



## **ARUCC Groningen Project Update – October 2018**

*Creating a national data exchange network for Canada*

### **Welcome!**

We are pleased to provide this update for the ARUCC Groningen & Student Mobility Project, which is an initiative focused on creating a 'Made in Canada' national student data exchange network. Several [core principles](#) guide the Project including

- maintaining a student focus;
- respecting provincial and territorial regulatory frameworks and institutional and provincial/territorial autonomy and authority;
- focusing on priorities and activities that advance improvements and enhancements to student mobility and trusted data portability; and
- complementing the work of the existing Canadian student application centres and/or data exchange hubs supporting post-secondary institutions.

[Members of the steering committee](#) have dedicated hundreds of volunteer hours to this Project through in-kind effort supported by our consulting team led by Joanne Duklas of Duklas Cornerstone Consulting. ARUCC has allocated close to \$100,000 in the last two years to the Project and we have won close to \$100,000 in additional research funding for two supporting projects from the British Columbia Council on Admissions and Transfer (BCCAT) and the Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer (ONCAT).

On October 5, we met with assistant deputy ministers responsible for education portfolios from across Canada, an opportunity facilitated by representatives from the BC Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training and representatives from the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada ([CMEC](#)). We will continue governmental outreach as the project unfolds and encourage all of you to continue to raise awareness about the Project. We suggest you share this Bulletin with your leadership and consider providing a formal, written endorsement for the Project.

This fall/winter, we will continue to actively gather business requirements and seek additional seed funding to support moving towards the RFP including [seeking out support from ARUCC members, friends, and allied organizations](#). We need your help to continue this important work.

All projects remain on track with a goal to conduct an RFP in winter/Spring 2019, an activity that represents our next major milestone. We extend our thanks to you for your continued help, advice and support. For ongoing updates, visit our project site [online](#).

Charmaine Hack, Chair

Dr. Rob Fleming, Vice Chair



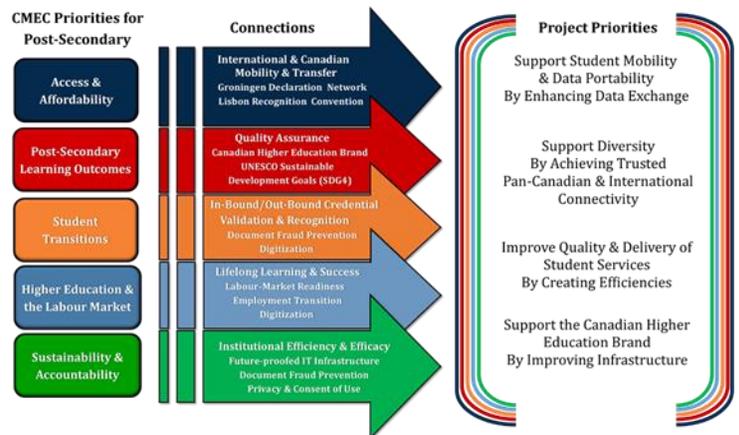
**Groningen Declaration**

**Hold the Date! The International Groningen Declaration Network Meeting is coming to Canada**

The ARUCC executive in partnership with PCCAT, CUCCIO, and CanPESC, submitted and won a bid to host the international Groningen 2021 annual meeting in Ottawa for the week of May 3 in 2021. Kudos for compiling the proposal and securing the bid goes to Romesh Vadivel, current president of ARUCC. This represents an exciting moment in ARUCC’s history and builds on the work of the ARUCC Groningen & Student Mobility Project. Typical participants in the annual meeting include senior level officials from international governments, institutions, vendors, and allied associations who are dedicated to advancing access and quality assured practices in higher education to serve the causes of student mobility and permission-based data portability. ARUCC, as Canada’s first signatory to the [Groningen Declaration](#), is dedicating its considerable efforts to helping institutions within Canadian provinces and territories develop enhancements to capacity that support student mobility and transfer.

**Connecting with Assistant Deputy Ministers across Canada**

The team [shared information about the Project](#) with the assistant deputy ministers (ADMs) across Canada at the fall 2018 meeting. The figure to the right illustrates the alignment of project priorities with [CMEC’s established Priorities for Post-Secondary](#). Potential next steps discussed with the ADMs include delivering project webinars for ministerial staff and presenting at a future CMEC deputy ministers’ meeting.



**Next Steps**

Once this current phase of research and consultation finishes with the many postsecondary institutions, application centres and data hubs, and allied organizations across Canada, the business case and the RFP will be finalized and submitted to the ARUCC Groningen & Student Mobility Steering Committee for the initial review and approval by the [representative members](#) of ARUCC, [PCCAT](#), [CUCCIO](#), and [CanPESC](#). Subsequently, these documents will be submitted for final approval to the ARUCC executive committee. Prior to proceeding to RFP, the documents will also be subject to technical, legal and privacy reviews. During the RFP evaluative phase, the Steering Committee’s intention is to conduct additional privacy, technical, and legal assessments of the final two vendors. Simultaneously, additional funding will be sought from provincial and federal governments and other bodies to support the implementation process. After completion of this process, the final, selected vendor will be recommended to the ARUCC executive committee for approval to support moving ahead with the detailed contract and implementation processes.



## Detailed Project Status Update

The work of the project steering committee and its team continues! Here's a summary of activities to date.

### Spring 2018

- ARUCC wins approximately \$100,000 in funding from the British Columbia Council on Admissions and Transfer (BCCAT) and the Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer (ONCAT) to conduct a deeper analysis of data exchange realities and business requirements within British Columbia and Ontario and to examine other jurisdictions. Partners for these initiatives include the University of Victoria for the BCCAT project and the Ontario College Council of Registrars, Admissions, and Liaison Officers (CRALO) and the Ontario University Registrars' Association (OURA) for the ONCAT project. More information about these two projects is available [online](#).
- Charmaine Hack (project steering chair), Dr. Rob Fleming (project steering vice chair), and Romesh Vadivel (ARUCC president) present at the international [2018 Groningen Declaration Network](#) meeting in Paris to share and capture expert advice.
- Planning and early implementation begins for the BCCAT and ONCAT projects. The partners across all three projects formally agree to share findings to support five deliverables:
  1. The business proposal for the national project
  2. The RFP for identifying partners, costs, and implementation needs for the national project
  3. Identifying and accessing funding to support the project
  4. A research report for the BCCAT project
  5. A research report for the ONCAT project

### Project Roadmap



### June 2018

- The Project delivers eight webinars to the ARUCC community to share information regarding the international data exchange projects and the national project to help inform the membership and capture advice
- Romesh Vadivel (president, ARUCC), Charmaine Hack (project steering chair), and Joanne Duklas (consulting lead) deliver two feedback sessions at the 2018 ARUCC/CACUSS conference, and two at the 2018 PCCAT national conference to provide a project update and capture expert advice
- Charmaine Hack and Joanne Duklas deliver a project overview session to the CACUSS Co-curricular Record Committee
- Brian Stewart (CIO, University of Alberta) and Lori MacMullen (executive director, CUCCIO) deliver a project update session at the national CanHEIT conference in Vancouver



- ARUCC members vote unanimously to provide formal endorsement of the national data exchange project, supporting the principles, focus, and approach for moving forward

### July to November 2018

- The national survey launches to inform all the projects and capture current information on existing practices, business requirements, and recommendations. Survey findings will be shared in the new year on the ARUCC Groningen website and in the two research reports for BCCAT and ONCAT (publication anticipated in spring 2019).
- Project consultant, Joanne Duklas, supported by the steering members, conducts several interviews and meetings across Canada to support the ONCAT and BCCAT projects and the business case and RFP processes for the national Project with institutions, allied organizations, government, and students. Samples:
  1. Ten with existing and emerging Canadian application centres and data hubs across seven provinces
  2. Seven with councils on articulation and transfer across seven provinces
  3. More than 20 with post-secondary institutions across Canada
  4. Seven provincial regional meetings including within BC (BCRA with the support of University of Victoria and Vancouver Island University), New Brunswick (with the support of CATNB), and across Ontario (with the support of CRALO and OURA)
- Research continues to validate an understanding of Canada's [strengths and gaps](#) and business needs.
- Consultation and research continue to identify [trusted data providers](#) from around the world.
- National meeting occurs with assistant deputy ministers of education from all 13 provinces and territories in Canada to capture advice and raise awareness about the Project (organized through the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada).
- ARUCC, PCCAT, CUCCIO, and CanPESC win a bid submitted to the international Groningen Declaration Network to host the international 2021 Groningen conference in Ottawa in May 2021.
- ARUCC makes formal request for additional funding from its members and friends to continue the Project.
- Charmaine Hack, steering committee chair, delivers the keynote address regarding the Project at the international PESC conference in San Francisco
- Joanne Duklas, project consulting lead, delivers the keynote address about the Project at the CATNB Data Summit in Saint John, New Brunswick.
- Dr. Rob Adamoski, steering committee member, and Joanne Duklas consult with the British Columbia Registrars' Association (BCRA) at Vancouver Island University in Victoria, British Columbia.
- Dr. Rob Fleming and Dr. Rob Adamoski capture input at the CanCAT national meeting.