

# The United States as an Arctic Nation - Opportunities for collaboration in internationalization

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### About this forum

This Thematic Forum will engage senior international officers and university leaders in exploring internationalization activities that include Arctic locations, promote faculty and student exchanges with Arctic nations, and support increased awareness of Arctic issues as a platform for partnership within the United States and internationally.

Considering increasing public awareness of the impacts of climate change within and external to the Arctic, this forum will provide opportunities for education and dialogue on partnering with circumpolar institutions and engaging in academic programming and research initiatives with an Arctic focus.

### Relevance and strategic issues for senior international officers

This forum is of particular relevance to senior international officers considering approaches to introducing Arctic Studies in the context of internationalization and the importance and viability of Arctic nations as destinations for education abroad.

#### Strategic issues:

- Investment of time, resources in Arctic-focused partnership and program development to enhance the institution's international profile.
- Assessment of compatibility of academic and research programs according to institutional priorities.
- Evaluation of opportunities for collaboration within and external to the Arctic.
- Awareness of U.S. national interests as areas of consideration for partnership and program development.

### Forum objectives

- Dialog with experts on Arctic research, indigenous perspectives and community engagement.
- Identify U.S. educational priorities with relevance to the Arctic and Arctic issues.
- Explore participation in the UArctic network as an example of multilateral engagement in area studies.
- Exchange ideas on effective leveraging of connections for strategic planning and in the development of domestic and international partnerships.



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