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# GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

## THE UNC

YOUR GATEWAY TO THE WORLD



International at UNC stands for:

- More than 40 cooperation agreements with French and international university partners
- Global scientific partnerships
- Dedicated financial and administrative support to student mobility



# GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

## UNC ATTRACTIVENESS: A YOUNG BUT HIGHLY EXPERIENCED UNIVERSITY

Operating since 1988 only, as one of the two autonomous French Universities in the Pacific region, the UNC is today a highly experienced university.

The UNC encompasses 7 research labs from STEM, environmental science to humanities and social sciences, state of the art research infrastructure and facilities, a consistent training offer of 40 higher education degrees (Bachelor and Masters), as well as a joint PhD school with the University of French Polynesia, enrolling 100 PhD students and complying with the European doctoral training standards.

The UNC also offers a remarkable green and connected campus in Noumea with on-site accommodation dedicated to foreign students and fellows, as well as a brand new campus in Baco (situated in Kone), intense cultural activity connecting academia to the civil society, a lively dynamics of industry and societal engagement, as well as a multiform support to student entrepreneurship.

The UNC has now become an attractive university destination, contributing to the promotion of the French language in the Pacific region but also opening up to bilingual teaching at Master and PhD levels. It offers students and academics an exceptional geo-biodiversity site, unique and innovative institutional settings, as well as lively Oceanian culture and languages.

Finally yet importantly, the UNC closely operates through the CRESICA Consortium with French research institutes based in New Caledonia, such as IRD, IFREMER, CNRS, the Pasteur Institute and the Caledonian Agronomic Research Institute (IAC), laying down the fundamental bases for training and research.

## KEY FIGURES – GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT IN A NUTSHELL

- 39 UNC international cooperation agreements
- ERAMUS + accreditation since 2014
- Key UNC international partners in :
  - Europe (mainly Luxemburg, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Germany)
  - Oceania :
    - > Australia (i.e JCU, Griffith, U Wollongong, U Sydney, RMIT, Monash)
    - > New Zealand (Victoria, University of Auckland, University of technology Auckland)
    - > Fiji (USP)
  - Indonesia (Gadjah Mada)
  - Chile (University of Los Lagos)
  - Prospects of cooperation with Japan (University of the Ruykyus, Okinawa; University of Osaka), South Korea (Woosuk University), and Taiwan (Da-Yeh University)
- Coordination of the H2020 FALAH research consortium of 14 universities on family farming, health and lifestyle (Australia, Fiji, Germany, Salomon Islands, Vanuatu)
- Co-chairing with USP of the PIURN secretariat (Pacific Islands Universities research network)

## INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

The UNC currently has 39 international partnership agreements, including 9 framework cooperation agreements and 30 student exchange agreements. The UNC's historic cooperation partnerships are with Europe and Canada, through long track records of effective reciprocal student exchanges. For over a decade, the UNC has been implementing a new global engagement strategy. The UNC aims to put in place targeted strategic partnerships with Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Island countries, taking advantage of arising new opportunities such as the New Colombo Plan and ERASMUS+ international funding. It is also important to note that the UNC has signed a limited number of partnerships in Asia (i.e Gadjah Mada in Indonesia) and Latin America (i.e Chile) and aims at critically reinforcing its links with Japan.

Among our key international partners:

- Australia: The Australian National University, James Cook University, Griffith University, The Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology RMIT, The University of Sydney, University of Wollongong,
- New Zealand: University of Auckland, Auckland University of Technology, Canterbury, Victoria University Wellington, Waikato
- The University of the South Pacific (USP) and the PIURN network
- Europe: Luxemburg , Belgium (Université Libre de Bruxelles, Namur, Liege), Italy (La Sapienza), Spain (Extremadura)...
- Canada: Laval, Moncton, UQAM, BCI Canada

## REGIONAL INTEGRATION, BACKBONE OF THE UNC INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY

Attractiveness and international cooperation are today at the core of our University's strategy to strengthen its integration in the academic networks of the Pacific Region, for the direct benefit of the territory and its youth.

The UNC, together with the University of the South Pacific (USP), has been instrumental in the inception of the Pacific Islands Universities Research Network (PIURN). Today this network includes 14 Universities of the Pacific islands states from Fiji, French Polynesia, Salomon Islands, Samoa, the National University of Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and Australia. Strategic cooperation among the members of the network has already led to joint research projects, and was critical to the award of the flagship H2020 FALAH project on family agriculture, lifestyle and health in the South Pacific, which started under UNC coordination on 1st October 2020. Moreover, the network acted as a catalyst to obtain ERASMUS+ international financial support and enhance staff and postgraduate mobility between the UNC and the USP. The next strategic step to be taken will be to ensure a greater alignment of environment and sustainable development master and doctoral programs in the region.

The UNC actively supports higher education capacity building in Vanuatu, through dedicated co-designed training programs, and provides strategic advice to the newly created National University of Vanuatu.

The UNC is also strategically reshaping its cooperation with Australia and New Zealand on Pacific related training and research initiatives.

## INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY



The development of student exchanges has been a UNC priority for a decade, and their increasing number between 2014 and 2020 demonstrates both our students' growing interest in international mobility as well as the reinforcement of the UNC's attractiveness for international students.

- 123 international students performing inbound mobility at the UNC between 2014 and 2020, two-thirds of them coming from Europe, mainly from Belgium, Czech Republic, Italy and Luxembourg. Outside of Europe, key country providers are Canada and more recently Australia, with the strategic support of the New Colombo Plan scheme.
- In the same timeframe, 114 UNC students performed an outbound international mobility, mainly outside of Europe Top destination is undoubtedly Canada. Outbound mobility to Australia and New Zealand have notably increased since 2017. 1/3 of UNC students on outbound mobility choose Europe.

UNC outbound mobility is always funded, either through ERASMUS+ or UNC scholarships, with potential top-ups by the French State for students with less financial resources.

## THE UNC LANGUAGE CENTER (CRL)

The UNC language center actively supports the implementation of the UNC international strategy, through language certifications in French and English, the organization of the yearly UNC French summer school and the co-designing and operation of academic study tours with international university partners.

- Language certifications
  - > Key certification in French is the DELF-DALF
  - > Key certifications in English are both IELTS (in partnership with the University of Auckland), CLES and Cambridge.
- UNC French Summer School

The UNC French Summer School offers a 3-week intensive French course for foreign students. It also includes a program of conferences and seminars, cultural visits and sport activities to promote the students' discovery of New Caledonia. Students from UNC partner-universities benefit from negotiated fares.

### English intensive programs in Australia or New Zealand

The UNC yearly partners with Australian or New Zealand universities to offer a 3 week-intensive English course for UNC students not enrolled in a BA of English Studies, or a 3 week-intensive Australian or New Zealand studies course for UNC students enrolled in a BA of English Studies.

### Tailor-made academic study tours

The UNC organizes tailor-made academic and cultural study tours, co-designed with partner universities for different groups of students. Traditionally, intensive French learning is at the core of the study tours' programs, but new types of programs focusing on thematic learning and/or research-oriented projects were successfully designed in 2019, underlining the exceptional flexibility of this instrument.

Through these various activities, the UNC aims to be the main regional hub for French learning in the Pacific region. The UNC is also involved in Bachelor or Masters degrees implemented in partnership with regional academic partners, such as Fiji or Vanuatu, and actively engages in the development of bilingual training in the region.



French Ambassador for Vanuatu - 2019



Ambassador for Fiji - 2019



AUF Asia Pacific Director - 2019



University of Los Lagos, Chile - 2019



Consul general of Indonesia - 2019



Delegation for the Pacific future platform - 2020