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Dear University of the Arctic Membership Committee,

I am writing to express the University of Dundee's strong interest in becoming a member of the University of the Arctic (UArctic). As a triple-intensive institution committed to academic excellence, we are excited about the opportunity to collaborate with like-minded organizations in the Arctic region.

At the University of Dundee, we have a long-standing commitment to Arctic-related research and projects. Our faculty members have been involved in a variety of initiatives, such as the landslide-Tsunami project which investigates the various ways in which Arctic climate warming could potentially influence the stability of marine sediment slopes and trigger underwater landslides. We have also had the privilege of working with numerous partners who share our passion for the Arctic, including National Oceanography Centre, Imperial College London, British Geological Survey and more.

http://arp.arctic.ac.uk/projects/index.html

Our scholars who are involved in Arctic-related studies come from diverse fields such as Arctic hazards, tsunami sedimentation, Holocene sea-level change, coastal and climate change, and diatom biostratigraphy and have contributed to important research projects that have enhanced our understanding of the Arctic. We also have colleagues here who work with collaborators in Arctic countries (Norway, Finland, Sweden) on policing and security issues (https://sites.dundee.ac.uk/eyes-online-project/). We have also established affiliations with several existing UArctic member institutions, including University of St Andrew, which have strengthened our research and teaching capabilities in the region.

We firmly believe that our research and educational expertise can make significant contributions to the UArctic community. As a member, we would be committed to supporting the organisation's mission and objectives, and to working collaboratively with other members to advance knowledge and understanding of the Arctic region.

Thank you for considering our letter of intent. We look forward to the opportunity to work with the UArctic community.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Iain Gillespie
Principal and Vice-Chancellor
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2023 UARCTIC MEMBERSHIP APPLICANT - PROFILE

Applicant: University of Dundee

Country: United Kingdom

Membership Category: Non-Arctic

Membership Type: HEI

Profile Description:

On 1 August 1967, the Royal Charter was granted, and the University of Dundee was formally established. The University of Dundee is one of Scotland's leading universities, offering world-class degrees in a wide variety of subjects. The University has over 20,000 students and 3,000 staff, representing around 150 different countries across the world, making Dundee a truly global institution.

We offer undergraduate, taught postgraduate, and research courses in a wide range of subjects, with a focus on teaching traditional and professional degrees using innovative approaches. Most of our courses are led by research, with students learning from those on the cutting edge of their discipline.

We are one of the UK's top 30 universities (the Times Higher Education 2023 rankings) , ranked 242nd in the world, 29th in the UK and 4th in Scotland, and we are recognised for our high standard of learning.

The University of Dundee has been confirmed as one of the UK's leading research centres for biological sciences, according to the results of the Research Excellence Framework (REF 2021). 84 percent of our research assessed as 'world leading' or 'internationally excellent' in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2021.

We also have some of the best levels of graduate employment worldwide – in fact, we are one of the top 200 universities in the world for graduate employment rate (QS World University rankings 2022)

Strategic/Thematic Focus Areas:

Our vision

- Social purpose inspires us and drives everything we do
- We are a confident and high performing community
- Though our reach is global, we are of Dundee, and for Dundee

Triple intensity

Our vision is to be a University globally renowned for our social purpose, delivered through our intensity and excellence in research, education and engagement. We are intensive in ensuring that our excellent research has positive impact and inspires our teaching. Our intensity in our innovative educational practices creates world-ready students, imbued with the values of the

institution that helps shape them. Our engagement with a wide range of stakeholders, partners, alumni and friends is equally intensive as that network of partnerships confronts the most pressing and urgent challenges facing our society and the wider world.

Future focus

Over the next five-year period, we will continue to grow and focus on our internationally recognised excellence in life sciences, medicine and health, and art and design. We will reinvigorate and enhance our competitive strengths to confront head-on the challenges and uncertainties that society is facing and support the delivery of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Three priority academic themes will provide focus:

- Population Health and Wealth
- Climate Action and Net Zero
- Equity and Inclusion

Delivering our vision

Our academic excellence and impact will be underpinned by strong financial performance, allowing us to invest in areas of strength and champion our values.

Our overarching priorities for delivery against our institutional activities will be:

- Ensuring our Academic Excellence
- Growing our Reach, particularly in widening access, social inclusion and internationalisation
- Transforming our University to be a truly Digital Community