











OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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# Message from the Director



**Dr. Furrukh Khan**Director -Office of
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It is a great honor to have been entrusted to lead the Office of International Affairs at LUMS. Pakistan stands at the cusp of attaining its rightful place as a major economic, political, and social gateway for East, Central, and South Asia as well as the world. It is the perfect time to re-narrativize the crucial role that Pakistan and LUMS can play to let others benefit from the interaction that offers opening up of hitherto closed academic and institutional avenues. Right now is the time for coming together of people and minds to confront and overcome myriad challenges facing our world. It is only through interaction and collaboration that communities and nations overcome what, at first glance, might appear to be insurmountable obstacles.

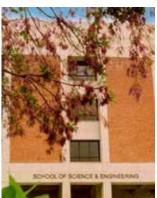
To the faculty and students at LUMS, I want to assure you that OIA wants to be your willing partner in assisting your search to find new areas and institutions for study, research, and collaboration. In addition to already tested possibilities, which should be strengthened, OIA is ready to explore new pathways for you to exceed and not merely realize your true potential.

To the incoming scholars and students, the message is simple and comes from the core of my being, as I, along with the Office of International Affairs are ready to welcome you with open arms. Do come to us with your innovative, daring, and unique ideas, and be amazed by the overwhelming support, cooperation, and generosity that you will find in OAI, LUMS, Lahore, and Pakistan. Come to LUMS to learn about education not merely confined to the classroom, learn about yourself, learn how to unleash your potential, learn to become a person who not changes him/herself but the whole society for the better.

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## OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Office of International Affairs (OIA)'s mission is to give strategic and operational direction to LUMS' continuing internationalization. It is responsible for coordinating, developing, and expanding the scope of the university's global footprint and international initiatives. The Office acts as a liaison between internal and international entities, facilitates international collaboration in line with global standards, and serves as the source of international opportunities, information and resources.

It is vital for institutions in today's world to maintain a committed, meaningful interaction with the world as a whole. Through greater global engagement the OIA aims work towards visibility and impact of LUMS around the world.

We are currently managing 50+ exchange partners with the number of our partner universities growing extensively. Through these programs' students from our Partner Universities as well as LUMS can attend exchange programs and study for a semester or the summer at the host institution, sometimes on partially or fully funded scholarships.







### **Eligibility Criteria**

Students must have proficiency in English.
Student must have successfully completed at least one year of education with good academic standing within a relevant field of study at their home institution.

Exchange partners nominate their selected students via email. All nominated students will receive an acceptance email/letter with the application instructions and practical information about the exchange program at LUMS. Students may complete the application form and send it back via email and courier along with the required documents as follows:

#### **Application Checklist**

LUMS Student Application form HEC – Pakistan Student Information Sheet Visa Form\* Transcript of Records

Certification of Provisional Grade Point Average

Certificate Proficiency in English

Nomination/Recommendation Letter from the home university

Passport Size Photographs (3 Copies)

Scanned Copy of Passport Visa Documents\*

\*The OIA team will help with the required documents & forms.

#### **Important Dates**

Nomination Deadlines Semester Starts Semester Ends Spring 2022 20th October 2021 TBD TBD



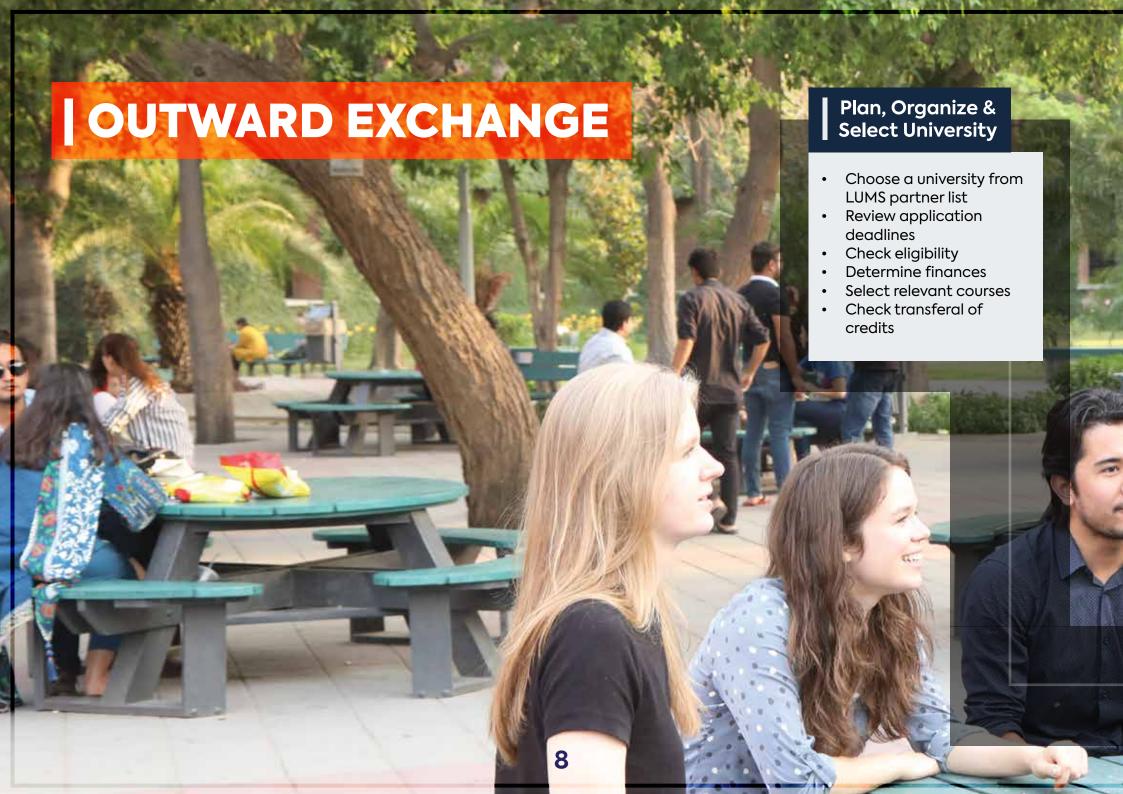
# LUMS INBOUND EXCHANGE 2020

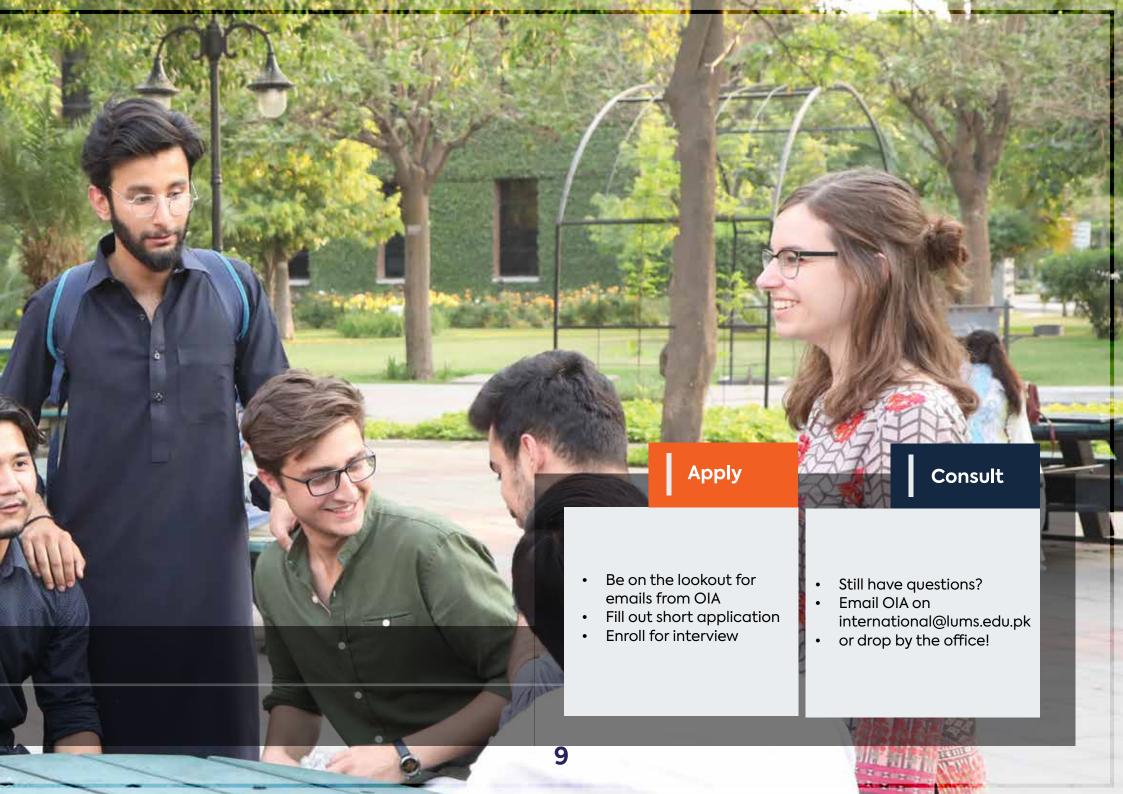


"Ich habe zwei Auslandssemester an der Lahore University of Management Sciences verbracht. Die Institution bietet zahlreiche Kurse der unterschiedlichsten Fachrichtungen an, die hohen Standards gerecht werden. Als Internationaler Student habe ich mich auf dem Campus sehr wohl gefühlt. Das große Angebot an sportlichen und anderen Freizeittätigkeiten sorgt für den nötigen Ausgleich zum Studierendenalltag. Insgesamt hatte ich dank LUMS eine tolle Zeit in Pakistan."

"I spent two semesters abroad at the Lahore University of Management Sciences. The institution offers a wide range of courses in a variety of disciplines, all of which meet high standards. As an international student I felt very comfortable on campus. The large choice of sports and other 1 eisure activities provides the necessary balance to the student's everyday life. All in all, I had a great time in Pakistan, thanks to LUMS."

Simon Meyer, University of Passau, Germany





01 How would you describe your academic experience?

"Each class that I was a part of had a very diverse group of students, comprising of both international students and exchange students. Also, I studied from not only Turkish teachers, but also Italian and American teachers. Even though my exchange semester was cut short, but even in that period of two months, all my instructors knew me by name. I feel that this was a conscious attempt to monitor individual progress and keep every student motivated and engaged."

**O2** How would you describe your cultural experience on exchange?

"The key takeaway from my cultural experience during this exchange semester would be to 'Think smart, be kind'. Cultural experience is always dialogical; you are not only absorbing in a new culture but also diffusing out a taste of your own culture for others. My cultural experience was certainly very enriching; I was able to learn of the value that Turkish culture attaches to hospitality, politeness, and family; and about the Turks' appreciation of traditional food and folk music, despite modernization. I did find it challenging but I was able to understand the individualistic aspect of their culture very early on and thus tailor my expectations and behavior accordingly."

Has your exchange experience helped you gain an appreciation for how the world is interconnected on all levels (environmental, socio-cultural, and geopolitical)?

"I went to Istanbul expecting to immerse myself in the Turkish culture but what awaited me was far more phenomenal- an experience of 'world culture'. Firstly, I learnt to appreciate how our globalized world is connected by an intricate network of supply chains. Secondly, I observed how geopolitical issues unite groups dispersed around the globe. One of the closest friends I made on exchange was a Jordanian, whose family had migrated from Palestine many years ago. Thirdly, I realized how the environment connects and impacts the entire world. This realization would not have come from a regular semester."

Has your exchange experience helped you gain an ability to communicate effectively within and among diverse cultural groups?

"Exchange has improved my inter-cultural communication skills greatly. It taught me to always ask instead of assuming because there is individuality and diversity even within a single cultural group. So, it is better to avoid stereotypes and rather make keen observations."



### Areej Irfan, LUMS

Attended Spring 2020 semester at Koc University, Turkey

# "Let's hear it from the students!"

"One of the best decisions that I ever made in my life was to apply to the Ernst Mach Grant. My semester abroad was a dream come to true and these last 4 months have been nothing short of magical. I have grown so much as a student and as a person due to this exchange. Studying in an international classroom broadens your perspective as you discuss ideas with people from different cultural backgrounds. There is a lot more creativity involved. I got to befriend people from different countries, learn a bit of their language and taste a bit of their culture (we had many one dish parties:p).

The highlight for me were the many museums we visited- Freud's house and the national Library of Austria which is an artistic masterpiece especially if you are a bookworm like me. But my major takeaway from this exchange was that it made me so much more confident, independent and aware. Looking forward, this exchange has motivated me to apply to foreign universities for master studies and explore other cultures."

Ushna Khan, LUMS

"Before coming to LUMS I had one dream on the top of my checklist and it was to go on an exchange semester before I graduate. Little did I know that through Ernst Mach Grant exchange program I will be able to turn it into a reality. My semester exchange at FH Joanneum, Austria was one of the finest experiences of my life. While I travelled and met people from all across the globe, I also got a chance to experience their cultures, languages, and lifestyles.

To top that all my professors were international as well who were teaching across the world. Somewhere between attending exciting German classes, rigorous business courses and living independently, I transformed into a more confident individual. Also, travelling during the pandemic was not easy, however, with self-confidence I managed to overcome all the challenges. All in all, it has been an extremely rewarding experience and I would definitely recommend all the students to take an exchange semester abroad"

Maheen Salman, LUMS

FH Joanneum University of Applied Sciences, Austria – Ernst Mach Grant Fall 2020



## **IMPORTANT NEWS**

### Erasmus+ Program

The Erasmus + is a prestigious European Union funding program. LUMS for the first time, is participating in two such programs. OIA is in talks with Koc University, Istanbul and Cardiff University, UK about Erasmus+ agreements. MOU has been signed with Koc University and it concerns a fully-funded reciprocal exchange of staff, students, faculty to and from Koc. For Cardiff's Erasmus + funding and training the Centre for Internationalization at LUMS will be inaugurated soon. This is a project which is co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union as part of its Key Action 2 (Building Internationalization in Pakistan).



# INTERNATIONAL CENTRE AT LUMS







### Erasmus+ B-International Project

B-International is a capacity-building project under the Erasmus+ banner, based on multilateral partnerships, between LUMS and eligible Partner Countries in the EU, funded through the financial instruments of the European Union.

The aim of this project is to:

- Modernise, internationalise and increase access to higher education.
- Address the challenges facing their higher education institutions and systems.
- · Increase cooperation with the EU.
- Promote people to people contacts, intercultural awareness, and understanding.
- Strengthen the capacity of management, governance, and innovation, as well as internationalisation.
- Foster regional integration and cooperation across different regions of the world.

Hence as a part of this project, an International Centre is also being established at LUMS to further the goals and aims of the overall project.

The International centre, once ready, will:

- Provide a dedicated resource for students and members of the international virtual community. They will be equipped with the latest smartboards for interactive and collaborative learning experiences: 25 laptops for member use and a laptop for training facilitators and guest speakers.
- House equipment which will be supported by software that will enable virtual connections including, SmartNotebook and Panopto. The centres will also be equipped with virtual reality technology to enable virtual exchange and experiences of environments around the world. The technology will also allow students to film their own local learning environments to be shared with their peers around the world.
- Form a hub for activities, and, through effective promotion, will be known to all students as the place to go to connect with peers nationally and internationally, as well as providing resources and skills development.

### BENEFITS OF STUDENT EXCHANGE

Student exchange offers broad based benefits and outcomes for students keen to embark on this international adventure

Most of these are intertwined and come together to constitute the overarching exchange experience.

#### **Educational**

to others

> International learning and knowledge propels students towards acceptance and understanding of an array of different cultural and community perspectives.

> Language acquisition is achieved through

practical immersion. > Awareness and adoption of alternative, multi-

faceted approaches to learning. > Analytical and problem solving skills.

> Enhanced interest in global issues as well as a broader general knowledge.

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> Students who go on to tertiary studies find themselves

more comfortable in 'foreign' environments.
> Increased pressure to communicate and relate

develops an awareness of group dynamics and personal sensitivity towards others.

> Successful program completion represents an excellent measure of personal flexibility, encompassing an ability to reach compromise, focus and succeed through challenging times.

#### **Personal**

> Self-development and awareness leading to enhanced self-confidence and self-esteem. This is often the most noticeable change in returned exchange students.

> Maturity and social poise, fuelled by the necessity to confront challenges outside a familiar support network and comfort zone.

> Integration into another family as well as the development of life-long friendships, fostering an appreciation of home and family.

> A tremendous sense of accomplishment upon completion

encourages students to develop independent opinions, make

informed decisions and strive to attain fresh goals.

#### **Professional**

> When you finish your study abroad program and return home,

you will return with a new perspective on culture, language skills, a great education, and a willingness to arn

> Many students find that they love their host country so much that they decide to seek work there. If you can relate, you will find that a local education will be very valuable when searching for a potential job in that country.

> Prospective employers in almost every field look favourably upon experience gained while living overseas and knowledge obtained of another language and culture.







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International **Exchange Partners** 

Suleman Dawood School of Business is the first AACSB International accredited business school in Pakistan

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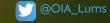
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