



SERU-I Newsletter

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Dear SERU-I Members,

I hope you had a great summer and are ready to kick-off the Fall semester refreshed. In less than a month we are meeting at the gradSERU Research Symposium in Hannover to discuss challenges faced by top research universities to improve the graduate experience and to be competitive for talent globally.

Sincerely,

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SERU-I NEWS

ugSERU

Victoria University has closed the ugSERU survey with 23% response rate.

gradSERU Survey

Lund University has closed the gradSERU survey with 50% response rate.

Universität Bremen is finishing collecting student responses in the gradSERU.

We currently have **HSE University**, **University of Göttingen** and **Osaka University** lined up to participate in the Graduate SERU in the coming winter wave.

SERU Research

HSE has been participating in the SERU-I project since 2013. Last year HSE took part in the international project for the third time. The latest results are presented in a university bulletin which tells about participants of the latest wave, shares comparative statistics of universities grouped by countries, and also shows changes that occurred in HSE during five years of the SERU-I. The HSE bulletin is available [here](#).



Recap of SERU Research Symposium 'Exploring Post-Collegiate Outcomes'

The SERU Research Symposium "Exploring Post-Collegiate Outcomes" took place at the University of Minnesota on June 19-20. The participants discussed how the SERU project can help inform our understanding of the post-collegiate outcomes of both undergraduate and graduate students. Presentations covered topics related to engagement indicators and salary outcomes (Tongshan Chang), the importance of the first-year experience and post-graduate outcomes (Igor Chirikov), civic engagement and career outcomes (Andrew Furco). Daniel White-Jones presented the first results of gradSERU survey in the US universities and Scott Lanyon provided an overview of the use of gradSERU data at the University of Minnesota. The participants agreed that data on post-collegiate outcomes combined with the SERU data could provide new policy insights and research evidence.

INNOVATIONS AROUND THE WORLD



UC Berkeley serves as a vanguard addressing burning issues and trying to make a difference with Big Ideas. **Big Ideas** is an annual contest aimed at providing funding, support, and encouragement to interdisciplinary teams of students who have “big ideas.” Since its founding in 2006, Big Ideas has inspired innovative and high-impact student-led projects aimed at solving problems that matter to this generation. By encouraging novel proposals and then supporting concrete next steps, Big Ideas is helping contest winners make an impact all over the world. By leveraging the creativity of students and the power of competition to drive innovation, Big Ideas creates lasting, positive and impactful social change — empowering a new generation of social innovators.

Please share innovative initiatives supported at your institutions!

EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

A reminder of the upcoming SERU event:



gradSERU Research Symposium in Hannover

will be held on 4-5 of October with support from the [Volkswagen Foundation](#). The Symposium will provide a forum to analyze responses from the new SERU Graduate Student Experience Survey, to discuss further development of the survey instrument, and the challenges faced by top research universities to improve the graduate experience and to be competitive for talent globally. We have registered representatives from the majority of SERU-I campuses.

The preliminary program is available [here](#). For more information please visit the [symposium webpage](#).

We will keep you posted on the planned programs and will send out invitations later in the Spring.
Here is more information on the [ugSERU & gradSERU Survey Designs](#).

If you would like to nominate a campus as a potential SERU-I Member please contact
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