University of Glasgow

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To whom it may concern

I am writing to express my full support of the University of Glasgow's application to join the University of the Arctic network. I am pleased that as an institution we are seeking to join such a diverse and important network concerned with education and research in and about the North.

I was delighted to learn that Prof Outi Snellman, UArctic's Vice-President Organization, recently visited the University of Glasgow and met with our Deputy Vice-Chancellor, External Engagement, Rachel Sandison. I understand that during this meeting the many benefits of Glasgow's membership of UArctic were discussed as well as how this would complement Scotland's Arctic policy framework, Arctic Connections, which was published at the end of 2019.

The Scottish Government is seeking to increase collaboration and knowledge exchange between Scotland and Arctic countries with a view to developing joint solutions to shared challenges and collectively pursue shared ambitions. Within this context, I would like to express the University of Glasgow's interest in joining the network.

Through the University of Glasgow's strategic university partnerships, research collaborations, joint degrees, and student exchange and study abroad programmes, we are creating opportunities to share knowledge and new ways of learning. We are proud to be founding members of the university networks Universitas 21 and The Guild of European Research Intensive Universities, through which we are growing our international reputation and reach and providing a platform for engaging in new collaborations and influencing sector-wide policy. We therefore believe that we can both contribute to, and benefit from, membership of UArtic.

I hope that you will look favourably upon our application.

Yours faithfully,

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2023 UARCTIC MEMBERSHIP APPLICANT - PROFILE

Applicant: University of Glasgow

Country: United Kingdom

Membership Category: Non-Arctic

Membership Type: HEI

Profile Description:

The University of Glasgow has been changing the world since 1451. Our people have always been at the forefront of innovation and our past achievements inspire our current world changers. But changing the world is not only about making discoveries and creating new technologies. Informed leaders, creative thinkers and bold business minds have honed their skills at Glasgow. The talents of some of the UK's most influential political figures have been nurtured here. Award-winning writers have developed their craft. Human rights activists have gained their voice.

We are a place that inspires ambitious people to succeed. A place where inquiring minds can develop their ideas. A place where talented people are given the space to realise their dreams.

Most importantly, we are open to the world. Our doors are open to the brightest minds, regardless of background, who wish to study at university. We are open to collaboration and the exchange of knowledge with other universities, government and business.

The University of Glasgow is a top 100 world university, and a member of the prestigious Russell Group of research-intensive universities in the UK. We are also proud members of Universitas 21, The Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities, and CIVIS, a European University Alliance.

To continue to be a world-class and progressive university, we are dedicated to bringing inspiring people together to change the world. Our aim is not just to be the best university in the world, but to be the best university for the world.

Strategic/Thematic Focus Areas:

The range of our research is extensive, spanning many disciplines and with a focus on supporting interdisciplinarity.

Complete Research Units A-Z https://www.gla.ac.uk/research/az/

The Glasgow Research Beacons are cross-disciplinary areas of research excellence which have attracted major financial and intellectual investment. They bring together inspiring researchers from across the

University who are working with other institutions, funders, practitioners, policymakers and charities to address grand challenges that have impact on both a national and international scale.

Research Beacons:

- Precision Medicine and Chronic Diseases

- Cultural and Creative Economies

- Future Life

- One Health

- Addressing Inequalities

- The Nano and Quantum World

Our Mazumdar-Shaw Advanced Research Centre (ARC) brings more than 500 world-leading researchers from a range of disciplines together and is the creative and collaborative heart of research at the University. The £116 million building bridges boundaries between research, cross-subject collaboration and true societal impact.