EQUIPPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF RESEARCHERS WITH A GLOBAL MINDSET
In order to tackle the global challenges of today and in the future, our students must become international and multidisciplinary in their approach. In 2013, our Alliance collaborated to create the International Conference of Undergraduate Research (ICUR), an annual 48hr academic conference where undergraduates from universities across the world have an opportunity to present their research for the first time via video-linked sessions. Students are challenged to examine their work from an international perspective and are enabled to enter an interdisciplinary research conversation unlike any other they have experienced.

The 1700 plus undergraduates who have participated in this unique international conference, without having to leave their home campus, represent a hugely diverse range of subjects. Unified research streams encourage students to discuss their ideas across disciplines, receive feedback from their peers, and to think about their research in terms of the challenges that face the world today.

The ethos of ICUR is to provide a supportive, yet realistic environment, equipping students with the confidence to attend future academic conferences and the skills to develop effective and engaging presentations and posters. This student-centred approach has enabled many to publish their research, including through the Alliance supported international journal ‘Reinvention’, a publication dedicated to publishing high-quality undergraduate research. Students play a strong and active role in producing, editing and managing this peer-reviewed journal, which welcomes academic articles from all disciplinary areas and all universities.

Our Alliance continues to provide unique opportunities for undergraduate students to gain meaningful international experiences. Whether it’s presenting their research to a global audience at ICUR, or taking their first foray into academic publishing through Reinvention, our students are developing invaluable international perspectives to become informed global citizens.

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