



ARUCC Groningen Project Update

Creating a national data exchange network for Canada

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Welcome from the Project Steering Chair

As representatives of the ARUCC postsecondary membership, we are excited to move the Groningen and Student Mobility Project forward and build on the work of the first ARUCC Task Force. Keeping our membership, partners, and Association friends updated on progress to date regarding the Project represents a foundational commitment of the ARUCC Project Steering Committee. This first inaugural Project Bulletin provides an overview of accomplishments to date. The Steering Committee plans to circulate these Project Bulletins regularly in addition to providing updates through the ARUCC listserv and [website](#).

If you have a question or wish to provide expert advice, please let us know!

Sincerely,
Charmaine Hack,
Steering Group Chair and ARUCC President
Registrar, Ryerson University

Project Goals

As a signatory to the Groningen Declaration, ARUCC's Project Vision for Canada is to advance national and international student mobility through data exchange. To do this, the Steering Committee seeks to enhance Canada-wide data exchange capacity and create a national network for student data exchange. At ARUCC's behest, the ARUCC Groningen and Student Mobility Steering Group is building on the work of the first Task Force which sought to identify the current state of data exchange at Canadian postsecondary institutions and allied associations.



L-R: Steering Members at Groningen 2017 -
Andrew Arida, UBC; Charmaine Hack, Ryerson;
Romesh Vadivel, McGill

We welcome your help with ensuring student mobility by supporting creation of a national Canadian data exchange network.



Help Build Awareness: We invited you to use ARUCC's online [presentation](#) to spread the word on your campuses about Groningen, the Project, and student mobility through enhanced data exchange.

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Status Update

Currently, the Steering Group is overseeing and steering the next stage of consultation, research, and planning on behalf of ARUCC. Our immediate focus includes

- extending the collaboration through additional partnerships;
- engaging in further research; and,
- connecting with each of the provincial application and transcript exchange service associations and to other third-party exchange partners and vendors around the globe.

To capture their expertise and insights, the Steering Group recently launched a [Research Information Request](#). Over the summer months, we intend to review the responses and continue this research and consultation to ready for a next phase.

Helping us in this work is Joanne Duklas of Duklas Cornerstone Consulting, a higher education leader with deep and broad expertise in student mobility and success.



Contact Joanne directly with questions, suggestions, or to learn more about the Project.
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Partnering Towards Student Mobility

The Pan-Canadian Consortium on Admissions and Transfer ([PCCAT](#)) and the Canadian PESC User Group ([CanPESC](#)) are founding ARUCC partners for this Project. We are extremely pleased these associations and expert leaders agreed to join and support the Steering Group to build on our past collaborations. Joining ARUCC for PCCAT are Dr. Rob Fleming (top left), Executive Director and Co-Chair of the British Columbia Council on Admissions and Transfer (BCCAT) and Dr. Robert Adamoski (bottom right), Director, Research and Admissions, BCCAT. Participating for CanPESC are its two Co-Chairs, Leisa Wellsman (top right), Manager, Applicant Services, Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC), and Cathy van Soest (bottom left), Manager, EducationPlannerBC Transcript Services.



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