

GLOBAL SOCIAL FELLOWSHIP, OR HOW TO ENHANCE THE STUDENTS' INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

An international cooperation that enriches the experience of students from different backgrounds to create sustainable, multi-stranded programs that build collaborative research capacities and contribute tangible, real solutions to shared challenges.



HOW EVERYTHING STARTED

In January 2020 AlmaU & Lehigh Universities started a collaboration focused on:

- 👉 Curriculum development
- 👉 Faculty Research Cooperation for societal impact
- 👉 Students Exchanges

The Air Pollution project, with students from AlmaU & Lehigh Universities, is working together to mitigate exposure to air pollution in Almaty, Kazakhstan, through:

- A** Recommending healthier and safer actions via a mobile application and
- B** Disseminating a survey on environmental issues in Almaty, to identify main impediments to increasing best practice solutions.

Other examples of projects under the same GSF program:

- 👉 Research integrity in Kazakhstan
- 👉 Save Tuba: Environmental Education
- 👉 Environmental Pollution and Asthma Effects



RESULTS

- ⊕ A paper presented at the 1st International Academic Conference on the Sustainable Development Goals - "Why it Matters", As Part of the Decade of Action (5-7 October 2022 Orem, Utah).
- ⊕ Survey spread among sensitive communities in Almaty.
- ⊕ Two summits promoted during the cooperation in this frame:
 - "Collaborations for Social Innovation and Sustainable Development" on October 07, 2021.
 - "Creating an Ethical Commission for Research on Social Sciences in Kazakhstan", on May 24, 2022

This author is part of the Eurasian chapter of PRME (Principles of Responsible Management Education) and member of its impactful 5 program, which is allowing business schools to adjust to the current global challenges including social, economic, and ecological issues, and increasing the relevance of business school education.



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- ✓ Opportunity to work with motivated students from across the university on ambitious multi-year social impact projects.
- ✓ Work across disciplines, cultures, language and time barriers to develop practical, innovative and sustainable solutions with partners in the country through virtual teams.
- ✓ Participation in fieldwork with faculty mentors experienced in research, solution development, and system building.
- ✓ Conduct original research and publish papers in journals and conference proceedings.
- ✓ Develop life skills and make lifelong friendships with peers from different universities.
- ✓ Be more competitive in prestigious scholarships and awards, as well as in graduate and professional education
- ✓ Impact. Conducting research and launching social enterprises is incredibly difficult, but also very rewarding.



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