In 2012, UC International established seven different global advisory groups. These groups assist us as we strive to research and identify how best to achieve our international objectives by being more deliberative and focused about our international partnerships; our allocation of both human and financial resources to support international engagement; and the enrichment of the partnership experience. These groups are helping us determine optimal partners university-wide, not for a specific program or college.

This booklet shows the growth that these groups have achieved with key partners from each of the seven regions. It also gives a peek at total enrollment by region, as well as some of the concrete projects that have come out of our partnerships in each region.

**STRATEGY GROUP OBJECTIVES**

- Identify universities of similar programmatic diversity and stature who are enthusiastic about partnership.
- Enter into broad and deep collaborative relationships with these institutions.
- Provide a wide range of opportunities for our students wishing to study abroad by encouraging faculty to develop courses in collaboration with partners.
- Increase market awareness of UC in each region to diversify our international student population.
Amazingly it has been almost five years since UC signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Future University in Egypt. FUE wished to benchmark their young programs against those of an accredited institution. Led by former provost Anthony Perzigian, many UC faculty have contributed to curriculum review and development in the fields of engineering, political science and business.

Following several years of research and evaluation, UC faculty continue to travel for annual on-site curriculum review and twice-yearly teaching. This initiative provides an income stream back to UC, a portion of which serves to provide more scholarships for study abroad.
Since our original connection, the relationship has developed into a full strategic partnership with the following activities:

- 40+ UC faculty and administrators have visited FUE to teach and assist with accreditation
- 8-10 FUE students will attend this year’s 3-week Summer Program providing both instruction and cultural immersion
- An FUE student worked as an intern for UC International last summer, with another scheduled to come this summer
- 4 FUE students came on exchange for a semester this Fall
- This Fall, UC faculty hosts will welcome three visiting scholars, who will work with a UC peer for 7-10 days:
  - Ahmed Abdelhalem for a Behavioral Finance Research project
  - Amira Abdelaziz for a research project applying Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence in healthcare sectors
  - Tarek Elshazly to jointly present a comprehensive workshop on new International Financial Report Standards.

Two FUE students hard at work during the three-week summer program at UC.

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In the **recipe** for global success at UC, our **regional strategy groups** are the **secret ingredient** whose spirit binds the whole dish together.

Good food, good drink, strong relationships; in any location across the world, **that's a dish well-served.**

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