

Growing and Advancing Partnerships

International partnerships are essential to advancing the cultural, economic, and civic interests of communities throughout Maine and the world. Fostering and managing successful collaborations and partnerships abroad is a key aspect of internationalization. Such relationships enhance the international experiences for students and faculty, enrich the curriculum, and raise our institutional profile at home and abroad.

Value:

- UMaine is the state's hub for international partnerships for teaching, research, service and mobility. The Office of International Programs (OIP) is the campus knowledge hub for connecting and expanding international partnerships in all areas.

Goals:

Developing a comprehensive strategic plan for internationalization includes a strong focus on international partnerships and collaborations. Such a plan includes:

- Clearly identified international goals and objectives, aligned with the overall institutional mission and priorities.
- A centralized unit that gathers and curates data on partnerships, manages agreements, and advises on international protocols for visits and travel logistics.
- Funding for fostering new partnership projects, expanding current partnerships, and partnership visits.
- Engaging a broader base of faculty support across all academic areas
- Identifying strategic partnership hubs in each region of the world

Strategies:

- Develop and share best practices for creating and maintaining international partnerships
- Increase awareness of OIP's services around international agreement negotiations, protocols, travel logistics, risk management and compliance
- Map existing international collaborations, conference travel, research and partnership to
- Expand current successful partnerships (regional hubs) to additional layers of collaboration

Indicators:

- Increased number of international partnerships and expanded scope of current partnerships
- Creation of directory/map/inventory of partnerships
- Identification of global regional hubs of increased collaboration and partnerships across multiple academic areas
- Increased media coverage of international partnerships, new and continuing activity