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Abstract

All those involved in the Internationalization in Higher Education, such as academics, researchers, and students, benefit from advantages that affect various areas, which allow educational, professional, and social interconnection. Each area focuses on the development of skills that allow training to face an increasingly globalized world.

Introduction

Crossing barriers is no longer considered only a geographical issue; the political, economic, technological, and especially educational context has managed to develop as part of an interconnected world. The internationalization of higher education is a phenomenon that encompasses various aspects of university life, and this phenomenon brings with it several advantages such as intercultural awareness, gaining international experience and the creation of international networks.

Important reasons for institutions to focus on Internationalization



Fig 1: <https://www.eaie.org/our-resources/barometer.html>

Definition

According to the words of Professor Jane Knight (1994), the process of internationalization in higher education can be more accurately defined as "the process of implementation of international components into research, educational and administrative functions of higher education". (Knight, 1994 p. 11)

Social Advantages

- ❖ Solving the problems of an increasingly interdependent world.
 - *Networking.*
- ❖ Development of adaptability, flexibility, open-mindedness to different cultures.
 - *Less racism.*
- ❖ Development of resources for the development of international activities.

Professional Advantages

- ❖ Opportunity to meet the demands of the globalized labor market.
 - *Working in international companies.*
- ❖ Learning another language to expand the Networking.
 - *English as a global language.*
- ❖ Acquisition of knowledge with an international focus to develop skills for the 21st century.
 - *Technological developments.*

Academic Advantages

- ❖ Diversification of the learning environment.
 - *Learning from other backgrounds.*
- ❖ Strengthening of scientific production.
 - *Union of knowledge in a common research project.*
- ❖ Increasing interdisciplinary cooperation in research and teaching.
 - *The Fulbright Program.*



Fig 2: <https://international.princeton.edu/international-students-scholars>

Conclusion

The internationalization of higher education brings with it a series of advantages that allow students, professionals and academics to develop knowledge and skills to face an increasingly globalized world.

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