



SABARAGAMUWA UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

Policy Title –POLICY ON INTERNATIONALIZATION, SUSL

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Approving Authority – The Council, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka

Administrative Responsibility – The Senate, the Council

1. Overview

Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka (SUSL), as it in the Mission, Vision Statement and also reflect by the university graduate profile, commits itself to internationalization. The SUSL always encourage to have international connectivity for enriching the university towards quality teaching and engaging in novel research. It is important to sense the global context in higher education and research for a better outcome by means of global networking and participating internationally collaborative research. The university strongly believes that the fusion of the internationalization to the existing system will ensure the best standard.

2. Purpose

The main purpose of this policy is to increase the visibility of the university at national, regional & global level, enhancing the quality of education creating students for the global requirements, to build capacity innovative research, to expose with the best practices of international institutes and to give international exposure to internal stake holders.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all academic staff, students and both national and international stakeholders.

4. Legislative context

University Act No 16 of 1978 with all the amendments up-to-date (Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 (ugc.ac.lk))

5. Definitions

SUSL	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka
University	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka
“internationalization at home”	Intentional integration of international and intercultural dimensions into the formal and informal curriculum for all students, within domestic learning environments
“internationalization of the curriculum”	is the incorporation of intercultural, international and/or global dimensions into the content of the curriculum as well as into the learning outcomes, assessment tasks, teaching methods and support services of a programme of study.

6. Policy Statement

1. Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka (SUSL) recognized internationalization as an important aspect in quality enhancement.
2. Internationalization at SUSL shall align with the policies, strategies and laws at national level.
3. Internationalization should be aligned with SUSL policies.
4. Internationalization activities of SUSL should align with the SUSL strategic management plan.
5. This policy sets out to provide legitimacy for, and guidance on, activities related to internationalization in SUSL.
6. The University shall establish a unit/ center / division for the international relation headed by a Director appointed by the Vice Chancellor, SUSL.
7. This unit / center / division should develop a mechanism to promote internationalization related activities at the university connecting staff members in

all Faculties and Postgraduate Institute with the international groups / universities /agencies

8. All the international activities done at the University should be reported to the office of international relation and the international office should maintain all the records of internationalization.
9. SUSL academics shall identify institutions of world leadership and excellence in different fields. Engagement with these institutions, regardless of geographical location will primarily be determined by the potential for academic excellence.
10. Considering the research programmes, the university shall make every effort to facilitate international links and to provide staff with the opportunity to visit foreign countries and work with international collaborators.
11. SUSL encourages bilateral or multilateral agreements with institutions outside the country / in collaborations with Sri Lankan higher educational institutes.
12. When the university enters to the agreements/MoUs while focusing on academic excellence it shall consider the limited financial, physical and human resources available at the university.
13. Activities related to the internationalization of higher education must be of mutual benefit to both the parties (SUSL and the collaborator).
14. SUSL shall ensure that internal students benefit from the presence of International students and encourages “internationalization at home” activities. The benefits of the internationalization of the University should reach the public of the country directly or indirectly.
15. University shall decide on cooperative teaching and research agreements, staff and student mobility, and international considering the maintenance of academic excellence.
16. International relation division should serve as a contact point and support for international students, staff and visitors.
17. International relation office should maintain a web page within the University web site and should maintain up to date information on internationalization.

18. By internationalization, SUSL should encourage innovative and internationalized curriculum.
19. SUSL shall take necessary measures to develop credit transfer system with the international collaborative institute.
20. This policy should be reviewed and amend in accordance with the Policy on formulating and regulating policies of SUSL (Policy / SUSL / Gov & Mgmt / 14).

Supporting Documents:

Responsibility:

Director, International relations, SUSL and the Vice Chancellor

Promulgation:

- I. This will be available in University Web (On Quality Assurance web page) and on the policy repository, SUSL

Implementation

Director, International relations

**Centre for Quality Assurance,
Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka,
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*****This has been approved at the 275th Senate held on 11.07.2023 and at the 299th Council held on 28.08.2023***