INDIA REGIONAL STRATEGY
GROUP REPORT
YEAR 3

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Related Local Organization
Cincinnati U.S.A. Sister City Organization

Activities of Focus for the Next Few Years
- Begin 4th year research internship opportunity for engineering students from Manipal University
- Continue scholarships to assist UC students in participating in UC-led programs in India
- Continue to recruit more undergraduate students from India
- Continue efforts to identify optimal partner institution 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
2014-15 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.

This year we have tried to focus our sites on the northern region of India while continuing to work with the National Institute of Design in the west and Manipal in the south.

Additionally, we have applied for institutional membership in the American Institute for Indian Studies. Membership would allow us the opportunity to apply for a variety of fellowships that may serve to further our relationships with Indian institutions.

Northern India

The majority of our work this year has been focused on identifying a partner in northern India. We looked closely at two institutions, Lovely University and Amity University. While we have not yet formalized a relationship, we are most interested in Amity for several reasons:

- They have the breadth of disciplines we are looking for although not all in one location
- They have campuses in regions of the world where we want to establish a presence (Middle East and Asia in particular)
- We had a receptive and productive videoconference with Dr. William Selvarmurthy, President of Amity Science, Technology & Innovation Foundation and Dr. Ajit Varma, Distinguished Scientist & Professor of Eminence. We are looking forward to a visit by Dr. Varma in early June

We will continue to pursue this promising relationship next year.

Western India

Focus City: Ahmedabad and Surrounding Area

National Institute of Design
Location: Ahmedabad
Enrollment: 2,000
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. We signed a collaborative agreement with NID last June.

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.

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.

Manipal is a private, comprehensive university with 5 locations in India, as well as locations in Dubai, Malaysia, and Antigua. We signed a collaborative agreement with them last April.

Amity University
Location: Noida, Uttar Pradesh
Enrollment: 125,000
Faculty: 4,500
Degree Programs: 250
Amity is a non-profit, private university with many campus locations in India and in 11 global locations. It received India’s Education Award for India’s best research university in 2014 and is ranked 1st in the country for non-profit private universities.