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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 2025

DATE: October 5, 2026

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

Yours truly,

Vinitha Gengatharan
Chair, Senate Committee on International Activities
Executive Lead, International Strategy

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES (SCIA)
ANNUAL REPORT TO SENATE
January – December 2025

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 2025, 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

Provost and Vice-President Academic (or designate)	Vinitha Gengatharan
Vice-President, Academic (or designate)	Vacant
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Senior Director, SFU International (or designate)	Carolyn Hanna
Faculty Member, Applied Sciences	Bonnie Gray
Faculty Member, Arts and Social Sciences	Sam Black
Faculty Member, Business Administration	Michael Favere-Marchesi
Faculty Member, Communication, Art/Technology	Elspeth Pratt
Faculty Member, Education	Steve Marshall
Faculty Member, Environment	Vacant
Faculty Member, Health Sciences	Pablo Nepomnaschy
Faculty Member, Science	Vacant
Faculty Member, Lifelong Learning	Vacant
Dean or Associate Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (non-voting)	Mary O'Brien
Undergraduate Student (at-large)	Nandi Mlambo
Graduate Student (at-large)	Romman Jahandideh
Recording Secretary (non-voting)	Jen Jackson

1.2 2025 SCIA Meeting Dates

February 6, 2025
October 2, 2025
November 21, 2025

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

2. Received for Approval

2.01 Memorandum of Understanding between the Faculty of Education and the Graduate School at the Education University of Hong Kong [February]
2.02 Dual-Degree Agreement between the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and the University of Exeter Law School [February]
2.03 Field School - African Futures: Climate change, justice, and development [February]
2.04 Student Mobility Agreement with Osaka University [February]
2.05 Memorandum of Understanding with the Graduate School of the Education University of Hong Kong [Approved by e-vote in March]
2.06 Expansion of Student Mobility Agreement with Hanyang University [Approved by e-vote in June]
2.07 Expansion of Student Mobility Agreement with Sungkyunkwan University [Approved by e-vote in June]
2.08 Memorandum of Understanding between the Faculty of Applied Sciences and the College of Computer Science & Software Engineering, Shenzhen University [Approved by e-vote in July]
2.09 Merrill Family Global Campus Experience – Guangzhou [October]
2.10 MBA International Study Tour with the POLIMI Graduate School of Management [October]
2.11 Joint Supervision PhD Program Agreement between the Faculty of Applied Sciences and the College of Information Science & Technology and College of Engineering, Eastern Institute of Technology [October]
2.12 Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Innsbruck [October]

3. 2024/25 Study Abroad Program Statistics – Overall Summary (Appendix A)

Student interest in study abroad programs has remained strong throughout 2024/25, with continued demand for in-person global learning opportunities. Although SFU continued to offer virtual exchange opportunities, no students chose to participate. Virtual exchange offerings among partner institutions also remained limited, as most had redirected resources toward supporting in-person programming.

Seven Field Schools were offered in Summer 2024. Report A provides an overview of activity through the Formal Exchange Program and other study abroad programs.

Report B provides an overview of the Field Schools that operated in 2024. Seven established programs were delivered in Summer 2024, supporting continued student participation in faculty-led field school programs. Report C shows total study abroad program activity by country. The top 5 exchange destinations for SFU students in 2024/25 were:

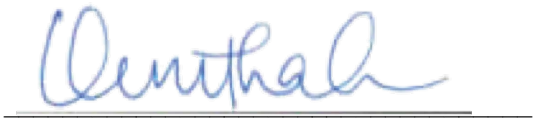
1. South Korea
2. Singapore
3. England
4. France and Netherlands (tie)
5. Japan

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 D shows outbound student activity by faculty. The faculties sending the highest number of students on study abroad programs through ISS are the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (126) and the Beedie School of Business (120).

4. International Co-op Program (Appendix B)

5. Signature



Vinitha Gengatharan, Chair
Senate Committee on International Activities

Date: 2026-10-06

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SCIA Report A: SFU Formal Exchange Program and Study Abroad Activity by Year 2024/25: 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
2024/25	296	290	218	218	6	6	2	2		0	0
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							

Notes:

* 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

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SCIA Report B: SFU Field Schools Statistics 2024/25

Total Programs: 7	**8**
Total Participants: 120	**120**

Program	SFU Department or Faculty	Field School Director	Term	Country	Number of times program has run (including 2024)	Number of participants	Participants: Level of Study	SFU Participants: Faculty(ies)
Berlin Contemporary Arts Field School	Contemporary Arts	Judy Radul	Summer 2024	Germany	7	15	Undergraduate: 15 Graduate: 0 No visiting students	14 FCAT 1 FASS
Finland Urban Sustainability Field School	Urban Studies	Annika Airas, Meg Holden	Summer 2024	Finland	3*	19	Undergraduate: 7 Graduate: 11 Visiting student: 1 (Grad)	11 FASS 5 FENV 1 FHS 1 BUS
NATO Field School and Simulation Program	Political Science	Alex Moens	Summer 2024	Belgium, Italy, Latvia	6	43**	Undergraduate: 11 Graduate: 0 Visiting Ugrad: 20 Visiting Grad: 12 Visiting Total: 32	FASS: 11
Portugal: Forensic Anthropology/Bioarchaeology Labs	Archaeology	Hugo Cardoso	Summer 2024	Portugal	3	12	Undergraduate: 11 Graduate: 1 No visiting students	6 FENV 5 FASS 1 SCI
Prague: Central European History, Politics and Culture	Humanities	Shuyu Kong	Summer 2024	Czech Republic	5	10	Undergraduate: 9 Visiting Ugrad: 1	7 FASS 1 EDUC 1 FCAT
Scotland: International Perspectives on Cybercrime	Criminology	Richard Frank	Summer 2024	Scotland	6	13	Undergraduate: 12 Graduate: 1 No visiting students	10 FASS 3 FAS
Tanzania: Climate Resilient Food Systems and Sustailable Development	Environment	Tammara Soma, Belinda Li (Field School Instructor)	Summer 2024	Tanzania	2	8	Undergraduate: 8 Graduate: 0 No visiting students	6 FENV 2 FASS

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

**Originally there was a total of 44 participants, but 1 SFU undergraduate student withdrew after deadline

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SCIA Report C: Total Exchange/Study Abroad Program Participation by Country 2024/25 (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	1	0	0	1	3	0	3
Australia	16	0	15	31	16	0	16
Austria	9	0	0	9	5	0	5
Belgium*	0	0	43	43	3	0	3
Canada	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Chile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
China	19	0	0	19	12	0	12
Czech Republic	6	0	10	16	6	0	6
Denmark	9	0	0	9	11	0	11
Ecuador	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Egypt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
England	25	0	0	25	7	0	7
Fiji	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Finland	1	0	19	20	4	0	4
France	24	0	0	24	14	0	14
Germany	6	0	0	6	6	2	8
Ghana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greece	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hong Kong	18	0	0	18	10	0	10
Hungary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
India	2	0	0	2	1	0	1
Indonesia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ireland	5	0	0	5	2	0	2
Italy*	9	0	43	52	13	0	13
Japan	23	0	0	23	10	0	10
Latvia*	0	0	43	43	0	0	0
Malaysia	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Mexico	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Morroco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Netherlands	24	0	0	24	25	0	25
New Zealand	4	0	0	4	1	0	1
Norway	2	0	0	2	2	0	2
Philippines	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Poland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portugal	0	0	12	12	0	0	0
Scotland	8	0	13	21	7	0	7
Singapore	26	0	0	26	19	0	19
South Africa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slovenia	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
South Korea	27	1	0	28	11	0	11
Spain	15	0	0	15	14	0	14
Sweden	6	0	0	6	8	0	8
Switzerland	2	0	0	2	1	0	1
Taiwan	5	0	0	5	4	0	4
Tanzania	0	0	8	8	0	0	0
Thailand	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Türkiye	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
United Arab Emirates	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
USA	2	5	0	7	0	0	0
Vanuatu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wales	2	0	0	2	1	0	1
Grand Total	**302**	**6**	**206**	**514**	**220**	**2**	**222**

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

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SCIA Report D: 2024/25 Outbound Activity* by Faculty: Summary

Faculty	Exchange and Study Abroad (Full-Time)	Short-Term Summer Programs	Field School	TOTAL
APSC	26	1	3	30
ARTS	75	4	47	126
BUS	109	11	0	120
CAT	27	1	15	43
EDUC	8	0	1	9
ENV	5	0	18	23
HSCI	11	1	1	13
SCI	16	1	1	18
Visiting	N/A	N/A	34	34
TOTAL	**277**	**19**	**120**	**416**

* In cases where students have programs in more than 1 faculty, it is their primary faculty that is used for this report.
**Where students completed more than one program, they were double counted in this chart.

APPENDIX B
International Co-op Program

Spring 2025	
Austria	1
Bolivia	1
China	5
France	1
Germany	1
Hong Kong	1
India	3
Indonesia	1
Japan	4
Poland	1
United States	5
Vietnam	6
Total	30

Summer 2025	
Austria	1
Bangladesh	1
China	12
Germany	1
Hong Kong	1
India	2
Japan	6
Jordan	1
Nepal	1
Pakistan	2
Peru	1
Poland	1
Taiwan	1
United Kingdon	1
United States	7
Total	39

Fall 2025	
Austria	1
China	5
Hong Kong	1
India	8
Indonesia	4
Japan	4
Jordan	1
Kenya	1
Poland	1
Qatar	1
Saudi Arabia	1
Singapore	1
Thailand	1
United Kingdom	1
United States	3
Vietnam	3
Total	37