

Proposed membership framework for university members of the Universities Contact Group (UCG)

In the interests of fairness and inclusiveness and to maximize the reach of the UCG without losing the substantive value of accumulated experience of existing partners, the IAMLADP organization members of the Group propose periodically refreshing the university membership of the Group by issuing, every five years, a call for expressions of interest from universities in joining the Group or continuing as a member of the Group. A draft text explaining the procedure and the criteria to be applied is presented below. This would be sent to current university members and posted on the public website.

Call for Expressions of Interest

University Membership of the Universities' Contact Group of IAMLADP (<https://www.iamladp.org/>)

The **Universities' Contact Group (UCG)** acts as a liaison point for the further development of relations and co-operation between IAMLADP member organizations and training providers/universities. It is a small, dynamic group made up of an approximately equal number of representatives from IAMLADP organizations and from the universities. The UCG typically meets once a year and works year round on projects of mutual interest. The UCG is co-chaired by one representative of IAMLADP organizations and one representative of a member university.

We are seeking to renew the membership of the university constituency of the Group. The maximum number of universities represented will be 16. Membership will be for a period of 5 years, renewable. The IAMLADP organization members of the UCG will examine expressions of interest and make a proposal for membership to the Chair of the Working Group on Training who will consult the IAMLADP Executive Committee for endorsement.

In assessing expressions of interest from universities to join the UCG, the following principles will apply.

- Working with **centres of excellence**: to guarantee quality, the UCG seeks to work with universities with a proven track record in graduating language professionals of the highest caliber. Membership of one of the following networks is considered an asset: EMT, EMCI, United Nations MoU network, PAMCIT.
- **Geographical diversity**: the UCG will seek to include at least one member university from each of the following regions, based on the UN geographical groups: Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, Western Europe and Others, and Eastern Europe.
- **Linguistic diversity**: the UCG will seek to include as a minimum, for each UN official language, one university that trains language professionals to work into that language. Training of students in other languages of interest to IAMLADP member organizations, such as, but not limited to, EU official languages, will also be taken into account.
- Priority will be given to universities offering **both institutional translation and conference interpreting** programmes at post-graduate level, as well as other related programmes such as **language technologies**.

Our expectations

Ideally, universities represented in the UCG will

- train professionals who will potentially work for our organizations
- act as multipliers within their region/country/network
- offer training courses to our staff
- be willing to host events (such as "Linguists in international Organizations")
- attend one meeting per year

To express interest in becoming/remaining a member of the UCG please supply the following information, in English or in French to **Zhengren Li** (zhengrenli@outlook.com), Co -Chair, with Agnieszka Spiesberger in copy (Agnieszka.SPIESBERGER@ec.europa.eu) by **9 June 2023**.

- University name and address and name of the representative
- Link to information describing the range of relevant programmes on offer and the language combinations typically covered
- Membership of relevant network(s)
- Details about the contribution the university expects to make to the UCG and the IAMLADP community and the university's expectations about the benefits membership would bring (max 600 words).