Policy subject: International Cooperation Policy to Support Students from Low-Income Countries	Policy number: **6**/P.D/2024	Date of last revision: 2024/11/15
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Overview

The policy supports students from low-income countries, aiming to reduce financial barriers to higher education and promote international collaboration and academic exchange. It provides financial, academic, and social support to empower these students and enhance cross-cultural interactions.

Objectives

1. **Promote Access to Education**: Reduce financial barriers for students from low-income countries.
2. **Enhance Global Collaboration**: Strengthen international partnerships for academic exchange and mutual development.
3. **Provide Financial Support**: Offer scholarships, grants, and financial aid to support international students.
4. **Foster Cultural Exchange**: Promote cultural understanding and diversity.
5. **Provide Holistic Student Support**: Ensure students receive academic, social, and emotional support.
6. **Facilitate Career Development**: Provide internships, job placement, and networking opportunities.

Scope

Applies to international students from low-income countries, university departments supporting these students, external partners, and all related programs and services, including admissions, scholarships, and career services.

Statements

1. **Commitment to Global Access to Education**: Ensuring equitable education for students from low-income countries.

2. **Diversity and Inclusion**: Creating an inclusive environment for students from diverse backgrounds.

3. **Support for Financial Barriers**: Providing scholarships and financial assistance to overcome financial challenges.

4. **Academic and Social Support**: Offering comprehensive academic and social support for student success.

5. **Global Collaboration for Development**: Partnering with organizations to expand opportunities for international students.

Procedures

1. **International Student Admissions**:
   - **Eligibility and Application**: Support through the application process.
   - **Admission Support**: Assistance with visa and documentation.
   - **Language Support**: Programs for non-native speakers.

2. **Scholarships and Financial Aid**:
   - **Scholarships for Low-Income Students**: Financial support for tuition and living expenses.
   - **Financial Aid Packages**: Grants, loans, and work-study options.
   - **Emergency Financial Support**: Short-term assistance for unforeseen difficulties.

3. **Academic and Social Integration**:
   - **Orientation Program**: Introduction to the university and local culture.
   - **Academic Advising and Tutoring**: Personalized academic support.
   - **Cultural and Social Events**: Opportunities for cultural exchange.
   - **Language and Communication Support**: Workshops for language and communication skills.

4. **Career Development and Networking**:
   - **Internships and Job Placement**: Collaborations for internships and work placements.
   - **Career Counseling**: Support for job search and career planning.

o **Networking Opportunities**: Events connecting students to potential employers.

5. **Supportive Environment**:

   o **Student Support Services**: Access to counseling, social activities, and general support.

   o **Peer Mentorship Program**: Pairing international students with local mentors.

   o **Student Advocacy**: Addressing challenges related to visas, accommodation, and academic concerns.

6. **International Partnerships and Collaboration**:

   o **Partnering with International Institutions**: Creating exchange and research programs.

   o **Collaboration with NGOs and Agencies**: Working with organizations supporting education and development.

   o **Global Awareness and Advocacy**: Promoting the importance of accessible education.

7. **Monitoring and Evaluation**:

   o **Assessment of Support Programs**: Regular evaluation of support services.

   o **Adjustments to Policy**: Modifying policies based on feedback and evaluations.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs):

1.	Number of International Students from Low-Income Countries Receiving Scholarships
2.	Number of International and Local Institutions Partnered with for Low-Income Student Support