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A Uruguayan government agency is seeking Australian higher education partners for a series of scholarships and grants to develop research capability and provide professional training in innovation, science and technology management.

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OPPORTUNITIES

AUSTRALIA — Forum to explore MOOCs impact on Australian international education

MOOCS & Digitisation, an upcoming Future of Higher Education and Skills Training conference, will look at the ways Australia’s international education industry will be impacted by MOOCs and other technology-driven disruptive business models emerging in education and skills training.

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BRAZIL — Registrations open for Brazilian universities conference

Registrations are open for the 25th annual meeting of FAUBAI (Brazilian Association of International Relations Offices), to be held in Natal (Rio Grande do Norte) from 27 April to 1 May 2013.

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CHINA — Australian education sector invited to comment on Austrade China school report

Feedback is invited from Australian providers across all sectors on the recent report Demand for Overseas High School Education in China. Suggestions will be used to inform consultations beginning in April about market positioning and strategies for promoting Australian schools in China. In particular, suggestions are sought from the higher education and vocational education sectors about how to effectively approach cross-sector promotion. Institutions should complete the feedback form by 31 March 2013.
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### CHINA — Education providers invited to participate in World Dairy Expo

Expressions of interest are sought from Australian education providers to join the Australian National Pavilion at China’s 2013 World Dairy Expo and Summit. Held annually, the expo brings together stakeholders from the dairy production and supply chain, including farmers, manufacturers, government officials, and training and research organisations.

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### CHINA — Grants available from Australia-China Council

The Australia-China Council invites expressions of interest for its 2013–14 grant round, closing on 17 March 2013. Innovative proposals are sought for sustainable and high-impact projects in the priority areas of economics and trade, society and culture, and education and science. ACC welcomes proposals that promote new areas of contact between Australia and China, develop China literacy, analyse dimensions of the bilateral relationship, facilitate academic and student mobility and bring new Australian participants into the bilateral relationship.

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### CHINA — Mining safety and management training sought for Chinese coal industry

A leading mining university in China is seeking an Australian training provider specialising in coal mine safety and business management to provide short courses for senior level staff. The training is sought as part of a national training program to improve safety in the coal industry.

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### CHINA — Teacher and management training sought by vocational colleges

A Chinese association of vocational colleges is seeking Australian vocational and higher education providers to deliver a variety of training programs in study tour format for management and teaching staff across 42 colleges.

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### GERMANY — Australian partners sought for exchange programs with German university

A German applied science university is seeking Australian partners for exchange programs in the fields of industrial design and communication design.

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INDIA — Private university in Gujarat seeks articulation partnerships

A private Indian university in Gujarat offering courses in hospitality management, culinary art and tourism management is interested in partnering with Australian institutions for articulation programs. The university is also interested in exploring student and faculty exchange programs.

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MALAYSIA — Public service training institution seeks speaker

Expressions of interest are sought by a Malaysian public service training provider for Australian academics to speak at its ‘Executive Talks’ series from April to September 2013, with the potential for exploring collaborative partnerships at a later stage. The institution provides professional development, research, consultancy and a knowledge-sharing platform to encourage collaboration between public and private sectors locally and globally.

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MEXICO — Postdoctoral scholarship opportunity at engineering research centre

An opportunity exists for researchers to apply for a postdoctoral fellowship program at a major engineering research institute in Mexico.

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PAKISTAN — Institute seeks Australian partnership to offer undergraduate degree programs

A leading Faisalabad-based private sector institute is seeking to collaborate with an Australian institute for the opening of a local campus. The new campus will focus on offering undergraduate degree programs in accounting, business, textile, engineering and medical sciences.

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RUSSIA — Australian institutions invited to corporate education and training forum in Moscow

Australian institutions providing corporate, business or executive programs are invited to participate in the II MAKO Forum to be held in Moscow from 21–22 May 2013. The event brings training and development providers together with major Russian and international companies and trade organisations.

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USA — 2013 GoAbroad Innovation Awards now accepting nominations

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UAE — Submissions open for energy innovation prize

The Zayed Future Energy Prize is inviting submissions to award significant achievements in the field of sustainable global energy resources. Australian high schools are encouraged to apply for a dedicated grant available for innovative energy reduction proposals.

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UPDATES

INDIA — Competitor activity — UK institutions linking up with Indian corporates to deliver skills training

Major agreements are being signed between UK skills training providers and Indian corporate and government groups to deliver skills-based training. Recent activity includes an agreement between Tata Group and the UK India Business Council, while the InterContinental Hotels Group is looking to collaborate with the Indian Government.

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ITALY — Competitor activity — Upsurge in courses taught in English at Italian universities

Italian universities are conducting an increasing number of courses in English in a bid to become more internationally competitive, attract more foreign students and enhance the global prospects of Italian students.

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SPAIN — AULA education fair shows growing Spanish interest in Australia

More Spanish students are considering study in Australia, with the Future Unlimited stand at Spain’s AULA 2013 education fair attracting 45 per cent more visitors than previous years. ELICOS programs were most in demand. Visitors also showed strong interest in vocational education and training, undergraduate and postgraduate studies as well as opportunities to combine study and work.

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SPAIN — Spanish business schools in Europe’s top 10

Three Spanish business schools have been ranked in the top 10 in Europe, according to the Financial Times 2013 Global MBA rankings.

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TAIWAN — Dramatic increase in working holiday makers from Taiwan

Taiwan has risen to become the second largest source of Working Holiday Maker (WHM) visitors to Australia, with visa grants jumping 97 per cent. Capitalising on the swell of interest, Austrade is promoting the value of study as part of an Australian WHM experience using key events, such as Asia’s largest book exhibition.

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AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT NEWS

Report on future of Australia’s international education sector

Australian Education International (AEI) has released Australia – Education Globally, a report by the International Education Advisory Council with recommendations to address seven key issues facing Australia’s international education sector. Provided by Australian Education International

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AUSTRADE UPDATES

PAKISTAN — Strong interest in study in Australia at Dawn Education Expo 2013

Dawn Expo, an annual six-day event held in Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad, featured an Austrade-hosted Future Unlimited booth with seven Australian institutions. There was strong interest in Australia, particularly as a result of changed UK student visa rules.

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