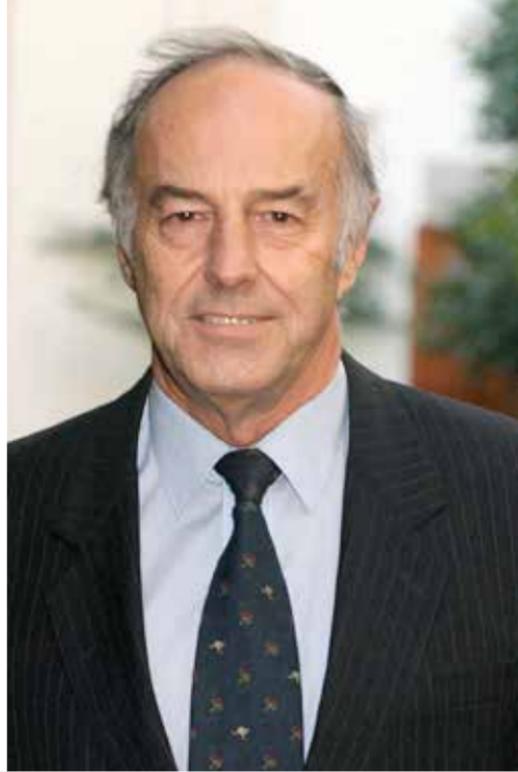


AN INTRODUCTION TO



WORLDWIDE UNIVERSITIES NETWORK



In our increasingly interconnected world, we are quickly coming to realise that the problems we face at home are similar to those faced by communities across the globe. We also know that our shared challenges cannot be solved in isolation. After all, climatic events move unimpeded across borders; cultural change does not carry a passport or require a visa to enter new countries; and health is central to every citizen on the globe.

WUN is a collection of 18 research-intensive universities committed to addressing the world's most urgent challenges collaboratively. We are proud that our research impacts communities – translating cutting-edge university research into the real world. Join us.



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OUR VISION

To be one of the leading international Higher Education networks, collaborating to accelerate the creation of knowledge and to develop the people required to address the challenges and opportunities of our rapidly changing world.

OUR PURPOSE

WUN creates new multilateral opportunities for international collaboration in research and graduate education. It is a flexible dynamic organisation that uses the combined resources and intellectual power of its membership to achieve collective international objectives and to stretch international ambitions.



University of Alberta

University of Wisconsin

University of York
University of Leeds
University of Sheffield
University of Bristol
University of Southampton

University of Rochester
Pennsylvania State University





**DEVELOPING
A VIBRANT
NETWORK
COLLABORATING
ON A DIVERSE
RANGE OF
PROJECTS**

WUN brings international communities of researchers together to undertake groundbreaking research.

With over 90 active initiatives in its portfolio spanning the arts, humanities, social sciences, engineering, science, health and medicine, WUN is a comprehensive global research organisation.

WUN fosters international research collaboration through a developed global support framework that pools the resources of its members towards common objectives. Through its Research Development Fund, WUN re-invests a significant proportion of the subscriptions of its members into sustainable, international research collaboration.

There are over 1,000 faculty and graduate students actively engaged in WUN initiatives, with many more taking part in a vibrant program of conferences, workshops and virtual seminars. The connections WUN sparks enable researchers to broaden their horizons, extend their global reach and establish enduring partnerships that enrich their careers.

WUN lifts the research performance of its members through stimulating research outputs. In recent years WUN has catalysed over £20 million in external funding, 200 published papers, 220 journal articles, 24 books and 30 book chapters.

**NURTURING
HIGH IMPACT
RESEARCH
COMMUNITIES
TACKLING
PROBLEMS
OF GLOBAL
IMPORTANCE**

The major issues facing our planet are of a magnitude that no one institution or organization can address on its own. They require the pooling and sharing of knowledge across institutions, across disciplines and across continents. WUN responds to this through its Global Challenge program. WUN has identified four Global Challenges as the focus for its resources and research programs, these are:

- **Responding to Climate Change**
- **Global Higher Education and Research**
- **Public Health**
- **Understanding Cultures**

The Global Challenges are collections of high quality, inter-disciplinary WUN research groups working together to respond to the world's biggest challenges. They meld traditional 'bottom-up' research capacity with strategic 'top down' direction to develop innovative, sustainable programs that partner with other leading universities outside the network as well as government, international agencies and industry.

**FOSTERING A
WORLD LEADING
GRADUATE
EDUCATION
PROGRAMME
FOR THE NEXT
GENERATION OF
INNOVATORS**

Central to the WUN mission is the development of the next generation of researchers. All WUN initiatives encourage the participation of early career researchers and PhD students and WUN has received accolades for the impact it has had on the careers of young academics.

The WUN Research Mobility Programme (RMP) provides funding for graduate students and early career researchers to undertake research visits of up to 3 months at partner universities. The programme advances academic careers by exposing researchers at an early stage to international perspectives and contacts; and is often used to provide access to rare resources and specialist equipment that may not be available at the home institution.

The RMP is funded through the home institution, with the WUN host institution providing administrative framework to the visit and waiving any associated fees.

**ESTABLISHING
A POWERFUL
INTERNATIONAL
PARTNERSHIP
WITH STRATEGIC
INFLUENCE**

WUN partners with government, industry, international agencies and NGOs to tackle some of the world's most perplexing challenges. Organisations with which we work include the World Bank, OECD, WHO, United Nations Foundation *Every Woman Every Child* initiative, UK Department for International Development, UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the US National Science Foundation, the UK Research Councils, the British Council, AusAID, Danone and NovoNordisk.

WUN also wields growing policy influence. Recent examples include the Shanghai Declaration of the WUN Network on Early Life Opportunities for Addressing NCDs in Developing Countries, which fed into the UN High-Level Meeting on NCDs; and the WUN Communiqué on Combining Climate Change and NCD Prevention being adopted by the Non-communicable Disease Alliance.

WUN is always looking for new opportunities to make its research more valuable. Working with governments and agencies is essential to closing the knowledge gap. The combined voice of 18 leading universities spanning the globe can send a powerful message – let us know how we can partner with your organisation to make a difference.

PARTNER WITH US

International agencies, policy-makers, funding bodies and philanthropic organisations

WUN partners with other agencies and organisations like the OECD, the World Bank Institute, the United Nations and the World Health Organisation to supply the combined knowledge of our research to pressing global challenges. Through these partnerships WUN makes an impact on scientific discovery, policy options and communities around the world. Working with WUN allows you to harness the resources and expertise of 18 leading universities in 10 countries on 5 continents through one channel. Work with us on defining the research agenda and join us in finding solutions.

WUN+ (WUN plus): working together with researchers in other universities and industry WUN research projects are not limited to WUN member universities. We work closely with experts from other universities and from industry to ensure the very best minds contribute to our research and to expand the intellectual reach of our work. This is known as WUN+. WUN+ partners contribute to research projects and are named partners on funding programs and publications but do not qualify for direct funding from WUN.

UNIVERSITIES WISHING TO JOIN WUN

Our Partnership Board makes decisions on membership on the advice of the Executive Director. However, as outlined above, we welcome the participation of those from outside WUN on specific research projects and initiatives.



WUN GOVERNANCE

The network is governed by a global Partnership Board made up of the Presidents of its member universities. The Chair of the Board rotates on a biennial basis and is currently held by the President of the University of Alberta, Dr Indira Samarasekera. The Partnership Board is responsible for the policy of WUN.

The Academic Advisory Group (AAG) is made up of senior administrators, usually at the level of university Vice-President. The AAG is responsible for overseeing the academic portfolio of the Network and advising the Partnership Board on strategic direction and quality.

The Coordinators Group consists of administrators from each member university, holding responsibility for the implementation of WUN programs on campus. Coordinators manage the development of WUN research programs and opportunities.

WUN is managed by a Secretariat consisting of the WUN Executive Director, Professor John Hearn, and the WUN General Manager, Nicholas Haskins, working with the above teams.

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