



# Global Engagement Office (GEO)

RAC Forum

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# We Facilitate Global Engagement at UC Berkeley by:



- Serving as a **central hub** for global activity and resources.
- Supporting **senior administration** to advance Berkeley's international operations and strategy.
- Liaising with international partners to **facilitate engagement** with campus units.
- Hosting and connecting **international delegations** to UC Berkeley
- Ensuring the success and sustainability of **international partnerships** by advising units on best practices and guidelines.
- Bridging **international conversations** across campus.

# Resources: Partnership Agreements & Operations



- International MOUs
- Guidelines
- UCOP Int'l activities policy & complex int'l activities
- Connect prospective partners to UCB faculty and staff
- Advise units on best practices
- “Traffic control”
  - Navigating a decentralized campus & int'l landscape
  - Guiding lost students, faculty or staff to the appropriate resource
- Int'l partnership database (MOUs)



# Resources: Int'l MOUs

- Manage non - binding int'l Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
  - Diplomatic agreements
  - General statement of mutual interest to explore opportunities for collaboration
  - No binding terms or deliverables
  - International higher education & governmental organizations
  - Pave the way to future development of binding agreements
- Approved [templates](#) for general and research MOUs available on GEO website
- Faculty and Deans not authorized to sign
  - Campus vetting, legal language, export control, & tracking required

# International Engagement Policy Task Force (IEPTF):

- Convened in 2019 by VC of Research & VP of Academic Planning
- Response to increasing concerns from US gov't about the nature of U.S. universities and their engagement with international institutions and governments
- Reviewed and provided guidance on Berkeley's international policies, protocol, and strategy in three areas:
  - International Agreements & Research Funding
  - International Students, Visitors & Travelers
  - Communications

# IEPTF: Developments (GEO)

- Principles of International Engagement
  - Response to growing foreign influence concerns and growing reports of bias and discrimination
  - Conveys the importance of international engagement to UCB's academic mission and standing
  - Reinforces commitment to appropriate compliance and controls
- New Navigational tools for international agreements
  - Matrix of delegated authority
  - Central advising for int'l agreements available through GEO

# IEPTF: Other developments

- Successfully advocated for increased support for export control (!)
- Ongoing campus resources and training to interpret complex international compliance issues
- Development of common campuswide due diligence protocol for international agreements (in progress)
- New policies and guidelines for visiting researchers (in progress)
- Strengthened communication across units via the International Activities Coordination Group (IACG)
  - *UDAR, BCBP, IAO, SPO, GEO, Export Control, OLA, etc.*

# We're here to support you!

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