DUKE UNIVERSITY
South and Southeast Asia

DUKE IN THE WORLD

Duke students and scholars engage with South and Southeast Asia through a variety of educational exchanges, research projects and service opportunities. One of Duke’s most successful partnerships in the region is a joint medical school in Singapore. Because of the strong level of Duke activity in the region, Duke University opened an office in Bangalore, India in summer 2017.

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EDUCATION THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

Duke’s partners in South and Southeast Asia come from universities, local governments, and community-based organizations across the region. Current partnerships focus on global health solutions, continuing education, collaborative research, academic exchange opportunities and engagement of private sector partners.

The most prominent of these partnerships is the **Duke-NUS Medical School** in Singapore, which offers a four-year Doctor of Medicine degree modeled on the Duke University School of Medicine curriculum. The university also offers a joint MD/PhD degree for students who are committed to intensive research-oriented careers combining biomedical research with the practice of clinical medicine.

**Duke University India**, based in Bangalore, facilitates research, partnerships, alumni connections, student learning and other Duke activities across the country. The office provides in-country support for existing programs and creates new opportunities for the Duke community to engage with partners in India and across South Asia, including the World Health Organization and the Indian Institutes of Management.

The office is led by executive director Namrata Jha.

The Duke Center for International Development (DCID) collaborates with a number of governments and agencies in South and Southeast Asia. Its partnership with the **Universiti of Brunei Darussalam** resulted in the development of a Master’s Program in Public Policy and Management at the Universiti of Brunei Darussalam, which allows students to spend one semester at Duke.

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The Nicholas School of the Environment works closely with the Centre for Wildlife Studies in India on research related to wildlife conservation and ecology.

The Duke School of Nursing has partnered with the University of Santo Tomas College of Nursing in the Philippines to bring five senior nursing students to Duke for a two-week course on global health patterns.

Duke Medicine works on healthcare in India with a joint venture, clinical research collaboration with Medanta-The Medicity in Gurgaon. The Medanta Duke Research Institute (MDRI) is a 63-bed research site that combines the best of India’s clinical care with Duke’s clinical research excellence.

**EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**

In addition to the above partnerships, Duke sponsors a number of opportunities for students to experience the cultures and customs of South and Southeast Asia.

Duke’s Global Education Office for Undergraduates operates a semester-long program in India, providing students with the opportunity to spend seven weeks in Udaipur and Bangalore. Students live with local families and participate in fieldwork as they study health and health systems, development and poverty, and conservation.

Duke Engage runs several programs in India. Service themes of these programs include women’s empowerment, children’s education and youth empowerment.
Students can also participate in Duke Engage programs in Thailand and Vietnam. In Thailand, students work on coastal conservation in Phang Nga, and in Vietnam they complete infrastructure projects to improve health and sanitation in Quang Tri.

The sister program of Duke Engage, the Rubenstein-Bing Student Athlete Civic Engagement Program, sends student athletes to India and Vietnam for three weeks to serve and engage with the local communities, particularly by teaching and coaching local youth.

The Sanford School of Public Policy runs the nationally-recognized Service Opportunities in Leadership (SOL) program, which provides Duke undergraduates with 12-month immersive experiences that combine academic study, community-based research, critical reflection and mentoring. Students have completed SOL projects in this region ranging from an impact analysis of malaria testing to an evaluation of career services at a vocational high school.

Additional Sanford programs include an undergraduate internship program in India and the India Summer School Program for International Development Leaders, which allows Duke master’s students to work with Indian peers and local NGO leaders in Udaipur.

The Fuqua School of Business has also long been engaged with India through its alumni network and its exchange programs. Students in the Global Academic Travel Experience, the Global Executive MBA program, and the Fuqua Client Consulting Practicum travel to India to work with social enterprises.
RESEARCH

Duke faculty members conduct research in or related to 16 South and Southeast Asian countries. This research spans 8 of Duke’s schools and many of its institutes and centers.

Among Duke’s researchers exploring topics related to South and Southeast Asia are:

- **Erica Field**—on adolescent empowerment and education in Bangladesh
- **Brandon A. Kohrt**—on mental health challenges among conflict- and disaster-affected populations in Nepal

Professor **Manoj Mohanan** founded **Collaboration for Health System Improvement and Impact Evaluation in India** in 2010. His research focuses on the role of incentives, monitoring, training and technology to improve the performance and quality of health care delivery.

- **Alexander Pfaff**—on drivers of harmful exposures, including groundwater arsenic in Bangladesh and stove emissions in Pakistan
- **Sumathi Ramaswamy**—on the ethical, economic and political impulses that have governed private philanthropy toward colleges and universities across Tamil, India
- **Anirudh Krishna**—on poverty dynamics in India
- **Jeff Vincent**—on biodiversity conservation in Malaysia, as well as the effects of climate change, water and agriculture in South Asia

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SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIA AT DUKE

Duke University launched the Duke India Initiative in 2017 to build and foster collaborations at Duke and with partners across India. The initiative has several goals:

- To develop deep and sustaining ties with Indian partners
- To foster multidisciplinary research collaborations on India at Duke
- To encourage dialogue about India among research communities on campus and abroad

Several student organizations also contribute to these goals on campus.

Duke Diya is a student-run organization that promotes awareness and appreciation of South Asian culture and tradition through political, cultural, social and community service events on Duke’s campus and in the greater Durham community.

Duke also has several dance teams representing the countries of South and Southeast Asia, including Duke Lasya and Club Raas, which showcase classical and folk dances originating from India.

Duke-UNC Sangeet is a student organization founded collaboratively by Duke and UNC Chapel Hill to share the rich culture and history of South Asian classical music and other classical arts.

Other relevant organizations include the Singapore Students’ Association and the Joint Youth Organization of Indians at Duke.

Together these initiatives help students build upon knowledge gained in more than 60 South and Southeast Asian-related courses offered at Duke.