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Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS) is an autonomous public funded institution established on 20th November 2010 trifurcating Kerala Agricultural University. KUFOS is the first Government funded Fisheries University in the country with the major domains of fisheries and ocean science. The territorial jurisdiction of the University is extended to the whole of the State of Kerala and the Headquarters of the University is at Kochi in Ernakulam District.The mission of the university is to serve as a flagship university of higher learning through demonstrated and growing excellence in teaching, research, extension, scholarship and creative work in fisheries and ocean sciences, comparable with global standards that will benefit the country and the world at large.

KUFOS imparts quality education comparable with world class standards and giving significance to research oriented studies with effective and rewarding extension activities. The academic excellence is intended to be attained by undertaking under graduate, post graduate and research programmes in emerging disciplines of fisheries and ocean science. With a view of meeting the requirement of state and reaching to national priorities, specialized courses are being introduced in the needy areas thereby creating professionals in the niche area.

The University has four faculties, namely Faculty of Fisheries Science, Faculty of Ocean Science and Technology, Faculty of Fisheries Engineering and Faculty of Fisheries Management. We offer undergraduate professional courses like Bachelor of Fisheries Science (B.F.Sc.) and B.Tech in Food Science and Technology, Masters Programmes like M.F.Sc, M.Sc. in Marine Biology, Marine Chemistry, Climate Science, Environmental Science, Physical Oceanography, Marine Biotechnology, M.B.A, LLM in Maritime Law etc. We also have Ph.D. programmes under all the faculties.

Our interests in becoming a member of U-Arctic:

In the year 2022, under the leadership of Kerala's Hon'ble Chief Minister, a team of delegates including the then Vice Chancellor and Registrar of KUFOS visited Norway to start academic collaboration with Kerala and Norwegian

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institutions/organizations/universities. KUFOS is selected as the Nodal Centre for this international academic collaborative programmes and our current Registrar Prof. Dinesh Kaippilly is the Nodal Officer of this Indo-Norwegian collaboration initiative by the Government of Kerala. As the first step under this initiative, we are involved in student and faculty exchange between our University and other Norwegian higher education institutions. We have already initiated collaborations with universities/organizations like University of Bergen, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Nord University, NERCI, IMR, NOFIMA etc. Hence, we believe that U-Arctic membership can definitely support us in the ongoing academic collaborations with Norway which can be extended to other member countries also in the near future.

KUFOS is having MoU with leading research organizations in the field of Fisheries and Ocean Science across the world. We have collaborative research programmes with EU, Space Application Centre, ISRO, Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), State Wetland Authority of Kerala, State Fisheries Department etc. Our faculty members are undertaking several research projects funded by national as well as international agencies in the fields of fisheries and ocean sciences. Also they are involved in collaborative research programmes with National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India wherein we are getting chance to a part of Indian Polar research programmes especially to the Arctic. Dr. Anu Gopinath, one of our faculty members has been selected by University Grants Commission, Government of India to develop a Massive Online Open Course programmes under Indian Arctic Policy which will be offered in the Swayam Online learning platform and is expected to have international students' participation.

KUFOS issued orders permitting to apply for this U-Arctic membership which was further placed in the highest administrative body, the Governing Council of the University and got ratified the decision. We have already uploaded all the relevant documents in the online form and are ready to furnish further details, if any, as per the demand from U-Arctic Secretariat.

Registrar i/c

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2024 UARCTIC MEMBERSHIP APPLICANT - PROFILE

Applicant: Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies

Country: India

Membership Category: Non-Arctic

Membership Type: HEI

Profile Description:

Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies in a new university established in the year 2011 and it is a state university (autonomous) located in Kochi, Kerala (south India). This university offers programmes in the field of Fisheries and Ocean sciences and its the first of its kind focusing on both these sectors. The university offers undergraduate, post graduate, diploma and Ph.D programmes. The undergraduate programmes are in Bachelor of Fisheries Science(B.F.Sc) and B Tech in Food Science and Technology. The masters programmes include M.F.Sc. (Master of Fisheries Science) , M.Sc programmes in Marine Biology, Marine Chemistry, Physical Oceanography, Environmental Sciences, Geology, Climate Sciences , Microbiology and Marine Biotechnology . Also we offer masters in MBA and Maritime Law. The university functions as four faculties such as Faculty of Ocean Science and Technology, Faculty of Fisheries Science , Faculty of Fisheries Engineering and Faculty of Fisheries Management. The B.F.Sc and M.F.Sc programmes come under the Faculty of Fisheries Science and it has seven departments.

We have 47 teaching faculty under various departments and the current student strength is 1225. This university is acting as the nodal centre for collaborating with Norwegian universities under the initiative of Government of Kerala. This year with the funding from Government of Kerala we are starting student and faculty exchange with Norwegian universities. Our faculty member is also involved developing course related to Indian Arctic Policy for the Government of India which is going to be a part of the curriculum of the Indian Universities. Also, our faculty is actively involved in Polar research - Arctic, Antarctic and Southern Ocean - through Ministry of Earth Sciences , Government of India.

Strategic/Thematic Focus Areas:

1. Marine and Fresh water biodiverstiy conservation

2. Climate change and Ecosystem Studies

3. Marine Bioresources Exploration and Applications.

4. Maritime Law and its use in protection of Marine Natural Resources.

5. Polar Studies and its impacts on Tropical Climate and Ecosystems.