



THE Awards Asia 2020 - International Strategy of the Year

Institution Name	Xiamen University
Submission title or project name	Annual Global Strategy
Nominee/key personnel	Rong Zhang, President of Xiamen University; Ruifang Wang, President of Xiamen University Malaysia
Submission	<p>Xiamen University has adopted a proactive global engagement strategy, creating more extensive and substantive international collaborations.</p> <p>It was pioneering as a Chinese higher education institution by opening the first overseas campus. An agreement was signed in 2013 and Xiamen University Malaysia (XMUM) opened in 2015. Its first batch of 371 students graduated in 2019.</p> <p>Xiamen University also built a research and training vessel, which went into service in 2017, traveling the Maritime Silk Road. In 2019 an Open House Day was held on the vessel (free of charge to the Malaysian public) to celebrate maritime knowledge and the culture of the ocean.</p> <p>The university is also building more bilateral collaborations, both in research and educational programmes, including co-founding the Institute of Creativity and Innovation with the UK's University for the Creative Arts. By the end of 2019, Xiamen University had signed a total of 393 agreements with overseas universities and forged partnerships with 49 who are ranked among the world's top 200.</p>