Established in 1997, the Association of Pacific Rim Universities contributes to the development of an increasingly integrated Pacific Rim community.

**Global Health & The Pacific Rim**

The Pacific Rim refers to lands around the edges of the Pacific Ocean and includes more than 40 economies representing Asia, Australia and Oceania, and the Americas. Pacific Rim economies are challenged by some common issues, including fast-paced economic growth and urbanization, demographic changes and increasingly older populations and poverty.

**APRU Global Health Program**

The Global Health Program is hosted by the University of Southern California Institute for Global Health. Our members are an interdisciplinary group of faculty and students from universities around the Pacific Rim who are interested in global health. Our key focuses include:

- **Education**
- **Research**
- **Policy**

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**Research Interests & Working Groups**

Key health issues facing the region include climate change, natural disasters, environmental degradation, the rise of non-communicable diseases and the threat of emerging and re-emerging diseases, such as SARS and tuberculosis. Our group is especially interested in the following:

- Education and training
- Technology and global health
- Tobacco control
- Obesity
- Rise of non-communicable diseases
- Migration
- Environmental health
- Sexual and reproductive health
- Policy translation

**Program Activities**

We aim to provide opportunities for research collaborations among researchers in the Pacific Rim, as well as provide an opportunity to shape policy and practice around key global health issues. We hold an annual workshop showcasing the vast research of our members every fall. Members can also present at APRU-sponsored panels at scientific conferences, join working groups around key issues of interest, share scientific publications, attend global health-related trainings, and learn more about how to provide educational and practicum opportunities for students, such as distance learning courses and international field placements. Other faculty benefits include a peer review program for manuscripts, joining the list of APRU global health consultants/technical experts, seed grant opportunities and many more!

**Eligibility**

All people interested in participating in programmatic activities are eligible, even if they are not from a member university. Membership is free. To sign up, please visit www.apruglobalhealth.org.

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