

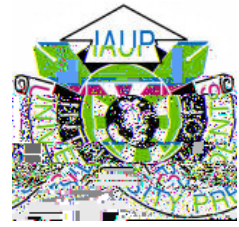


UN invites universities to sign *Academic Impact* statement

The United Nations is inviting Canadian universities to join *Academic Impact*, a global initiative that aims to align universities with the UN in support of 10 principles in areas such as human rights, global citizenship, sustainability and conflict resolution. The principles are directly related to higher education and include a commitment to freedom of inquiry, opinion and speech; educational opportunities for all people regardless of gender, race, religion or ethnicity; building capacity in higher education systems; and developing intercultural dialogue and understanding through education.

The UN is asking university presidents to sign the *Academic Impact* statement on behalf of their institutions. A number of Canadian universities have already signed, including McMaster University and Saint Paul University. The Conference of Rectors and Principals of Quebec Universities (or CREPUQ) has signed on behalf of all Quebec institutions.

Universities that sign on to the statement are asked to actively demonstrate their support by undertaking at least one new activity that addresses at least one of the 10 principles each year. Examples of such initiatives suggested by the UN include research projects, conferences, or lectures; financing of students' participation in UN activities; or fellowship-0.0002mDtorsl dnd Pgraduate ttudents -2(eo aworkwith)the UN



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