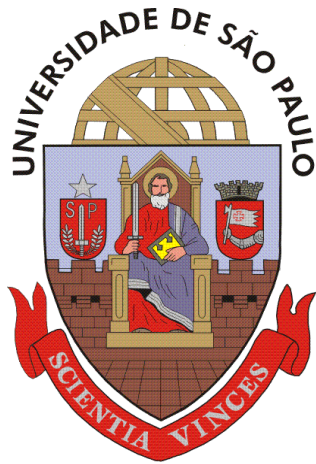


# UGPN

## University Global Partnership Network



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# Trilateral Relations: the UGPN

- Est. August 2011 as a multilateral network of ‘preferred partners’

- Core members:

Universidade de São Paulo

North Carolina State University

University of Surrey

- Additional partners and partnership relations:

Banco Santander in UK

Fapesp

Coll. of Engineering, Seoul National University

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The University Global Partnership Network (UGPN) sets out to create a foundation for international collaboration enabling academics and students from some of the world's top universities to work together on issues of global importance.

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Partners

  **North Carolina State University**  
North Carolina State University is a comprehensive research university dedicated to excellence in teaching, the creation and application of knowledge, and

Latest news

- University Global Partnership Network to be launched at the University of Surrey

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# Trilateral Relations: the UGPN

## Differentiation:

- Global in reach, depth in impact (limited number)
- Non-orthodox partners (no regional imbalances)
- Multilateralism (academic, government, private and public actors)
- Holism (student mobility, regulatory convergence, research mobility, intercultural training, enterprise and innovation)

# Trilateral Relations: the UGPN

The programme of work:

- UGPN Research Fellowships (post-pump-priming)
- UGPN Interdisciplinary Doctoral Seminars
- UGPN summer schools
- Student and faculty mobility
- Credit transfer -> regulatory convergence
- Fund-raising

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The programme of work:

- UGPN professional placements (e.g. Global Training Initiative at NCSU)
- Embedding linguistic expertise (e.g. on-line Portuguese at USP)
- UGPN research seminars, e.g.

Initial research areas

water

political intervention

innovation

governance

zoonotic disease

climate change: science and policy

entrepreneurship

nutrition

# Trilateral Relations: the UGPN today

The programme concept:

- The main idea is to work in a “preferred partners mode” with Universities that are “comprehensive”, of similar dimensions, ideally in the same ranking levels and that are willing to invest TIME, FUNDS and put their TALENTS in a concentrated manner with the selected partners. Concentration of efforts is the key characteristic.

Actions 1:

- The first steps were given during about 18 months with more than 60 visits of faculty members to the other to-be-partners and detailed discussions on what would be the commitments, either in funds and in human capital.
- Laboratories and installations were visited so as to learn about complementarities of resources.
- Symposia on several knowledge areas were programmed and realized in the three partners locations.

# Trilateral Relations: the UGPN today

## Actions 2:

- **RESEARCH:** University of São Paulo, University of Surrey and North Carolina State University are RESEARCH ORIENTED UNIVERSITIES, which is a common ground. One of the most important aspect of UGPN is to develop “joint research” activities. To pursue this objective, UGPN meeting of the first half of 2012 is putting together, in an event circa 120 researchers in three of the 7 campuses of USP. NCSU is sending a delegation of over 16 researchers and UoS a delegation of more than 25 researchers. The simple idea is to develop personal academic partnership involving researchers with similar academic interests.
- **FUNDING:** As all universities, UGPN partners rely on external funding for research activities, but not only. FAPESP/UoS agreement and another one to be developed between PAPER and NCSU are examples of external funding. The three partners USP, UoS and NCSU are committing fund of their own to develop researchers partnership. A call for projects submission with 18 projects is being started right now. It is expected that a minimum of 36 researchers and PhD students, minimum, will take part of this first movement.



# Trilateral Relations: the UGPN today

## Actions 3:

- **STUDENT EXCHANGE:** This will be done in undergraduate and in postgraduate levels. In undergraduate level there is the Brazilian Science Without Borders Program, which will be important. Besides this Program, USP created its own International Undergraduate Scholarship Program-IUSP, making available 1,000 scholarships for one semester abroad (and three semesters for double degree students). The distinctive factor about IUSP is that this is open for all the knowledge areas. Many of those scholarships will be directed to UGPN partners.
- **FACULTY/RESEARCHERS EXCHANGE:** The three partners committed to do as much as possible faculty and researchers exchange. In the case of USP, a Program for Visiting Professors/Researchers was created.

# Trilateral Relations: UGPN next step

UGPN MEETING IN SÃO PAULO, March-19-22, 2012

The Executive Committee meeting will be held at São Paulo University campi (three out of seven will be visited).

At the same meeting a two day workshop will put together researchers of the UGPN members.

An important delegation of 16 faculty from NCSU and 26 faculty/administrators of University of Surrey will be presenting their research activities to USP researchers and vice-versa.

Laboratories at three campi of USP will be visited.

At this time the event will be focused on Engineering, Phys/Math/Chem, Health Sciences (Human and Animal), Humanities, Sustainability and Corporate Governance. In the coming events different knowledge areas will be focused,

# THE UGPN EXPERIENCE – The future

UGPN will be enlarged, with new partners in near future. The idea remains that of inviting “comprehensive” universities of the different geographic areas of the planet. One comprehensive university from Asia, another one from Africa, perhaps one from Europe, and so one, may be invited in the near future to join UGPN.

As seen in this presentation, the idea is simple. There will be only winners, no losers in the UGPN partnership model.

# THE UGPN EXPERIENCE

Thank you for your attention !!!