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The Internationalization Imperative in Turbulent Times

# The Role of Senior International Leaders in Global Grand Challenges

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#### What is "international research"?



	Purpose	Partners	Funding	Measures of Success
Scholarly Research	<ol> <li>Academic prestige</li> <li>Reputation building</li> <li>Opening additional funding sources</li> </ol>	1) High-level academic focused universities and research institutes	1) Standard research funding mechanisms	<ol> <li>Publications</li> <li>Prizes</li> <li>Traditional academic rewards</li> </ol>
Development Focused Research	<ol> <li>Commitment to global citizenship</li> <li>Opening new partnerships</li> <li>Innovative opportunities for learning – especially experiential learning</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Universities in the developing world</li> <li>Community organizations</li> <li>National and International development funding organizations</li> <li>Governments abroad</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Public/government development organizations</li> <li>Private foundations</li> <li>Governments abroad</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Societal impact, changes in quality of life, etc.</li> <li>Credibility as agent of social change</li> <li>New stakeholder relations</li> </ol>

...and any permutation of the above



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# **Implications for Role of SIO**



#### <u>Stakeholder Management</u>

- Stakeholder management as key component of job profile
- Internal stakeholder relations management, including building interdisciplinary coalitions
- External stakeholder management, especially governments
- Aligning stakeholder interests

**Recommendation:** Appeal to different stakeholders in different ways . Be flexible in your narrative about purpose and value of international research



## **Implications for Role of SIO**



#### **Project Management**

- Ability to manage complex project management, including financial management and risk management
- Actively manage alumni relations

**Recommendation:** Understand importance of recruiting qualified and skillful staff, and invest in ongoing staff development





# Challenges

- Tension between traditional academic incentives and rewards, and rewards and incentives for societal impact
- Traditional universities' administrative culture not in line entrepreneurial and managerial requirements of international research/development
- Rapidly changing circumstances with partners abroad

#### **Recommendations:**

- 1. Build strong incentives for various stakeholders and partners
- 2. Develop flexible but effective models for revenue sharing



## International Research Projects



#### **UAlberta at a glance**

CAD\$481 million in external research funding

18 academic faculties

**3,561** academic staff (36% international)

#### Germany

- Helmholtz: Energy related research collaboration with various research institutes in Germany
- RWTH Aachen: Smart Grids, Bio-Fuels, Data-based Modeling/Simulation, Biomedical Engineering

#### China

- Tsinghua University: Joint Research Centre for Future Energy and Environment
- East China Normal University: Joint Institute for Advanced Science & Technology

#### Mexico

SENER-CONACYT: Energy Innovation Grants (Hydrocarbons)

## From Focus on Key Countries to Signature LBERTA Area Strategy

- Future Energy Systems
- Precision Medicine

Total of 5 to 7

**Key:** international research and international project work as integral part of institutional strategies for international and research



#### **UAlberta International Ecosystem**





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## **UCR International Affairs Strategic Goals**

• EXPAND INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE FOR UCR STUDENTS CURRICULA ENGAGEMENT
 ON GLOBAL ISSUES

 INCREASE PERCENTAGE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND FACULTY  INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

OCOMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI





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## **International Research Collaborations**

- CENTER FOR INNOVATIVE MATERIALS SCIENCE
- XIAMEN UNIVERSITY PHD TRAINING
- JOINT RESEARCH SALINITY PROJECT (CAN THO, VIETNAM)
- PIRE GRANTS:
  - **o BILINGUALISM MATTERS**
  - WINDOW TO THE BRAIN
- CHILE ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROJECT

- INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR
   RESEARCH EXPOSITION
- POWERFUL MIGRATIONS CONFERENCE
- UNAM FACULTY EXCHANGE
   PROGRAM
- I-3 INTERNATIONAL INNOVATION INSTITUTE
  - UC KIMS CENTER
  - UNIVERSITY OF JINAN (CHINA)
  - MIRYANG CITY
- **UCRIVERSITY** OF CALIFORNIA International Affairs

