

Vision for CTAHR International Programs

Last semester and through the summer, the 8-member CTAHR International Advisory Committee worked to develop the first draft of CTAHR’s Strategic Plan for International Programs.

Vision: “To become an international center of excellence in tropical agriculture, natural resources management, and human resources, with a focus on the Asia–Pacific region of the world.”

Mission: CTAHR International Programs will facilitate/enable innovative international research, teaching, and student learning and will support innovative exchange and learning between CTAHR and global partners (educators, civil society organizations, practitioners, and researchers) to enhance the sustainability of tropical food and living systems.

Strategies for accomplishing the CTAHR International Programs vision:

1. Enrich CTAHR undergraduate/graduate students’ international experience and learning, helping them to become globally competitive professionals and serve society.
2. Enable CTAHR faculty scholarship in international research, teaching, and service.
3. Serve overseas stakeholders and universities through collaboration and exchange as part of the college’s land-grant mission.

A. Undergraduate students

Goal	Strategies
Develop 2- to 3-week-long study-abroad programs for global competence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty incentives for developing study-abroad programs such as partial faculty summer salary/travel grant • Develop grant proposals for funding • Create endowment for scholarships
Increase international student recruitment to CTAHR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build international collaborations to increase enrollment in select programs • Incentives to departments from increased tuition fee
Set strategic goals for percent of CTAHR graduating class participating in 2- to 3-week-long global experiential learning/international experience (10% to 20%?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endow CTAHR scholarships (\$500–\$1,000) • Encourage students to apply other scholarships such as the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gilman International Scholarship ○ Adell & Hancock Scholarship ○ Bridge and Boren Scholarship ○ Gates Cambridge Scholarship ○ Rotary International Scholarship ○ Institute of International Education

B. Graduate students

Goal	Strategies
Increase amount of PhD students funded by foreign governments/foundations/World Bank Projects/USAID/Feed the Future Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Partnerships with foreign governments ● Explore other opportunities such as the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Royal Golden Jubilee PhD fellowships ○ USDA Borlaug PhD Fellows in Africa ○ Indonesia Endowment \$1.4B ○ PhD training in China and India ○ Malaysia, Kazakhstan, Iraq, Mongolia, and others
Develop 3+2 BS/MS, joint PhD programs with foreign Universities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Partner with Chinese universities ● 6 agreements have been signed with China
Develop semester-long research programs for CTAHR graduate students at International Centers of Excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Develop MOUs with universities in Australia, New Zealand, Southeast Asia, Japan, Korea, and others ● Develop MOUs with CGIAR Centers ● Develop graduate fellowship opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fulbright Fellowships ○ Nancy Petry Scholarships ○ Hubert Hamphery Fellowships ○ Germany, Japan, Australia, and others
Increase short-term foreign scholars in CTAHR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● USDA-FAS Borlaug Fellows ● USDA-FAS Cochran Fellows ● Chinese, Japanese, Indonesian, Thai, and Malaysian universities

C. Faculty

Goal	Strategies
Excellence in teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Offer faculty recognition for international teaching for tenure and promotion, awards ● Summer teaching opportunities for faculty in China, India, Malaysia, Vietnam, and other countries ● Sign MOUs with overseas universities to help faculty find summer teaching

<p>Excellence in research through international grants and graduate student mentoring</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer faculty recognition for international research for tenure and promotion, awards • Identify US research grant opportunities • Facilitate/develop teams to compete for larger grants • Identify international sources of funding, foreign governments (China) • Identify adjunct faculty from overseas to serve on MS/PhD committees • Encourage overseas sabbatical leaves
<p>Excellence in faculty service</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage faculty to serve as consultants to UN, FAO, World Bank, ADB, USAID Farmer-to-Farmer programs, etc. • Nominate faculty to serve on international advisory boards.

D. Stakeholders

<p style="text-align: center;">Goal</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Strategies</p>
<p>Connect local agro-businesses with overseas partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involve local businesses in international projects
<p>Help state/governor for globalization efforts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Become part of governor's team for overseas missions • Identify opportunities for the state
<p>Serve global society as part of land-grant mission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilize engagement, trust, service, and partnerships in solving problems