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A Remarkable Year of Global Impact at [Abu Dhabi University](#)

As we wrap up the academic year, I'm proud to spotlight the achievements of the Office of Internationalization at ADU— a year defined by collaboration, growth, and global engagement

Global Engagement Program participation surged by 25%, exceeding 5,000 members. We also conducted 10 Global Brown Bag Webinars to foster interdisciplinary knowledge exchange

We facilitated

- ✓ 3x increase in inbound and 42.2% increase in outbound student exchanges.
- ✓ 45 students from 12 countries in the study abroad program.
- ✓ 10 inbound & 5 outbound faculty exchanges

Published 3 Scopus-Indexed ICASF 2023 Proceedings with Springer — showcasing ADU's global research impact.

Supported the ADU–Liwa GEP international Joint Research Grant 2025 to 37 innovative research projects in collaboration with 44 GEP members.

We organized 5 major international conferences and events, welcoming 150+ international speakers and 2,000+ participants, reinforcing ADU's role as a regional hub for academic dialogue

Institutional Impact

- 45% growth in international student applications and 30% in enrolment.
- Launched ADU's International Internship Program
- Launched first COIL program with the University of Bradford
- Hosted 30+ international visits to ADU from top academic and industry partners.

Supported Ranking Breakthroughs

ADU ranked 391st globally in QS World University Rankings 2026. 191st globally and 3rd in the Middle East & Africa (THE 2025), and in the top 151–200 globally for its MBA (QS). Also ranked 344th in UI GreenMetric 2024 (2nd in UAE), and featured in Shanghai GRAS 2024.

Strategic Milestones

- Signed 20 MoUs with top global institutions incl. University of São Paulo, UTS, USM, McMaster.
- Placed 5 students through the International Internship Program with global partners.
- Conducted 5 International Professional Development Certification Programs with Université de Montréal, University of Pennsylvania, STEM stars China and others.
- Enabled ADU student participation in the HSBC/HKU Asia Pacific Business Case Competition 2025
- Launched the ADU Globalization website and Global Mobility System.
- Represented ADU at the BRICS Network University IGB and joined global alliances: BRICS Academy, SUSAN, EURAS.
- Launched and Hosted the Arab Universities Knowledge Network for Climate Change and Carbon Footprint (AUKNCCF).

None of this would be possible without the unwavering commitment of our incredible ADU Faculty and Staff.

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Looking forward to many more milestones as ADU continues to thrive on the global stage

