

Policy on Internationalization and Off-shore Academic Programmes

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Functional Area – Affiliated Degrees, International Research

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Approving Authority – The Council, Lincoln Institute of Graduate Studies

Administrative Responsibility – Vice Chancellor

Rationale & Purpose –

Considering the value of the internationalization, a) as a driving force for innovation b) creates synergies, inside and outside the institution c) leads to a higher quality of education, research and service to society d) provides content to the social and global responsibility of the Lincoln Institute of Graduate Studies and d) strengthens the reputation of the Lincoln Institute of Graduate Studies it is expected through the present policy to;

- i) Achieve more institutional visibility nationally, regionally, and internationally.
- ii) Find new sources of funding.
- iii) Improve academic quality and student preparedness.
- iv) Increase the mobility of students, faculty members, and staff to expand the education capacity and capabilities.
- v) Build capacity for research.
- vi) Improve the access for students to international programs
- vii) provide each student with the best possible preparation for a career in the global job market
- viii) Improve the institutional operations through sharing international best practices.
- ix) Develop the international content of the curriculum.
- x) Increase the number of internal stakeholders directly participating in international experiences.
- xi) Develop new partnerships to offer a competitive international graduate education at Lincoln Institute of Graduate Studies.
- xii) Provide incentives for international research.
- xiii) Strengthen internationally-focused graduate programs.

Scope –

This policy applies to all academic staff, students and other stakeholders, both national and international, in order to;

- i) Revise curricula to increase the international content (Faculty/Students)
- ii) Implement orientation that promote awareness of international opportunities
- iii) (Faculty/Staff/Students)
- iv) Student & Faculty Exchange Programs (Faculty/ Students)

- v) Dual Degrees (Faculty/Students)
- vi) International research (Faculty/Students)
- vii) International Projects (Faculty/ Staff/ Students)

Policy Statement –

- 1) The Lincoln Institute of Graduate Studies considers international students and staff and international connectivity in terms of its teaching and research as enriching the institute.
- 2) Lincoln Institute of Graduate Studies recognizes that a commitment to internationalization has implications for curricula, teaching, research, student recruitment, fund-raising, marketing, experiential learning through student and staff mobility, quality review and communication. This policy therefore aims to ensure that:
 - a) Decisions regarding the curriculum, cooperative teaching and research agreements, staff and student mobility, and international projects are guided in the first instance by considerations of academic excellence.
 - b) Internationalization at the Lincoln Institute of Graduate Studies, at the institutional level, develops within the framework provided by policies, strategies and laws at the national system accepted by the Lincoln University, Malaysia and UGC guidelines for the local programmes.
 - c) Internationalization will also be aligned with relevant Lincoln Institute of Graduate Studies policies such as those on language, assessment of student learning, curriculum development, quality assurance.
 - d) International staff and students are integrated as far as possible into the daily life of the respective institute and have made available to them the range of excellent services.
 - e) In the development of its academic programmes, in the review of curricula and in the assessment of courses offered, Lincoln Institute of Graduate Studies will endeavour to follow internationally acclaimed best practice while at the same time ensuring that teaching methods and courses are relevant.
 - f) With respect to research programmes, every effort will be made to facilitate international links and to provide staff with the opportunity to visit foreign countries and work with international colleagues.
 - g) Lincoln Institute of Graduate Studies encourages bilateral or multilateral agreements with institutions outside Sri Lanka when there are demonstrable mutual benefits to all the partners in the agreement.
 - h) The Lincoln Institute of Graduate Studies follows a bottom-up approach to stimulating internationalization and recognizes that the enthusiasm of the individual students and staff involved is vital.

Definitions –

Internationalization: The process of developing, implementing and integrating an international, intercultural and global dimension into the purpose, functions and delivery of higher education.



Affiliate degree: An affiliate degree is a degree awarded by a joint decision of the partner institutions at the successful completion of a jointly offered single study programme by two (or more) higher education institutions.

Titles of related Policies, Procedures, Forms, Guidelines –

Key words – Internationalization policy, Joint/ dual Degrees, International Research