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ATTENTION: Members of Senate

FROM: Vinitha Gengatharan, SCIA Chair and Executive Lead, International Strategy

RE: Senate Committee on International Activities Annual Report 2024

DATE: May 28, 2025

Please find attached the annual report for the Senate Committee on International Activities.

Yours truly,

Vinitha Gengatharan
Chair, Senate Committee on International Activities
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SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES (SCIA)
ANNUAL REPORT TO SENATE
January – December 2024

1. Introduction

The Senate Committee on International Activities (SCIA) is a Standing Committee (Reporting Category "B") established under the terms of the University Policy on International Activities (GP 23). The terms of reference and Committee composition can be found at: http://www.sfu.ca/senate/senate-committees/scia.html. The University Policy on International Activities can be found at http://www.sfu.ca/policies/gazette/general/gp23.html

In 2024, SCIA met three times online. This Annual Report highlights the matters dealt with by the Committee over the course of the year. Senators wishing for more detailed information concerning SCIA's deliberations and/or the approved minutes of the meetings may find them at: http://www.sfu.ca/senate/senate-committees/scia.html

Senators are welcome to contact the Committee's secretary by email: scia@sfu.ca for further information.

1.1 SCIA Members

Vice-President, Research and International	Dugan O'Neil (March); Rummana Khan Hemani (August & October)
Vice-President, Academic (or designate)	Rummana Khan Hemani (March); Vacant (August & October)
Associate Vice-President, Students (or designate)	Carolyn Hanna
Executive Director, SFU International	Shaheen Nanji
Faculty Member, Applied Sciences	Bonnie Gray (March & August); Vacant (October)
Faculty Member, Arts and Social Sciences	Vacant
Faculty Member, Business Administration	Michael Favere-Marchesi
Faculty Member, Communication, Art/Technology	Elspeth Pratt
Faculty Member, Education	Nathalie Sinclair (March); Steve Marshall (August & October)
Faculty Member, Environment	Vacant
Faculty Member, Health Sciences	Vacant
Faculty Member, Science	Arne Moore (March); Vacant (August & October)
Faculty Member, Lifelong Learning	Wendy Steinberg (March); Vacant (August & October)
Dean or Associate Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (non-voting)	Mary O'Brien
Undergraduate Student (at-large)	Moksha Dilip
Graduate Student (at-large)	Vacant (March); Pok Man Tong (August & October)

Recording Secretary (non-voting)	Paula Barker (March); Jen Jackson (August & October)

1.2 2024 SCIA Meeting Dates

March 21, 2024
August 8, 2024
October 24, 2024

Current SCIA membership and meeting dates are available at:
http://www.sfu.ca/senate/senate-committees/scia.html

2. Received for Approval

2.01 Letter of Intent between SNF Centre for Hellenic Studies and Benaki Museum [August]
2.02 Collaboration Agreement between Beedie School of Business and Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore for the Merrill Family Global Campus Experience in Milan [October]
2.03 Student Mobility Agreement with Keio University [October]
2.04 Memorandum of Understanding between Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and Singapore University of Social Sciences, External Relations, Strategic Partnership and Engagement [October]
2.05 Memorandum of Understanding with Aga Khan University, Nelson Mandela African Institute of Science and Technology, Sokoine University of Agriculture, and University of Dar-es-Salaam [October]
2.06 Memorandum of Understanding between Beedie School of Business and Tohoku University Graduate School of Economics and Management [October]

3. 2023/24 Study Abroad Program Statistics – Overall Summary (Appendix A)

Enclosed is the 2023/24 Study Abroad Programs report for programs administered by International Services for Students (ISS).

Student interest in study abroad programs has remained strong and demand for in-person programs for 2023/24 has returned to the pre-pandemic levels. SFU continued to offer virtual exchange in the 2023-24 year for SFU students. However, no students opted to participate in a virtual exchange that year.

Eight Field Schools were offered in-person in Summer 2023, and one in Fall 2023. Of which, a total of eight ran. The program that did not proceed was cancelled due to an insufficient number of participants.

Reports A provides an overview of activity through the Formal Exchange Program and other study abroad programs.

Report B is a summary of virtual exchange activity.

Report C provides an overview of the Field Schools that operated in 2023. Six programs returned for Summer 2023 and there were two new in-person programs offered that year, maintaining the same high level of program offerings and student activity.

Report D shows total study abroad program activity by country. The top 5 exchange destinations for SFU students in 2023/24 were:
1. France and South Korea (tie)
2. Japan
3. England and Singapore (Tie)
4. Netherlands
5. Australia

SFU students tend to study in more diverse and "non-traditional" locations (defined by Universities Canada as locations as other than the US, UK, Australia and France).

Reports E shows outbound student activity by faculty. The faculties sending the highest number of students on study abroad programs are the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (115) and the Beedie School of Business (107).

Please contact Meagan Kube, Associate Director, International Mobility Programs: international_exchange@sfu.ca if there are any questions pertaining to the enclosed.

4. International Co-op Program (information from co-op) (Appendix B)

5. Signature

Vinitha Gengatharan
Chair, Senate Committee on International Activities

Date: Nov 10, 2025

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SCIA Report A: SFU Formal Exchange Program and Study Abroad Activity by Year 2023/24: Data View

	Formal Exchange				Study Abroad (Fee-Paying to host institution)				Inbound Special Programs		
	Outbound (from SFU)		Inbound (to SFU)		Outbound (from SFU)		Inbound (to SFU)**		Historical Beedie Programs***	Zhejiang Inbound Students (Offset for CMPT DDP)	
Year*	Term Count	Unique Student Count	Term Count	Unique Student Count	Term Count	Unique Student Count	Term Count	Unique Student Count	Term Count and Unique Student Count	Term Count	Unique Student Count
2023/24	285	263	291	245	10	10	3	3		0	0
2022/23	274	256	326	282	8	8	2	2		0	0
2021/22	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
2020/21	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0		0	0
2019/20	261	243	328	281	16	16	4	4		0	0
2018/19	306	284	265	226	8	8	10	7	27	2	1
2017/18	270	243	270	222	8	8	5	3	30	0	0
2017	277	275	268	266	8	8	6	6	30	3	3
2016	252	252	256	251			13	13	34	6	6
2015	290	289	269	266			5	5	28	8	8
2014	252		260				6		29		
2013	253		319				6				
2012	243		332				5				
2011	234		320				20		2		
Fall 2010	110		188				15		2		
2009/10	245		312				17		46		
2008/09	243		280				20		66		
2007/08	244		280				36		39		
2006/07	198		190				18		44		
2005/06	150		252						42		
2004/05		146		183							
2003/04		141		163							
2002/03		120		122							
2001/02		97		118							
2000/01		78		132							
1999/00		88		125							
1998/99		65		47							
1997/98		69		24							
1996/97		70		26							
1995/96		34		12							
1994/95		24		2							
1993/94		18		1							
1992/93		1		0							

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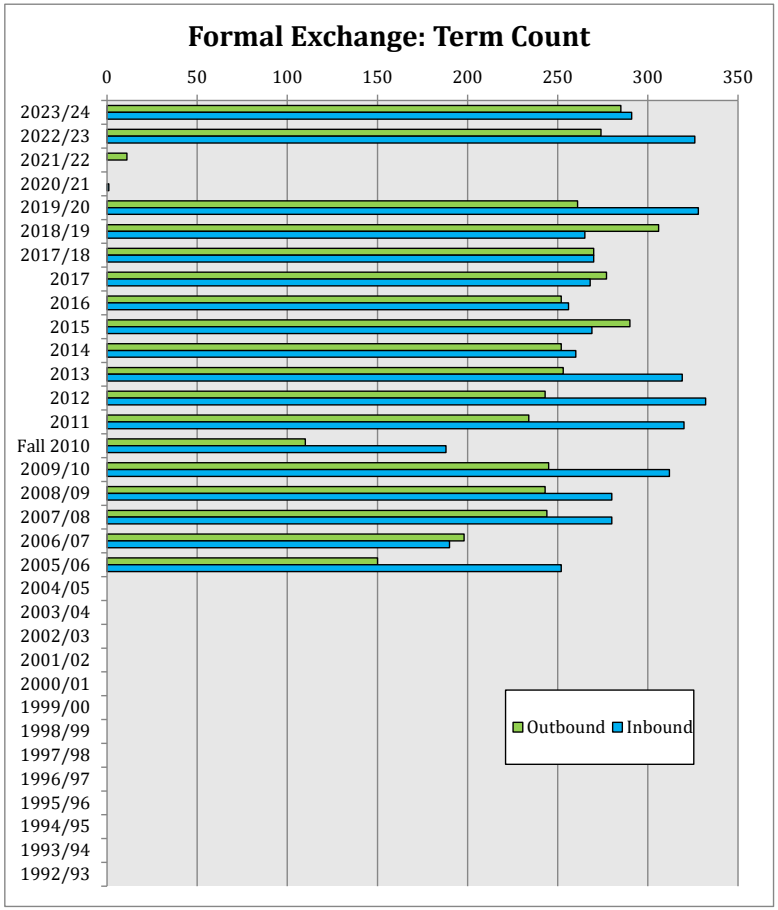
* Years 1992/93 - 2009/10 were reported by Academic Year (Fall, Spring , Summer). The Fall 2010 term was reported separately. Years 2011 to 2017 were reported by Calendar Year (Spring, Summer Fall). Years 2017/18 to present were reported by Fiscal Year (Summer, Fall, Spring) which coincides with the Exchange Program Year. As a result, the Summer 2017 and Fall 2017 terms are reported in both the 2017 Calendar Year stats and the 2017/18 Fiscal Year stats. Beginning in the 2015 calendar year, numbers are reported in terms of both unique student counts or term counts. Prior to 2015, annual numbers were reported only in one of these ways.

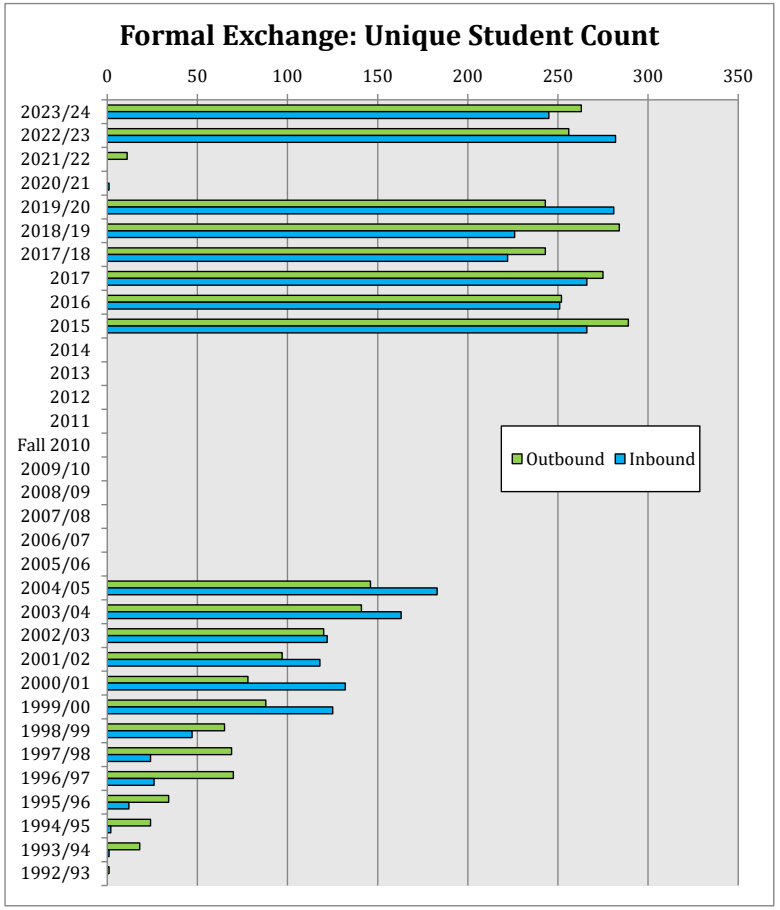
*Years 2020/21 and 2021/22 were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, which limited physical mobility due to the Global Affairs Canada Level 3 advisory and border and travel restrictions. Outbound activity was limited to students who met exemption criteria. Inbound activity resumed in Spring 2022.

**Between 2006/07 - 2011, study abroad students were in some cases admitted at the domestic tuition rate instead of international. This practice was discontinued after 2011.

***Historical Beedie Programs:
- Bocconi, Italy: 2005/06 - 2009/10
- BI Norway: 2005/06 - 2011
- Grenoble Transcontinental Business: 2014 - 2018/19

SCIA Report A: SFU Formal Exchange Program and Study Abroad Activity by Year 2023/24: Chart View





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SCIA Report B: Virtual Mobility 2023/24

Virtual exchanges use existing mechanisms and partnerships for reciprocal exchanges which enable students to attend online courses at a partner university, full-time or part-time. ISS developed a regularized outbound Virtual Exchange Program which was launched for 2021/22. As in-person activities resumed in 2022, the regularized Virtual Exchange Program was the only means for students to participate in a virtual exchange in the 2023/24 year.

Virtual Exchange – Outbound

Outbound Virtual Exchange was offered in 2023/24, however no students opted to participate in a Virtual Exchange. Fewer partners offered virtual exchange opportunities in 2023/24, it was available at:

- Deakin University, Australia
- Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador
- Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong
- University of California, Berkeley - Summer Sessions, USA

Virtual Exchange – Inbound

ISS ended virtual exchange programming as SFU shifted from primarily remote to primarily in-person course delivery.

Virtual Field Schools

Field Schools shifted back to in-person international programming as of Summer 2022. Thus, no Field Schools took place virtually.

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SCIA Report C: SFU Field Schools Statistics 2023/24

Total Programs:	**8**
Total Participants:	**124**

Program	SFU Department or Faculty	Field School Director	Term	Country	Number of times program has run (including 2023)	Number of participants	Participants: Level of Study	SFU Participants: Faculty(ies)
Berlin Contemporary Arts Field School	Contemporary Arts	Sabine Bitter	Summer 2023	Germany	6	14	Undergraduate: 12 Graduate: 2	FCAT: 14
Finland Urban Sustainability Field School	Urban Studies	Annika Airas, Meg Holden	Summer 2023	Finland	2*	11**	Undergraduate: 5 Graduate: 6 Visiting Grad: 0	FASS: 5 FENV: 4 BUS: 1 FCAT: 1
Greece Global Humanities Field School	Global Humanities	James Horncastle	Summer 2023	Greece	4	11	Undergraduate: 11	FASS: 9 FAS: 1 FHS: 1
Indonesia Environmental and Ecological Education Field School	Education	David Zandvliet	Summer 2023	Indonesia	3	6	Undergraduate: 6	FENV: 2 EDUC: 2 FENV/EDUC: 1 FASS: 1
NATO Field School and Simulation Program	Political Science	Alex Moens	Summer 2023	Belgium, Italy, Latvia	5	44***	Undergraduate: 11 Graduate: 0 Visiting Ugrad: 21 Visiting Grad: 12	FASS: 10 FCAT: 1
Scotland Cybercrime Field School	Criminology	Richard Frank	Summer 2023	Scotland	5	20	Undergraduate: 17 Graduate: 3	FASS: 15 BUS: 3 FAS: 2
Vanuatu Community Engaged Research for Social Science Field School	Psychology	Tanya Broesch	Summer 2023	Vanuatu	1	6	Undergraduate: 6	FASS: 6
Tanzania: Climate Change and Community Resilience	Education / Resource & Environmental Management	David Zandvliet	Fall 2023	Tanzania	1	12	Undergraduate: 12	FENV: 10 FASS: 1 BUS: 1

*This was the second international in-person iteration. URB ran this program virtually in 2020 and 2021.

**Originally there was a total of 12 participants, but 1 visiting graduate student withdrew prior to departure.

***Originally there was a total of 45 participants, but 1 SFU graduate student was removed after departure.

The following field school was planned but did not run:
- Prague: Central European History, Politics and Culture

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SCIA Report D: Total Exchange/Study Abroad Program Participation by Country 2023/24 (Ordered Alphabetically)

Country	Outbound Exchange Students	Outbound Study Abroad (Fee-Paying) Students	Outbound Field School Students	TOTAL Outbound Students	Inbound Exchange Students	Inbound Study Abroad (Fee-Paying) Students	TOTAL Inbound Students
Argentina				0			0
Australia	13			13	12		12
Austria	6			6	4		4
Belgium*	2		44	46	2		2
Canada	1			1	2		2
Chile				0			0
China	11			11	5		5
Czech Republic	9			9	6		6
Denmark	11			11	7		7
Ecuador	1			1	1		1
Egypt				0			0
England	21			21	10		10
Fiji	2			2	1		1
Finland			11	11	4		4
France	26			26	26		26
Germany	13		14	27	16	3	19
Ghana	1			1	1		1
Greece			11	11			0
Hong Kong	6			6	15		15
Hungary				0			0
India				0			0
Indonesia			6				
Ireland	1			1	5		5
Italy*	8		44	52	10		10
Japan	25			25	13		13
Latvia*			44	44			0
Malaysia				0			0
Mexico				0			0
Morroco				0	3		3
Netherlands	14			14	25		25
New Zealand	2			2	1		1
Norway	1			1			0
Philippines				0	1		1
Poland				0			0
Scotland	9		20	29	4		4
Singapore	21			21	21		21
South Africa				0			0
South Korea	26	5		31	14		14
Spain	12			12	14		14
Sweden	8			8	8		8
Switzerland	2			2	4		4
Taiwan	1			1	7		7
Tanzania			12	12			0
Thailand				0			0
Türkiye	1			1	2		2
United Arab Emirates	3			3			0
USA	2	5		7			0
Vanuatu			6	6			0
Wales	4			4	1		1
Grand Total	**263**	**10**	**212**	**479**	**245**	**3**	**248**

* The NATO Field School visits Belgium, Italy, and Latvia, numbers are triple-counted.

SCIA Report D: Total Exchange/Study Abroad Program Participation by Country 2023/24 (Ordered by Outbound Exchange Activity)

Country	Outbound Exchange Students	Outbound Study Abroad (Fee-Paying) Students	Outbound Field School Students	TOTAL Outbound Students	Inbound Exchange Students	Inbound Study Abroad (Fee-Paying) Students	TOTAL Inbound Students
France	26			26	26		26
South Korea	26	5		31	14		14
Japan	25			25	13		13
England	21			21	10		10
Singapore	21			21	21		21
Netherlands	14			14	25		25
Australia	13			13	12		12
Germany	13		14	27	16	3	19
Spain	12			12	14		14
China	11			11	5		5
Denmark	11			11	7		7
Czech Republic	9			9	6		6
Scotland	9		20	29	4		4
Italy*	8		44	52	10		10
Sweden	8			8	8		8
Austria	6			6	4		4
Hong Kong	6			6	15		15
Wales	4			4	1		1
United Arab Emirates	3			3			0
Belgium*	2		44	46	2		2
Fiji	2			2	1		1
New Zealand	2			2	1		1
Switzerland	2			2	4		4
USA	2	5		7			0
Canada	1			1	2		2
Ecuador	1			1	1		1
Ghana	1			1	1		1
Ireland	1			1	5		5
Norway	1			1			0
Taiwan	1			1	7		7
Türkiye	1			1	2		2
Argentina				0			0
Chile				0			0
Egypt				0			0
Finland			11	11	4		4
Greece			11	11			0
Hungary				0			0
India				0			0
Indonesia			6	6			0
Latvia*			44	44			0
Malaysia				0			0
Mexico				0			0
Morroco				0	3		3
Philippines				0	1		1
Poland				0			0
South Africa				0			0
Tanzania			12	12			0
Thailand				0			0
Vanuatu			6	6			0

* The NATO Field School visits Belgium, Italy, and Latvia, numbers are triple-counted.

SCIA Report D: Total Exchange/Study Abroad Program Participation by Country 2023/24 (Ordered by Overall Activity)

Country	Outbound Exchange Students	Outbound Study Abroad (Fee-Paying) Students	Outbound Field School Students	TOTAL Outbound Students	Inbound Exchange Students	Inbound Study Abroad (Fee-Paying) Students	TOTAL Inbound Students	OVERALL ACTIVITY
Italy*	8		44	52	10		10	62
France	26			26	26		26	52
Belgium*	2		44	46	2		2	48
Germany	13		14	27	16	3	19	46
South Korea	26	5		31	14		14	45
Latvia*			44	44			0	44
Singapore	21			21	21		21	42
Netherlands	14			14	25		25	39
Japan	25			25	13		13	38
Scotland	9		20	29	4		4	33
England	21			21	10		10	31
Spain	12			12	14		14	26
Australia	13			13	12		12	25
Hong Kong	6			6	15		15	21
Denmark	11			11	7		7	18
China	11			11	5		5	16
Sweden	8			8	8		8	16
Czech Republic	9			9	6		6	15
Finland			11	11	4		4	15
Tanzania			12	12			0	12
Greece			11	11			0	11
Austria	6			6	4		4	10
Taiwan	1			1	7		7	8
USA	2	5		7			0	7
Ireland	1			1	5		5	6
Switzerland	2			2	4		4	6
Vanuatu			6	6			0	6
Indonesia			6	6			0	6
Wales	4			4	1		1	5
Canada	1			1	2		2	3
Fiji	2			2	1		1	3
Morroco				0	3		3	3
New Zealand	2			2	1		1	3
Türkiye	1			1	2		2	3
United Arab Emirates	3			3			0	3
Ecuador	1			1	1		1	2
Ghana	1			1	1		1	2
Norway	1			1			0	1
Philippines				0	1		1	1
Argentina				0			0	0
Chile				0			0	0
Egypt				0			0	0
Hungary				0			0	0
India				0			0	0
Malaysia				0			0	0
Mexico				0			0	0
Poland				0			0	0
South Africa				0			0	0
Thailand				0			0	0

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SCIA Report E: 2023/24 Outbound Activity* by Faculty: Summary

Faculty	Exchange and Study Abroad (Full-Time)	Short-Term Summer Programs	Field School	TOTAL
APSC	17	3	3	23
ARTS	65	3	47	115
BUS	95	7	5	107
CAT	34	6	16	56
EDUC	7	0	3	10
ENV	8	0	17	25
HSCI	8	1	1	10
SCI	17	2	0	19
Visiting	N/A	N/A	33	33
TOTAL	**251**	**22**	**125****	**398**

* In cases where students have programs in more than 1 faculty, it is their primary faculty that is used for this report.
**One double minor participant is counted twice - for ENV and EDUC.

Four (4) students are double-counted in this chart
- 2 students completed 1 short-term summer program and 1 full-time exchange term
- 2 students completed two full term exchanges at two different institutions

Appendix B
International Co-op Program

Spring 2024	
Bangladesh	1
China	4
Germany	3
India	1
Netherlands	1
Qatar	1
United Kingdom	1
United States	5
Total	**17**

Summer 2024	
Bangladesh	1
Brazil	1
China	21
Germany	3
India	5
Malaysia	1
Philippines	1
United Arab Emirates	1
United States	6
Vietnam	2
Total	**42**

Fall 2024	
Austria	1
Brazil	1
China	6
Germany	2
India	6
Indonesia	2
Japan	3
Taiwan	1
United States	7
Vietnam	3
Total	**32**