Brock in the World

People – faculty members, researchers, graduate and undergraduate students – are the foundation for innovation in Canada and internationally. Leading-edge technologies and state-of-the-art research facilities allow creative people to seek new ways of responding to thought-provoking challenges on the way in which our natural and social worlds function and creating innovative solutions. By investing in people and their ideas, Brock University attracts outstanding scientists and scholars and encourages academic and research exchanges amongst scholars, scientists and students from around the world.

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Summary of Agreements

Brock University has more than 50 international agreements in 30 countries around the world. Among these are a number of collaborative arrangements with high-quality institutions including:

Argentina
The National University of Rosario
Australia
Griffith University
University of Canberra
Curtin University of Technology
Austria
IMC FH Krems University of Applied Sciences
Belgium
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
China
City University of Hong Kong
Shanghai University – College of International Business Administration
Wuhan University
Cuba
University of Havana
Denmark
Copenhagen Business School
France
Burgundy School of Business
Insititut de Formation Internationale
Groupe Esc Rouen
Université Paris IX Dauphine
Germany
Ontario-Baden-Württemberg
Philipps-Universitat Marburg
Ghana
University of Ghana
Guernsey (Isle of UK)
The States of Guernsey
Honduras
The National University of Honduras
Italy
Università degli Studi di Udine
Japan
Hokkai-Gakuen Educational Consortium
Korea
Seowon University
Yonsei University (Seoul)
Martinique
Université des Antilles et de la Guyane
Mexico
ITESM- Campus Sonora Norte
New Zealand
University of Otago
Netherlands
Universiteit Maastricht
North America
Consortium of Mexican, American and Canadian Universities (CONAHEC)
Poland
Leon Kozminski Academy of Entrepreneurship and Management
South Africa
North-West University
University of Johannesburg
University of Pretoria
Sweden
Halmstad University – School of Business
& Engineering
Karlstad University
Växjö University
Thailand
Burapha University
Mae Fah Luang University
Srinakharinwirot University
Turkey
Istanbul Bilgi University
United Kingdom (England)
Keele University
Leeds Metropolitan University
University of Surrey – School of Management
United Kingdom (Scotland)
Glasgow Caledonian University
United Kingdom (Wales)
University of Wales, Swansea
United States
George Washington University (Washington, DC)
University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Brock International – Visiting International Professor & Visiting International Scholar Programs

Brock International provides a focus for our institutional commitment to internationalization. The office is responsible for a number of institution-wide initiatives, including international protocol, receiving international visitors and delegations to the University, international faculty matters, administering important funds such as the International Course Support Fund, the International Initiatives Fund, the Joint International Project Development Fund, and management of the Visiting International Professor and Scholar programs.

The Visiting International Professor and Scholar programs allow visiting faculty from academic institutions in other nations to visit Brock for an extended period, usually up to one year, teaching a course in their area of expertise or collaborating with Brock faculty in a wide range of research and scholarly activities.

More than 100 scholars have participated in our VIP/VIS/UM programs from 2000 to 2006, from countries all over the world.

Faculty Experience and Expertise

Some of the many researchers at Brock doing research abroad include:

- In Business

Dr. Paul Scarbrough, Associate Professor of Accounting, has conducted research at various institutions in Japan, including Waseda University. His collaborative

research with a prominent Accounting professor in Japan, Dr. M. Sakurai, has resulted in the production of two management accounting books. Dr. Scarbrough's current research in Japan looks at the effects of corporate reputation failures on corporate success.

- In Chemistry

Dr. Melanie Pilkington, Associate Professor of Chemistry, winner of the Tier II Canada Research Chair at Brock University, has developed much successful collaboration with researchers from well-known universities across Europe, including the University of Berne in Switzerland, the University of Valencia in Spain, and the universities of Cambridge and Nottingham Trent in the United Kingdom. Dr. Pilkington also actively participates each year in many workshops and scientific discussions within the European community.

- In Continuing Teacher Education

Dr. Don Dworet, Associate Professor of Education and Director of Centre for Continuing Teacher Education, developed an international ESL course to provide certified teachers with an intensive, hands-on PD experience and an ESL qualification to broaden their teaching opportunities at home and abroad. This special course starts at the Hamilton campus of Brock University and finishes in China. Every year, more than 30 students participate in the program and teach in various schools in local schools in three provinces in China.

- In Earth Sciences

Dr. Wayne Jolly, Professor of Earth Sciences, conducts research on volcanology, geochemical diversity and arc tectonics in a number of locations in the Northeast Caribbean

- In Education

Dr. Susan Drake, Professor of Education, was involved in a collaborative project in Thailand to provide educational opportunities for young women to learn skills that would make them more employable. Dr. Drake conducted workshops on interdisciplinary curriculum with educators in Thailand and wrote a book published by the Thai Ministry of Education. About 48,000 copies of this book have been distributed to schools and libraries across Thailand.

- In English Language and Literature

Dr. Susan Spearey, Associate Professor and Graduate Officer, received the Chancellor's Chair for Teaching Excellence 2005-2008. Dr. Spearey's research examines the specific challenges to emancipatory trajectories that have been leveled in a range of poems, plays, short fictions, novels and essays that explore South Africa's transition from white minority rule to liberal democracy.

- In Geography

Dr. David Butz, Professor of Geography, works on research in the areas of social and cultural geography, qualitative research design, geographies of everyday resistance, community level social organization in northern Pakistan and transport labour in the Karakoram/Hindu-Kush/Himalaya. Dr. Butz has also been involved with the community of Shimshal in northern Pakistan, in its attempts to sustain itself as an autonomous agricultural and herding village during a period of increasing adventure tourism, and intervention into community affairs by government and international environmental and development organizations.

- In Sport Management

Dr. Joanne MacLean, Associate Professor of Sport Management, has participated in three World University Games: as a coach (Fukuoka, Japan 1995), Assistant Chef de Mission (Palma de Mallorca, Spain, 1999), and most recently as Canada's Chef de Mission for the 2003 FISU Summer Games in Daegu, Korea. Dr. MacLean's research program has involved collaborations and papers presented in the UK at the European Association for Sport Management in Newcastle, in South Africa with colleagues at Vaal University of Technology, and in Tokyo at the Japanese Society for Sport Methodology.

- In Women's Studies

Ana Isla, Assistant Professor in the Centre for Women's Studies and the Department of Sociology at Brock University, has received a $60,000 (U.S.) grant from the U.S. Gift Economy Institute, Rachael and Ben Vaughan Foundation. Dr. Isla's research project, entitled "The Subsistence Perspective in the Rainforest of Peru," examines a Peruvian rainforest society where women's work is highly valued as a result of the regional gift economy system.

Student Experience and Expertise

- Promoting Good Governance in Developing Countries

Five Brock students took part in international internships in Argentina, Azerbaijan, South Africa, and Azerbaijan through the new Students for Development Program (SDP) and co-ordinated by Brock International. SDP is funded by the Government of Canada through the Canadian International Development Agency.

Training and Development Programs

- Physical Education

Since 2005, Applied Health Sciences Dean John Corlett and Professor James Mandigo have been collaborating with the Ministry of Education and Pedagogica University in El Salvador to develop a national child development strategy with Physical Education as a central contributor. Part of the curriculum development has been training teachers to become health and physical education experts. In addition, Dr. Mandigo has been developing a partnership with community-based organizations in the British Virgin Islands and Antigua, in collaboration with a University of Toronto colleague, to bring undergraduate students to these two locations as part of a new field course at Brock, "Health and Physical Education around the World." Ten Brock students participated in this new course in spring 2006. Professors have been successful in obtaining funding for these activities from Canadian organizations, such as the International Research Development Centre and Scotiabank, and also from partner country agencies.

Solidarity Experience Abroad

Through the "Solidarity in Action" program, Brock faculty and students are actively engaged in social justice, academics, spirituality, and community development projects in South America. In 2006, participants have visited and volunteered in Brazil, Ecuador, and Peru. In 2007, students will visit and work in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, and Namibia.

International Academic Programs

Several Faculties at Brock offer specialized international programs, including:

Faculty of Business
International Master of Accountacy
Master of Business Administration (International Student Program)

Faculty of Education
Master of Education (International Student Program)

Faculty of Humanities
Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics/TESL

Faculty of Mathematics and Science
Master of Science in Biotechnology (International Cohort)

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