



Global U8 Consortium 5th Education Committee



INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

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URI International Education



Exchange Programs - 29

Faculty Led programs - 10

Immersion Programs - 4

Academic Internships Abroad

National Student Exchange

International affiliations

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URI maintains one-to-one Student Exchange Agreements in the Bahamas, China, Denmark, Korea, France, Germany, México, Norway, Canada, England, Spain, Sweden, and Japan.



❖ BENEFITS

- Opportunity to study in cultures different from their own where they are exposed to various aspects of the host cultures
- Advance a broad range of interdisciplinary educational opportunities leading to life-changing academic, career and personal objectives.
- Foster and preserve the development of global values, multiculturalism, diversity, integrity, and the equality of cultures and nations.
- Serve as an educational bridge for international internships (paid or unpaid)
- Encourage and provide supervised service learning opportunities and volunteerism abroad

❖ CHALLENGES

- URI students have shown a sustained interest in affiliated programs more so than exchange programs.
- Participate in exchange programs where the language of instruction is not English show lower enroll.
- Preference for programs where students may keep educational momentum and goals
- Cost of long distance travel has changed students destinations



Salient International Programs

- International Engineering Program (IEP)
- International Business Program (IBP)
- CELS/SEA Education Association
- College of Nursing Joint Degree Program
- College of Pharmacy Joint Degree Program

International Engineering Program



- The IEP offers undergraduate and graduate engineering students the opportunity to develop skills in Chinese, French, German, and Spanish while preparing for their engineering careers.
- Completion of this program leads to a dual degree:
 - Bachelor of Science in Engineering
 - Bachelor of Arts in German, Spanish or French and/or
 - Ph.D. (graduate students only).

International Business Program



- This program is designed to prepare students for international careers. The program meets the needs of business and industry in the rapidly evolving global workplace.
- The students also develop a minor in a language, choosing from Chinese, French, German, Italian or Spanish.
- IBP students study language and culture each semester along with their business curriculum. In the fourth or fifth year of the five-year program, they then go abroad as interns with participant firms in Asia, Europe or Latin America, and also as exchange students with one of our partner universities.

CELS/BIOS - CELS/SEA EDUCATION



- The College of Environmental and Life Science grants URI credit to URI students who attend the Bermuda Institute of Ocean Science and/or a SEA Education Association semester or summer session.
- These programs target students majoring in marine biology, marine affairs, geological oceanography and chemical oceanography for participation in as well as a semester in Bermuda

JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS



- The College of Nursing sponsors exchange programs in Denmark and Sweden
- The College of Pharmacy sponsors an exchange program in France.

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URI STUDENT MOBILITY

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YEAR	OUTGOING	INCOMING
2003	325	55
2004	425*	43
2005	455*	50
2006	515*	57
2007	585*	63
2008	625*	43

Outgoing participation increase with the introduction of more Faculty Led Summer Programs. These programs have low program fees.

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FACULTY LED PROGRAMS

Faculty Led Programs



- These programs are designed to allow students to earn up to six credits toward their URI or other college/university degree.
- Student pay program fees that cover directors' expenses, site visits; support enrichment fund/scholarships, and in-country public relations activities (e.g., dinners, receptions, tea/coffee with colleagues).
- The student population includes undergraduate, graduate and professionals.

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**LANGUAGE AND CULTURE
IMMERSION PROGRAMS**



LANGUAGE AND CULTURE IMMERSION PROGRAMS



❖ Program Description

- The English Immersion Program is designed to assist students whose first language is not English develop and/or enhance English reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills for academic and professional purposes.

❖ Goals

- To provide students with quality language instruction to help them achieve their personal and professional goals.
- To maximize students access to global educational and cultural resources
- To assist students in their transition to American colleges and universities
- To promote the benefits of cultural diversity brought by international students to the URI campus.

IMMERSION PROGRAMS



❖ Student Participation by county or institution

Institution	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total
Chile				10	10
Haiti				10	10
Inha U	44	28	35	9	116
Kyung Hee U			15		15
Other GU8 Partners	No participation				

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**INTERNATIONAL
INTERNSHIPS**

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- The Colleges of Environmental and Life Science, Engineering, and Business as well as the Departments of Textiles, Merchandising and Design have implemented International Study Tour and internships with the collaboration of exchange partners and business associates abroad.
- The Office of International Education sponsors academic internships in Australia in collaboration with various academic departments.

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**NATIONAL STUDENT
EXCHANGE**

National Student Exchange



- The National Student Exchange (NSE) provides opportunities for students to study for up to one calendar year, at another NSE member college or university.
- With more than 190 colleges and universities from which to choose, students are able to find a campus with just the right combination of courses, facilities, and environment to meet your personal and academic needs and interests.
- The NSE extends beyond the borders of the United States to include U.S. territories, as well as some Canadian provinces.
- URI students may participate in international programs at NSE schools

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**INTERNATIONAL
AFFILIATIONS**

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- The University of Rhode Island offers students the opportunity to study in more than 200 affiliated study abroad programs in over 40 different countries.
- Students may fulfill required academic components in their field of study.

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**GUS EXCHANGE STUDENT
MOBILITY**



EXCHANGE STUDENT ENROLLMENT



❖ University of Rhode Island - GU8 Student Mobility

Institution	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		2008		Total	
	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	IN	OUT	IN	OUT
Inha	E	≠	10	≠	10	≠	10	≠	9	≠	10	≠	53	≠
Le Havre	Discussion to begin a Student Exchange Agreement began in May 2008													
Xiamen	≠	≠	≠	≠	≠	≠	≠	≠	1	≠	2	≠	3	≠
Australia	URI has sent more than 500 students to various Australian universities through various Study Abroad Affiliates													
Hawaii	URI has sent more than 125 students to the University of Hawaii through the National Student Exchange Program since 1997													
Le Havre	Discussion to begin a Student Exchange Agreement began in May 2008													
Other GU8 Partners	Exchange Agreements have not been initiated with other GU8 Partners													

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT

SCHOLARSHIPS



- Institutional and government assistance
- President's Office Diversity Scholarship
- Academic Departments and Foundation Grants
- [URI Specific Scholarships](#)
- [URI Affiliated Program Scholarships](#)
- [Rhode Island and Regional Scholarships](#)



❖ OIE Scholarships and Travel Grants

- The Office of International Education offers 10 travel grants and 10 educational scholarships ranging between \$500 and \$1500 each, every year.
- Recipients must participate in a URI sponsored exchange program, URI Faculty Led Summer Program, and/or GU8 partner school program (an exchange agreement is not required)

❖ Recipients

- The OIE awarded 26 scholarships to students participating in exchange programs in China, Ghana, Belize, Italy, Spain, and France.

❖ Tuition Reduction

- URI offers visiting students in-state tuition (\$3227/semester) in replacement of out-of-state tuition (\$11776) when the exchange of students is not an option because students do not select the partner school.

❖ Recipients

- ❖ The OIE reduce fees to all visiting students from various locations (France, Japan, Korea, China, Bahamas, etc.) and 2 GU8 partner schools

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SUGGESTIONS



❖ Tuition Reduction

- Pending approval from the Provost Office, the OIE will continue to reduce (tuition) fees to all exchange and visiting students not in a degree program equal to in-state tuition (\$3227/semester) in replacement of out-of-state tuition (\$11776) .

❖ Dual Degree Students

- ❖ Pending approval from the Provost Office, dual degree students from GU8 schools (graduate or undergraduate) will be assessed a program fee equal to in-state tuition