Illinois Partnerships

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign collaborates with institutions around the world to facilitate the free exchange of ideas through collaboration. Institutional agreements support unique goals of the University and ensure the mobility of our students, faculty, staff, and peers to make meaningful contributions to the world’s most pressing challenges.

398 collaborative agreements in
58 countries

Global Relations

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About Global Relations

Who We Are
Global Relations facilitates inter-institutional agreements and partnerships between the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and other universities, governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, and private sector corporations. These agreements create an environment where innovative knowledge, research, education, faculty, and students can move freely across geopolitical, cultural, disciplinary, and academic borders. In addition, we offer a variety of services to all members of the campus community who are engaging on a global scale.

What We Do

• Facilitate international agreements. Please refer to the International Agreement Process on the opposite page for more information.
• Coordinate on-campus visits for international guests. From visiting scholars to dignitaries, we offer comprehensive visitor services to colleges and departments. Please contact iip-globalrelations@illinois.edu for assistance in planning a visit.
• Issue official invitation letters for visiting scholars and officials. Some visas may require an official letter of invitation, please contact iip-globalrelations@illinois.edu to request a letter.
• Administer international protocol resources and etiquette services. If you are traveling internationally, our team can provide guidance on business best practices and general etiquette as well as an overview of Illinios’ footprint in the region. We also maintain a large selection of country flags which may be rented for campus programming by submitting the Flag Request Form: go.illinois.edu/intl-flags
• Offer funding opportunities for faculty through the BRIDGE Seed Grant. BRIDGE refers to the strategic partnership between Illinois and the University of Birmingham in the U.K. The grant application is made available in the spring. For more information about this partnership, please visit: go.illinois.edu/BRIDGE
• Provide administrative management of key strategic partnerships. Learn more about strategic partnerships at go.illinois.edu/strategic-partnerships
• Provide Fulbright Scholars Program support for faculty.

International Agreement Process

1. Submit a request for a New Agreement or Renewal/Amendment
Submit your agreement request online at go.illinois.edu/global-relations using the appropriate agreement form (see agreement types below). Please note you may renew or amend existing, unexpired agreement but if your agreement has expired, you must apply to initiate a new one.

2. Draft, Enter & Assign
Agreements are drafted using one of our pre-approved templates. We then enter them into the Illinois Contract System and assign them to be reviewed.

3. International Safety & Security Review
The draft agreement is sent to International Safety & Security who reviews, evaluates, and approves the insurance language and location.

4. Review & Negotiate
The agreements are reviewed and negotiated with the partner directly or indirectly (e.g. the Contract Services Office negotiates indirectly through us) and finalizes them.

5. Contract Signature
The Officer responsible for signing contracts on behalf of the Board is the Comptroller. The Comptroller delegates this authority from time to time to University staff. If you sign an agreement and you are not an authorized delegate, you may be personally liable under that agreement.

Agreement Types

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<td>Cooperative Education (3+2)</td>
<td>A program that allows students to work for two different degrees in parallel, completing them in less time.</td>
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<td>General (Memorandum of Understanding)</td>
<td>An MOU is a general non-legally binding statement of intent between Illinois and the partner.</td>
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<td>Fee Based Study Abroad</td>
<td>A one-way outgoing study abroad program that requires Illinois students to pay tuition and program fees to the host institution through Illinois.</td>
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<td>A one-way outgoing study abroad program where students pay tuition and program fees directly to the host institution.</td>
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Tips For Starting an Agreement

1. Have a conversation with your Dean
2. Visit our interactive map at go.illinois.edu/global-map to see if there is an existing partnership or footprint in the region