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**Undergraduate Research Opportunity Programmes &
Temasek Foundation – NUS Leadership Enrichment and
Regional Networking (LEaRN) Programme**

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ABSTRACT:

Undergraduate Research Opportunity Programme

The Undergraduate Research Opportunity Programme (UROP) is an initiative launched by several National University of Singapore (NUS) faculties and schools including Dentistry, Engineering, Law, Science, the School of Computing, and Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine. UROPs give students the chance to participate in active research in their respective fields of study. It aims to engage students in the processes of intellectual inquiry, problem solving and creative thinking, and enhance intellectual exchange and collaboration between undergraduates and faculty. The National University of Singapore, through the International Relations Office (IRO), is planning to expand this opportunity for students to participate in UROPs overseas at partner universities.

IRO hopes that UROPs can benefit students and the university by providing study abroad and overseas options that will broaden the choice of available destinations for students and encourage exposure to less traditional locations/regions such as Mexico, Eastern Europe, Africa, and Middle East.

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In support of a unique academic and service learning immersion experience, the Temasek Foundation – NUS Leadership Enrichment and Regional Networking (LEaRN) Programme, or TF-NUS LEaRN, was created to promote leadership development in the Asian region. The compulsory component of participation in activities/projects to foster community spirit and volunteerism is to inculcate in the students a stronger sense of civic consciousness so that they can contribute to their communities back home when they return.

The overall presentation will further outline the goals of IRO to develop UROPs and TF-NUS LEaRN and how APRU can adopt similar programme models to create opportunities among network members to encourage: undergraduate research and research within APRU members and the Pacific Rim, prepare students for graduate and professional research within the Pacific Rim, promote leadership enrichment, regional networking, and civic consciousness amongst undergraduates at member universities.