



## Two-way understanding of China through equal research partnerships

The Worldwide Universities Network has prioritised two-way understanding of China and the broader world by forming the WUN Global China Group.

The WUN Global China Group is a community of China scholars from across WUN members in China and elsewhere. The Global China Group brings together Chinese and non-Chinese research-intensive universities to examine common research challenges and build a two-way bridge of understanding.

We strive to understand broad Sino-global social and economic development challenges through five specific research priorities:

- food & environment
- higher education
- public health (non-communicable diseases)
- macro economics
- Cultural understanding

The WUN Global China Group brings the expertise of 18 universities from 11 countries and 5 continents to bear on mutual understanding and appreciation between China and the world.

Our research priorities are determined in equal measure by WUN and WUN Plus members based in China, in concert with all WUN members. We endeavour to answer pressing research questions of high priority as identified by China, with China. We recognise that the broader world has much to gain from enhanced understanding of China.

The WUN Global China Group has set a targeted research agenda, building on WUN's global research strengths, to provide timely research outcomes and swift return on research investment. A key objective is to provide the evidence-base to fuel policy options for current challenges. Our approach is backed by the strong governance and effective resourcing of the Worldwide Universities Network.

We present the vision, plans and priorities for the coming three years for the WUN Global China Group. Please note that this first draft invites comment and refinement.

**John Hearn**

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# VISION

Leading universities working together for deeper two-way understanding between China and the world.

# MISSION

The Global China Group of the Worldwide Universities Network is an equal partnership of leading research universities from China and the wider world providing innovative solutions and influential policy options to significant global challenges.

# OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

Bringing the strengths of the Worldwide Universities Network, the Global China Group (GCG) of WUN will focus on the following key objectives 2015-2017:

<b>1</b>	<b>Network: Build a strong and active network of equal partners</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To increase the number of WUN and WUN Plus partners from China and the wider world in WUN's GCG research programs (the '10+10' strategy).</li><li>• To increase ownership and engagement with the GCG within WUN.</li><li>• To offer partners attractive returns on research investment.</li></ul>
<b>2</b>	<b>Research: Focus on research priorities relevant to China</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To expand research programs in key thematic areas relevant to China (food and environment; higher education; public health; the economy).</li><li>• To actively engage business and government in the WUN GCG research programs.</li><li>• To increase the opportunities for emerging researchers to engage in the WUN GCG research programs.</li></ul>
<b>3</b>	<b>Influence: Be a trusted knowledge partner with China</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To promote WUN GCG's China expertise in critical research areas.</li><li>• Build the profile of the WUN GCG as a two-way bridge between China and the wider world.</li></ul>

# VALUES

WUN's values underpin our approach to maximising the network's core strengths.

<b>DEVELOP</b> WUN actively develops our global research alliance and education programs to meet our objectives.	<b>NURTURE</b> WUN nurtures and invests resources in the intellectual strengths and priorities of our members.	<b>INNOVATE</b> WUN seeks and instigates innovation in knowledge management and educational exchange.	<b>COLLABORATE</b> WUN promotes opportunities that accelerate internationalisation for global collaborations between universities and with government, international organisations and industry on issues of global significance.	<b>IMPACT</b> WUN exists to make a difference. Our research produces new knowledge that influences policy and impacts society to improve lives.
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# OUR ADVANTAGE

Our competitive advantage is that the WUN Global China Group presents a global academic network spanning disciplines and continents. We offer truly trans-disciplinary and trans-global research solutions to global challenges.

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