



APRU

Association of Pacific Rim Universities

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Who We Are

The Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) is a consortium of leading research universities around the Pacific Ocean that fosters dialogue and cooperation in education, research, and public policy across one of the world's largest macroregions.

The mission of APRU is to bring together thought leaders, researchers and policymakers from academia to develop solutions to the grand challenges of the Asia-Pacific. We guide students to become the next generation of changemakers, help share knowledge and facilitate cultural understanding.

APRU was founded by the presidents of the University of Southern California, UCLA, UC Berkeley, and CalTech. Since our establishment in 1997, we have leveraged our members' collective education and research capabilities, as well as their institutional networks and cultural reach, to engage with a vast and varied range of partners. As we embark on the second quarter-century of our history, in a world much transformed from when APRU was established, through environmental, economic, health and social crises, our institutionally apolitical platform offers members multiple avenues for engagement and collaboration.

In support of our mission, APRU focuses on critical contemporary issues, including disaster risk reduction, global health, sustainable cities and landscapes,

biodiversity and climate change, artificial intelligence in society and higher education, the promotion of women in leadership positions and indigenous knowledges. APRU offers a wide range of multilateral opportunities across borders and disciplines: university leaders discuss policy and transnational concerns with their peers; researchers benefit from the leverage of an extensive network of partners within and beyond academia; and students acquire experiences through training and leadership building in different cultures and academic environments.

Our Structure

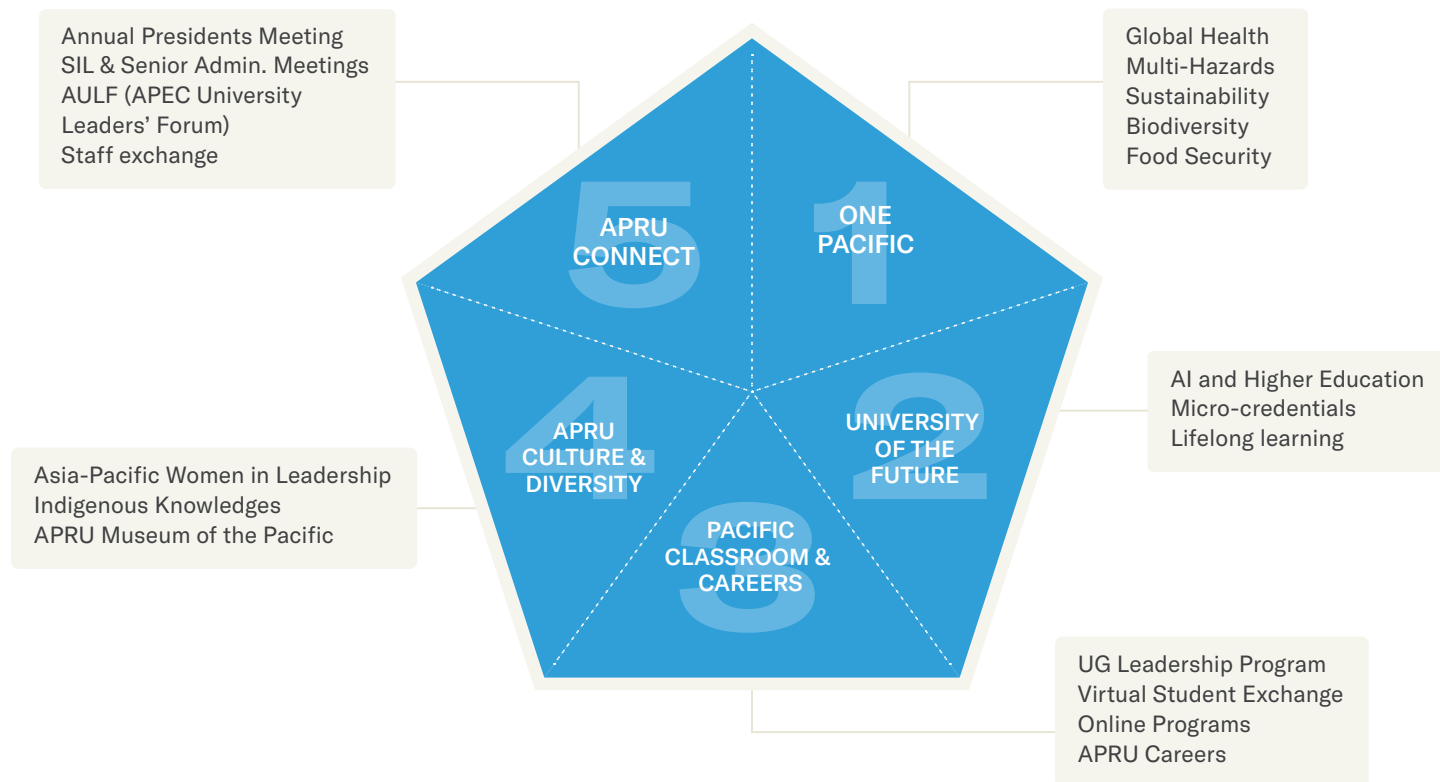
Based in Hong Kong, APRU works with over 60 leading university universities from 18 economies of the Pacific Rim, known globally for their academic and research excellence and their outstanding education programs. With a geographic balance around the Pacific Rim, comprising Asia, Australasia and the Americas, APRU's membership comprehensively represents the region's rich diversity.

Member universities are represented in APRU by their presidents, who meet each year at the Annual Presidents' Meeting, as well as by their Senior International Officers. APRU's governance and financial oversight is exercised by a Steering Committee, presided over by a chair and a vice-chair who are elected from among the members' presidents. The APRU International Secretariat, led by the Chief Executive, carries out APRU's operations and global outreach – driving APRU's initiatives, programs, and events.

What We Do

APRU offers and supports multiple pathways for engagement and collaboration by administrators, professors, researchers and students from its member institutions.

The *APRU Pentagon* serves as a practical illustrative framework of APRU's strategic thinking and its range of initiatives. It symbolizes the holistic and interconnected approach to what we do at APRU, informed by collaborative research, education and engagement around the grand challenges of the Asia-Pacific. Its five segments represent major areas of existing or aspirational activity and strategy.



Note: The programs and activities listed above are a representative selection.

1 One Pacific

One Pacific is an umbrella for APRU's numerous projects relating to the big Pacific Challenges, including Multi-Hazards, Global Health, Biodiversity, Sustainability and Food Security. The term emphasizes the interdependence of these challenges. Due to its size and significance, the Pacific region is both affected by and key to solving major global crises that APRU's collective efforts aim to address.

2 University of the Future

Higher education is changing significantly in response to transformations in education, technology and the labor market, an evolution that is likely to accelerate in the coming years. APRU has established a University of the Future Ideation Group to identify common challenges faced by our member institutions and to map out paths towards viable solutions. Critical issues include evolving technologies such as Generative AI, new modalities of teaching and learning, and innovative approaches to knowledge creation and sharing.

3 Pacific Classroom & Careers

Pacific Classroom & Careers encompasses APRU's activities to engage students across the network, enhance connectivity, and help them build career pathways beyond their graduation. The initiatives comprise the *Undergraduate Leaders Program*, the *Virtual Student Exchange Program*, the *Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for Global Citizens*, and network-wide study opportunities, including a Microcredential in Asia-Pacific Studie

4 APRU Culture and Diversity

APRU is an exceptionally diverse network in terms of the location of its universities and the internal composition of their faculty, staff and students. APRU is committed to strengthening diversity, equity and inclusion, and to supporting members to better serve the region and its peoples. Our various well-established programs, such as *Asia Pacific Women in Leadership* and *Indigenous Knowledges*, make a tangible difference in this respect. We also harness underutilized resources of our member institutions, such as the unparalleled collections of our 150 museums in the APRU Museum of the Pacific initiative.

5 APRU Connect

APRU Connect comprises our large consortium-wide annual meetings and conferences that bring senior administrators together, including the Annual Presidents' Meeting and the Senior International Leaders' Meeting. Also included here are staff exchanges between member institutions and the various collaborations between APRU and other university consortia.

APRU Value Proposition

As a member of APRU, an educational institution gains distinct advantages in operational capability and global impact, enhancing its outreach and capacity in multiple respects.

- ✓ **Global Standing:** APRU is recognized as the premier alliance in the Asia-Pacific region, with members that outperform global peers in research power, generating enhanced international partnerships and collaborations.
- ✓ **Leadership Opportunities:** APRU's signature events such as the Annual Presidents' Meeting, the Senior International Leaders' Meeting and the APEC University Leaders' Forum allow presidents and other administrators to discuss key problems facing their institutions and the regional economies with leaders from higher education, businesses, NGOs and governments.
- ✓ **Engaging Faculty and Students:** APRU offers multiple programs that bring together top researchers and thought leaders to address regional challenges. Researchers and students have opportunities to collaborate with practitioners and policymakers in research symposia, summer schools and mentoring programs on a wide range of vital issues.
- ✓ **Policy and Advocacy:** Through APEC working groups and other APRU initiatives and collaborations, experts from our member institutions actively contribute to policymaking, bringing new knowledge and perspectives to regional and global challenges and political frameworks.

How to Participate

Join APRU

APRU membership connects your institution to the leading research universities of the Pacific Rim, as a portal to limitless possibilities of collaboration and engagement. For further enquiries, please contact Chief Executive Office at chiefexec@apru.org.

Participate in Leadership

APRU depends on the leadership of its members to harness the collective capacities to drive meaningful impact. Join an advisory group, participate in governance, and provide mentorship to steer APRU forward.

Partner with Us

Partnership is at the center of all that APRU does, and our roster of partner organizations is constantly growing. In pursuit of APRU's initiatives, we expand our partnerships with external institutions of higher education, the corporate sector, governmental agencies and NGOs. Engagements may be short-term or long-term, project-based or strategic, according to the project objectives of the participants. Tell us how your activities might integrate with ours.

Invite your University to Engage

APRU hosts a range of activities for senior university leaders, academics, and students ranging from high-level dialogues on higher education, to research symposiums, large-scale thematic conferences, student competitions and courses. Visit the event calendar (apru.org/event) to see the range of APRU events and invite your university experts and students to participate.

Host an Event

APRU has over 45 events annually which are hosted by APRU members. To find out more about hosting an APRU event, contact Joey Chu, Senior Manager, Events (joey.chu@apru.org).



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