INDIA REGIONAL STRATEGY
GROUP REPORT
YEAR 2

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Related Local Organization
Indo U.S. Business Network

Activities of Focus for the Next Few Years
- Begin 4th year research internship opportunity for engineering students from Manipal University
- Continue scholarships to assist Indian students in participating in UC-led programs in India
- Continue to recruit more undergraduate students from India
- Identify institution(s) of focus in Northern India
- Establish short-term workshops that we can offer at identified institutions as a way to build relationships
- Support UC faculty when in country in order for them to visit a couple of high schools to raise awareness of UC by meeting with principal, talking with students about what they do, and answering student questions
2013-14 India Strategy Group Summary

One of the challenges we face in identifying optimal Indian institutional partners is the organization of higher education institutions in India. Unlike the U.S. where disciplines ranging from engineering, to humanities, to medicine, to music all tend to be housed in a single institution, Indian institutions are more narrowly focused. As a result, we are focusing on specific regions that have several specialized institutions that, together, cover the range of disciplines offered at UC.

The India Regional Strategy Group has been very active this year.

- Dr. Lewis Owen enabled to Indian students to join his fieldwork group using the scholarships we piloted this year.
- Dr. Owen, collaborating with multiple faculty, also submitted a proposal for a 2014 Obama-Singh 21st Century Knowledge Initiative: Himalayan Environmental Hazards and Their Mitigation. We expect the award announcements to be made in June.
- Over the December holiday break, Dr. Raj Mehta visited several Indian institutions to further our analysis of optimal partner institutions.
- In late February a UC delegation went to India and visited Manipal U., Maharashtra U. of Technology, Pune, and the National Institute of Design (NID). A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with Manipal and we are working on an agreement with NID.

This year’s work has served to focus our sites on regions in the south, west, and north regions of India.

Southern India
Focus City: Manipal and Surrounding Area

Manipal University
Location: Manipal
Enrollment: 26,000
Faculty: 2,500
Degree Programs: 19 colleges and 7 departments offer baccalaureate and post-graduate programs ranging from allied health, architecture & design, communications, engineering, humanities * social science, management, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, sciences, and information sciences.

Manipur is a private, comprehensive university with 5 locations in India, as well as locations in Dubai, Malaysia, and Antigua.

Northern India
Focus Cities: Chandigarh, Dehradun

While we have not as yet identified what our optimal partner(s) should be in this region, these are the two institutions we expect to be researching and communicating with first. Both have excellent reputations and are fairly comprehensive. Chandigarh is a private institution.

Western India
Focus City: Ahmedabad and Surrounding Area

National Institute of Design
Location: Ahmedabad
Enrollment:
Faculty: 740
Degree Programs:

Baccalaureate and post-graduate degrees are offered in design fields such as graphic, textiles, product, transportation & automobile, apparel, interior, toy & games, new media, and many more. NID has been recognized as in institution of national importance by the government of India.

Strategy Group members are currently helping to facilitate introductions and videoconferencing with other institutions in the Ahmedabad region to round out discipline opportunities for engagement.

Chandigarh University
Chandigarh is a private institution with baccalaureate through doctoral programs from engineering, to biotechnology, business, architecture, computer science, animation & multimedia technology, computer applications, tourism & hospitality management

Panjab University
A public university, Panjab is the highest ranked Indian institution in the Times Higher Education’s World University Rankings. Degree offerings are from baccalaureate through doctoral across a comprehensive collection of disciplines.