



GLOBAL ENGINEERING EDUCATION EXCHANGE

Global Engineering Education Exchange (Global E3) offers the opportunity for colleges and universities to participate in the leading consortium for global undergraduate student mobility. Founded in 1995, Global E3 is a consortium-based exchange program for undergraduate engineering students to study abroad, with graduate-level opportunities available at some institutions. Global E3 is administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE).

Key Benefits

- Facilitates U.S. students and non-U.S. engineering students to study abroad
- Serves more than 350 students from 25 countries annually
- Enables students to receive credit and pay tuition at their home institutions, while studying at an international institution
- Attracts a high proportion of female engineering students (35%), while also attracting males to study abroad, who are underrepresented in study abroad programs

Benefits to Universities

- Increased engineering student participation in international exchange opportunities
- Increased flow of international students onto campuses for non-degree study
- Membership in a network of leading engineering schools in the worldwide
- Opportunity to meet with partner schools and discuss trends in international engineering education through participation in monthly engagement series and an annual membership meeting

Offsite Administration Provided by IIE

- Eliminates need to manage multiple bilateral agreements with international universities
- Through a single agreement with IIE, access to nearly 70 universities in Europe, Asia, Australia, Latin America, the Middle East and the U.S.
- Application system, balances, advising, and placements are provided by IIE

Cost Savings

- Expenses based on “tuition-swap,” minimizing costs through payment to home campus; students are responsible for their travel and living costs
- While studying abroad, students can stay enrolled directly at home institution, allowing for fewer difficulties and facilitating use of home campus financial aid

Course Credit and Practical Training Opportunities

- Students can receive full academic credit for overseas study and confirm in advance the availability of required engineering courses
- Opportunities to pursue research abroad, arranged in conjunction with host campuses
- Students are more marketable to industry in today’s global engineering workplace

Membership Requirements

- Participate in tuition-swap exchange of students
- For U.S. universities: at least one ABET-accredited engineering program
- For universities outside the U.S.: at least one engineering program accredited by a nationally-recognized accreditation organization
- Pay dues annually to IIE for program administration, currently \$3,000 USD (single fee, regardless of volume of student participation)
- Diversified undergraduate engineering curriculum able to accommodate students from various areas of engineering
- Availability of information in advance on the range of engineering and allied courses, especially those taught in English
- A sufficient number of undergraduate engineering courses taught in English, ensuring incoming students of 4–5 relevant courses per semester in a range of engineering areas
- Demonstrated record of successful student exchanges
- The ability to accept students from a wide range of countries
- Provide 24/7 emergency contact for the institution. Information on the institution’s Emergency Safety and Security Plan is available upon request
- Availability of or assistance with housing for incoming students

For more information, please visit: iie.org/Programs/Global-E3 or email: ge3@iie.org