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## Partnerships with UK and Global Universities at UCA

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# Overview



Who Are We

UCA  
Campuses

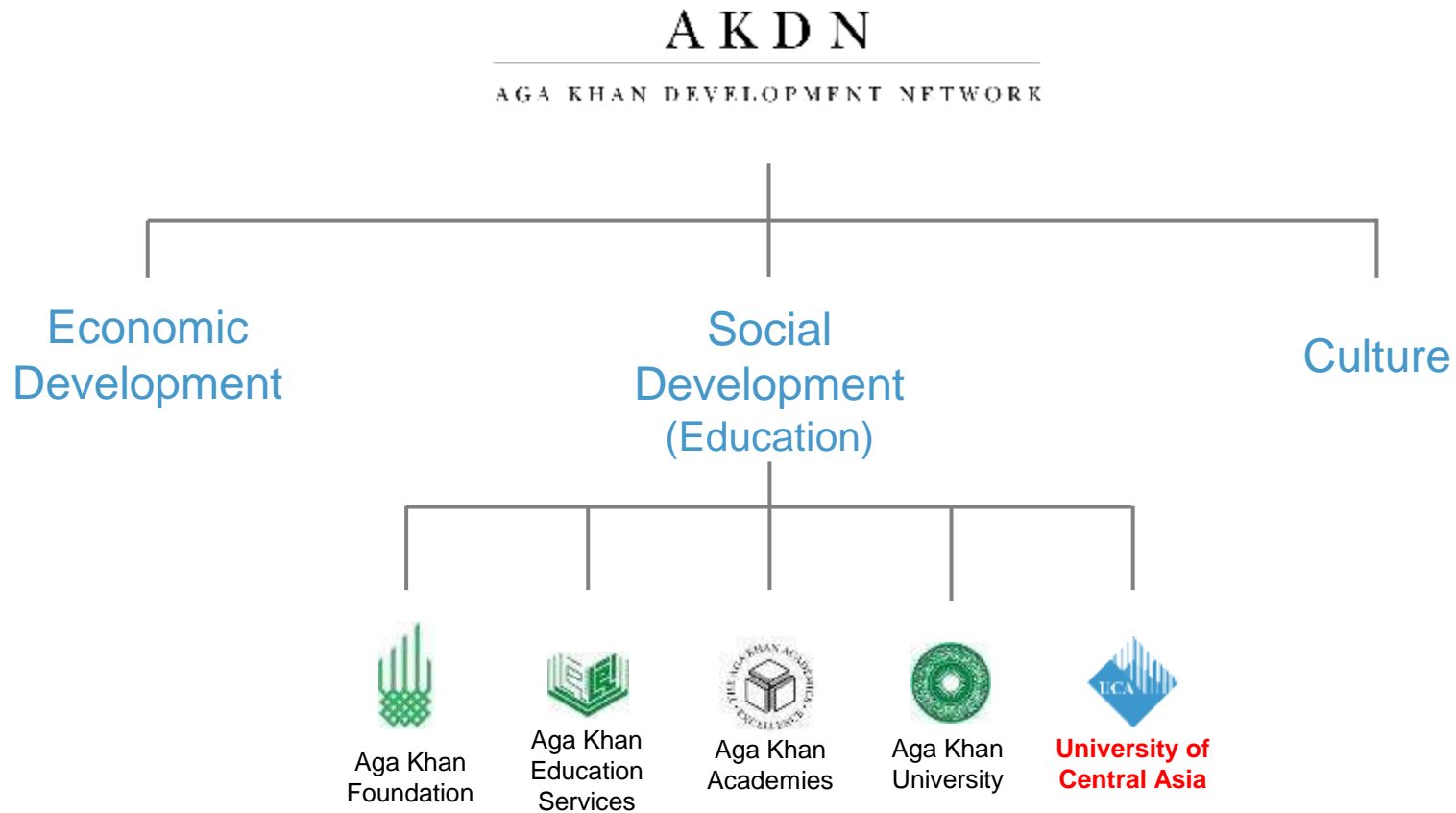
U/G  
courses

CAFDP 1&2  
(Partnerships)

Way  
Forward

Q & A ?

# UCA as part of AKDN



# Word from our Chancellor



"It is important to know that what we are doing here (at UCA) will be a valuable example of **international cooperation** for the future, not only here in the region, but also for people far beyond the region."

His Highness the Aga Khan  
Chancellor, University of Central Asia  
UCA Naryn Campus Inauguration Ceremony  
19 October 2016

# Who are we : A truly Central Asian University



Republic of Tajikistan



Kyrgyz Republic



Republic of Kazakhstan

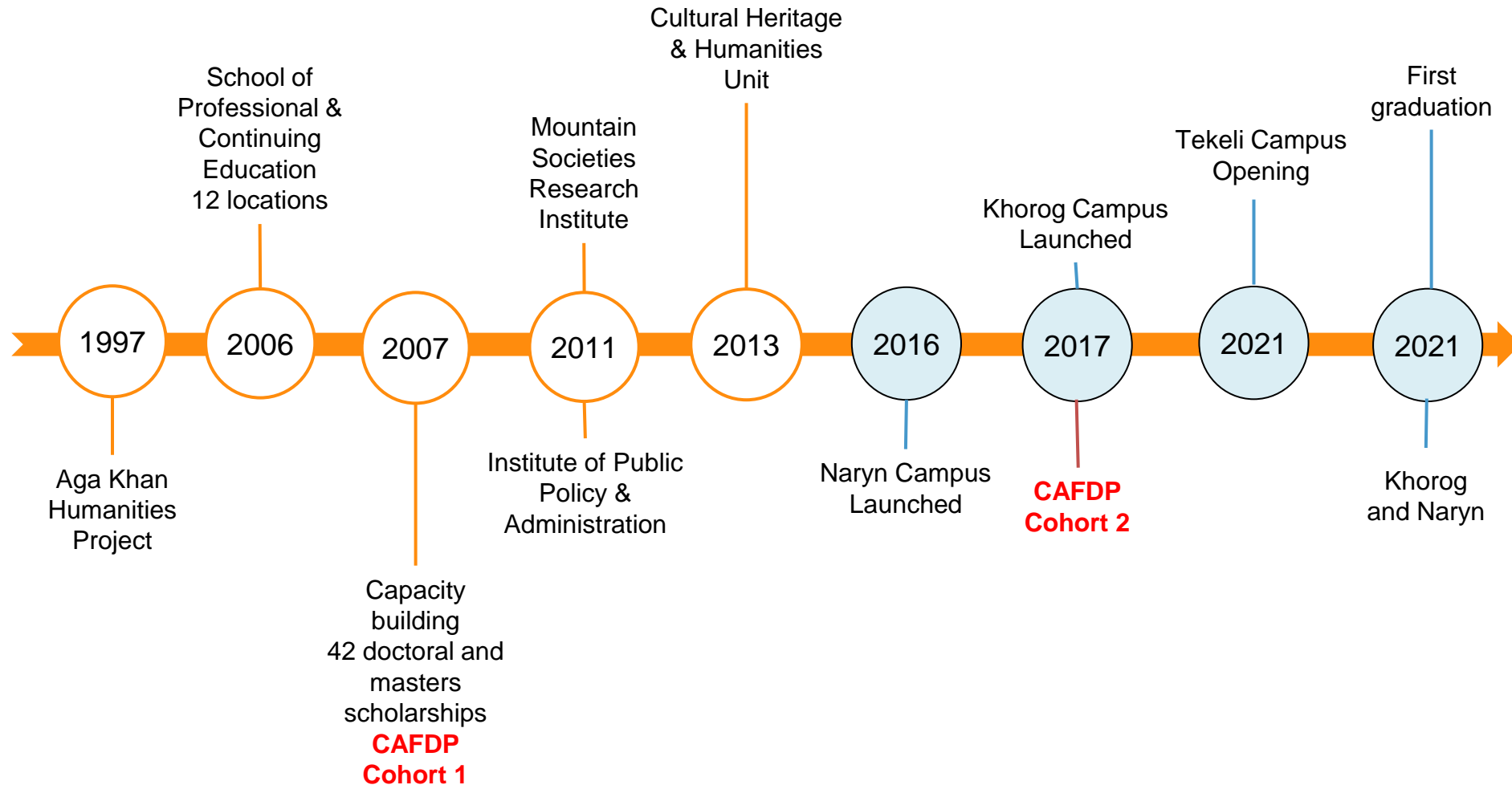
*University of Central Asia (UCA) was founded by **International Treaty** between the governments of **Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, and His Highness the Aga Khan.***

*UCA is a secular and not-for-profit institution with campuses in three countries.*



# Scaling a Regional University System

## Research Institutes first



# UCA's 3 Campuses

*“To **promote the social and economic development** of Central Asia, particularly its mountain societies.”*

*“To provide a **world class education** with a Central Asian context to the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, and Kazakhstan.”*



Academic programmes launched in Naryn



Academic programmes launched in Khorog



Launch of academic programmes in Tekeli

2016

2017

2021

# UCA Naryn Campus





# Computer Lab



# Science Laboratory



# Library



# Student Dormitories



# Sports Dome



# UCA Khorog Campus



# Student Life Building Khorog



# Flexible Classroom










# International Partnerships

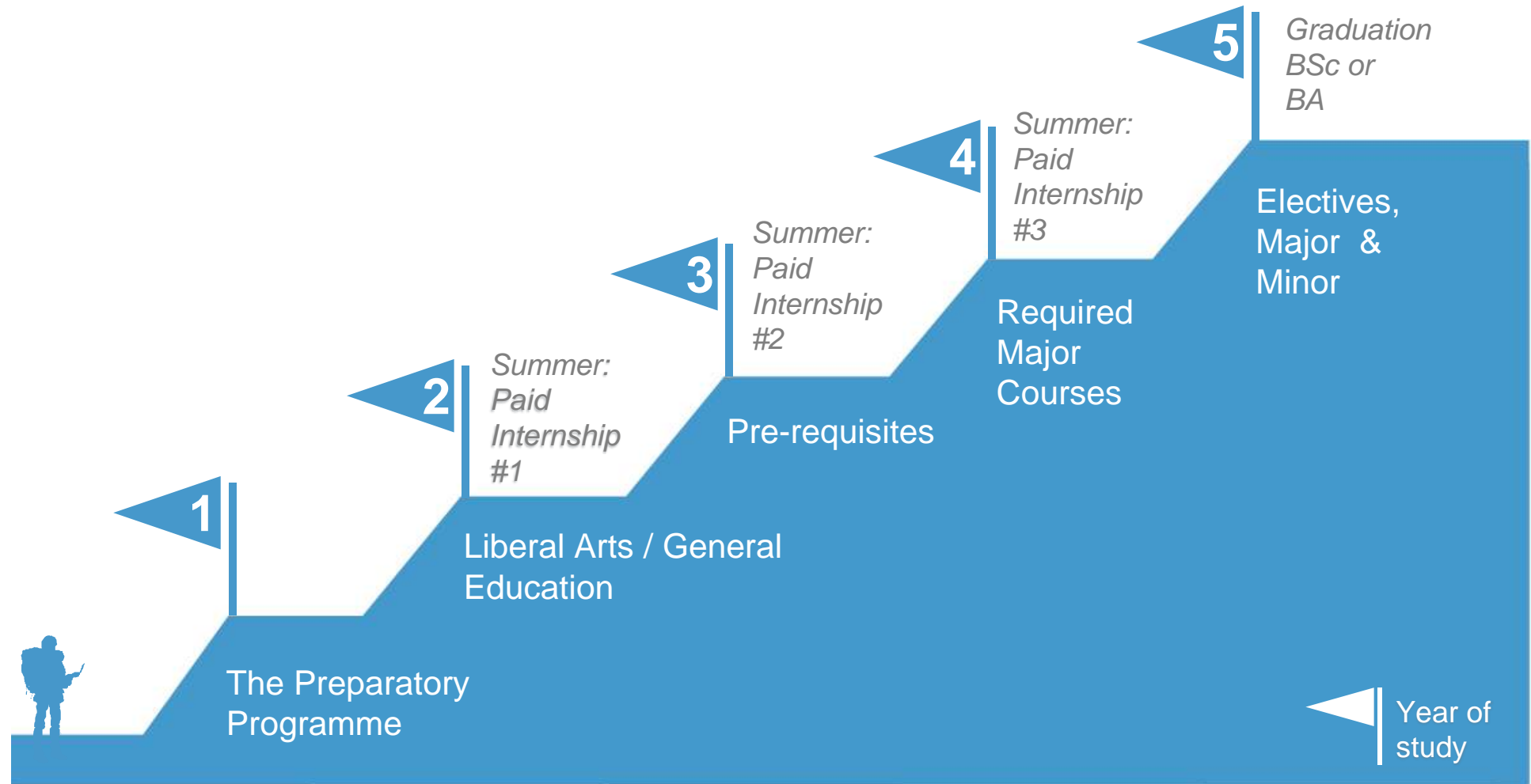


**Curriculum Development \* Faculty Development \*  
& Research**

# UCA School of Arts & Sciences Curriculum Development

		<b>Naryn</b>	<b>Khorog</b>	<b>Tekeli (2021)</b>
<b>Undergraduate</b>	BS	 <p>UNIVERSITY OF <b>TORONTO</b></p> <p>Computer Science</p>	 <p>Earth and Environmental Sciences</p>	Engineering Sciences
	BA	 <p><b>UTS</b> UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY</p> <p>Communications and Media</p>	  <p>NATIONAL RESEARCH UNIVERSITY      EHI INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS HISTORY RESEARCH</p> <p>Economics</p>	Business and Management
	<i>Minor</i>	<i>Central Asian Studies</i>	<i>Development Studies</i>	<i>Globalisation Studies</i>

# Undergraduate Degree Programmes



# UCA Partnerships in Undergraduate Studies

**Seneca**

Seneca College

Preparatory Programme



University of Toronto

Computer Science



University of British Columbia

Earth and Environmental Sciences



University of Victoria

Cooperative Education



Higher School of Economics, Moscow

Economics



Stockholm School of  
Economics/Riga, Latvia

Economics



University of Technology Sydney

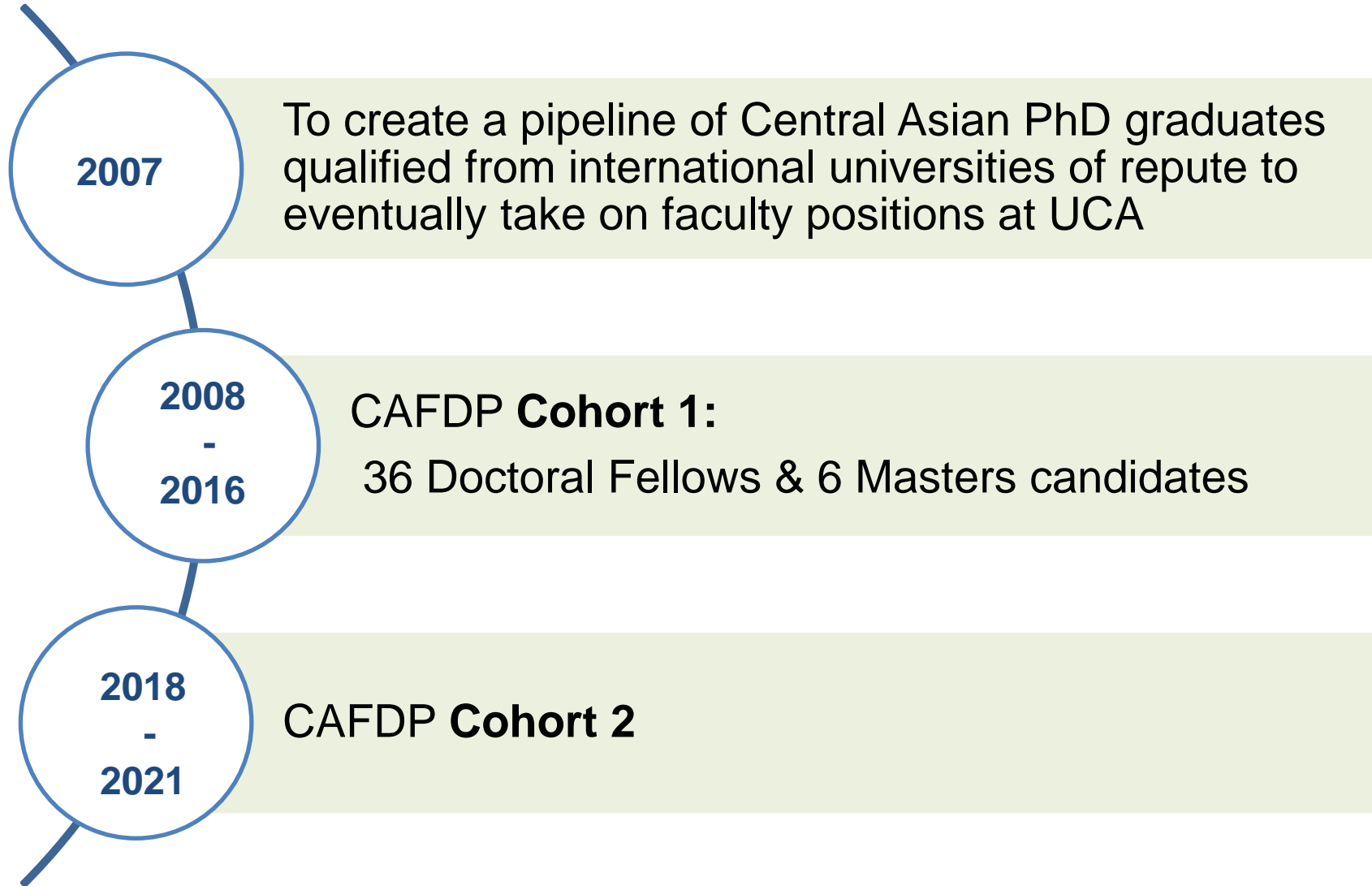
Communications and Media



University College London

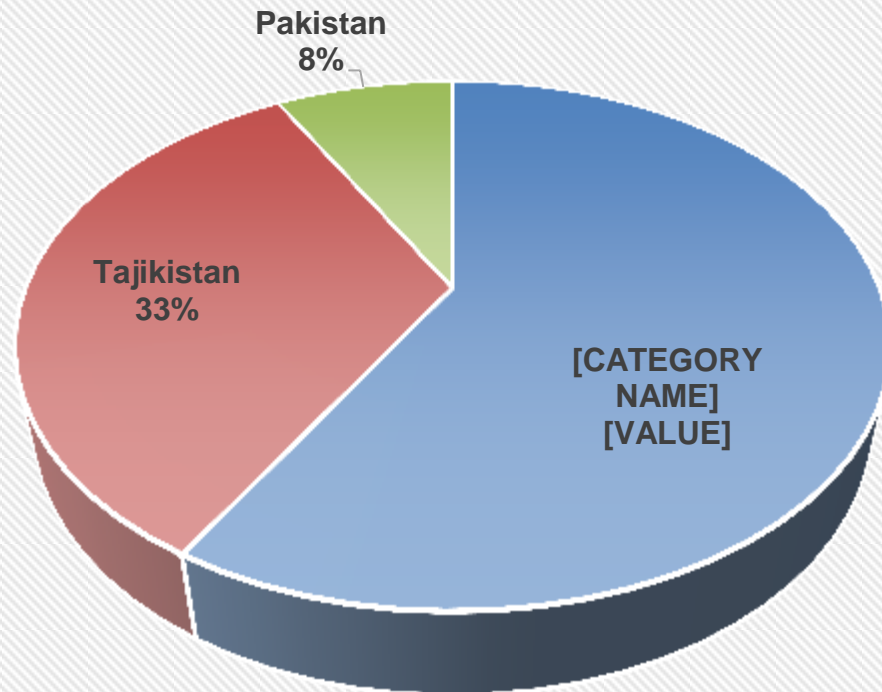
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# Faculty Development Timeline

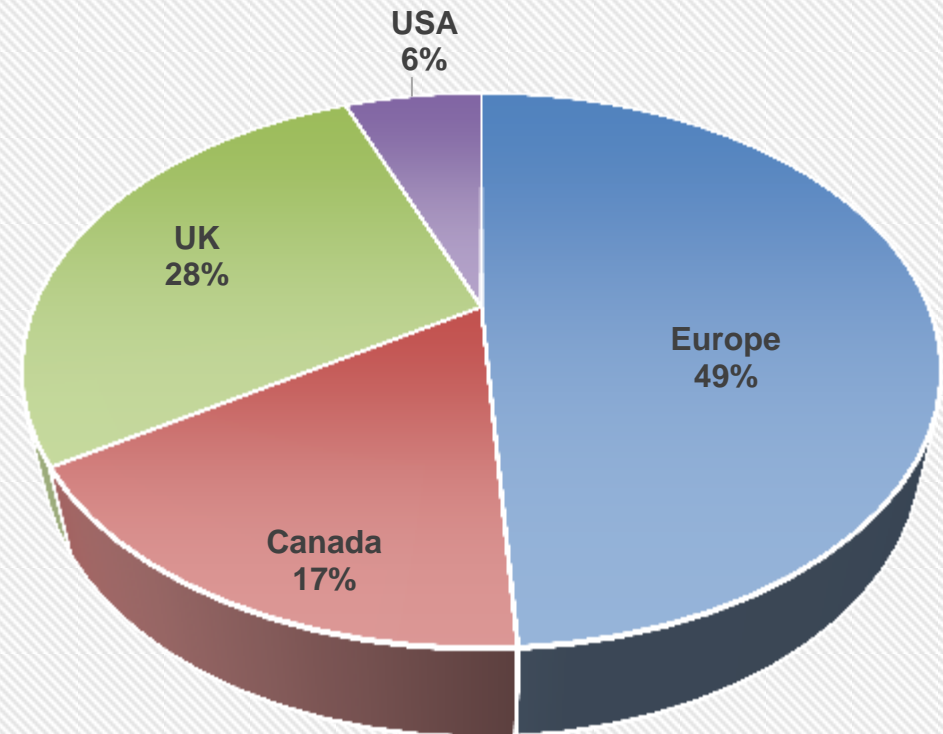


# CAFDP Cohort 1 – 2008-2016

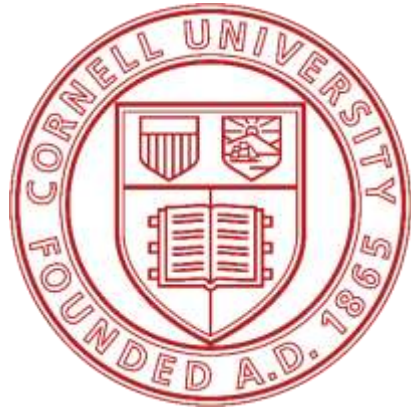
## Nationalities



## Partner Universities



# CAFDP – Some International Partners in Cohort 1 – 36 PhDs



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# Some German University Partners – Cohort 1 - 16 PhDs

EBERHARD KARLS  
UNIVERSITÄT  
TÜBINGEN



Freie Universität



Berlin

JUSTUS-LIEBIG-



UNIVERSITÄT  
GIESSEN

b.tu

Brandenburg  
University of Technology  
Cottbus - Senftenberg



UNIVERSITÄT  
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# UK University Partners – COHORT 1 - 10 PhDs



MANCHESTER  
1824

The University of Manchester

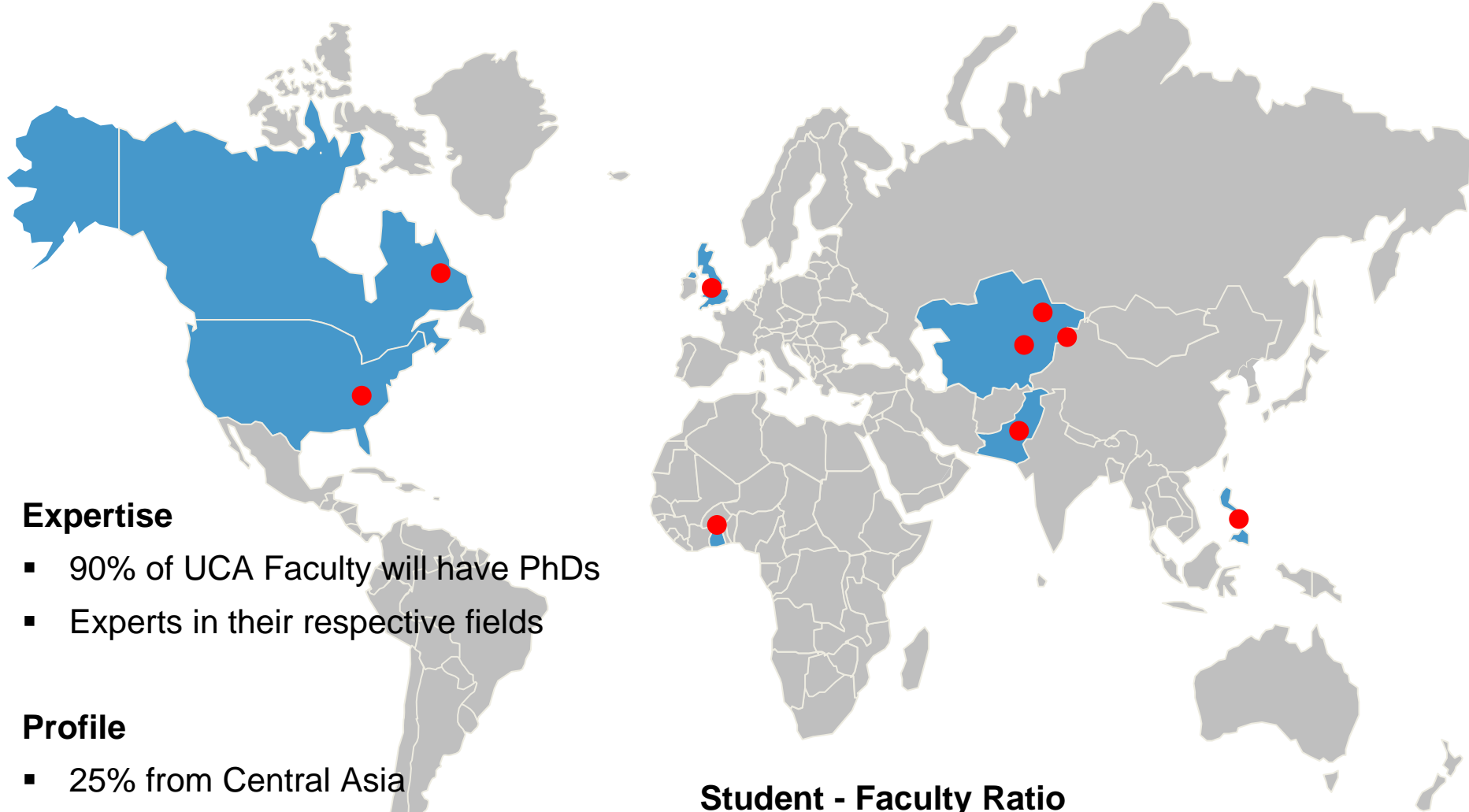


# CAFDP Cohort 1 Outcomes

Cohort 1 : Started in 2008-2016

- 36 PhDs
- 26 Completed PhDs
- 8 Writing up PhDs
- 2 On going PhDs
- **9 currently work for UCA**
- 6 Masters – all completed

# International Calibre of Faculty



## Expertise

- 90% of UCA Faculty will have PhDs
- Experts in their respective fields

## Profile

- 25% from Central Asia
- 50% from surrounding region
- 25% from North America and Europe

## Student - Faculty Ratio

- 9 students :1 faculty member
- UCA will have the smallest ratio in Central Asia

# CAFDP – Cohort 2 (2018 - 2021)



- MOU Signed 9 November 2018
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Media and Communications
- Business Management
- Economics
- Any outstanding candidate

# CAFDP Cohort 2 - 2018



- Over 400 queries received
- 100 attended webinar
- 117 completed applications received
- 21 selected on long list
- 17 interviewed
- 8 short listed by UCA to apply

# Some Potential University Partners – Cohort 2



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# Some challenges to Partnerships

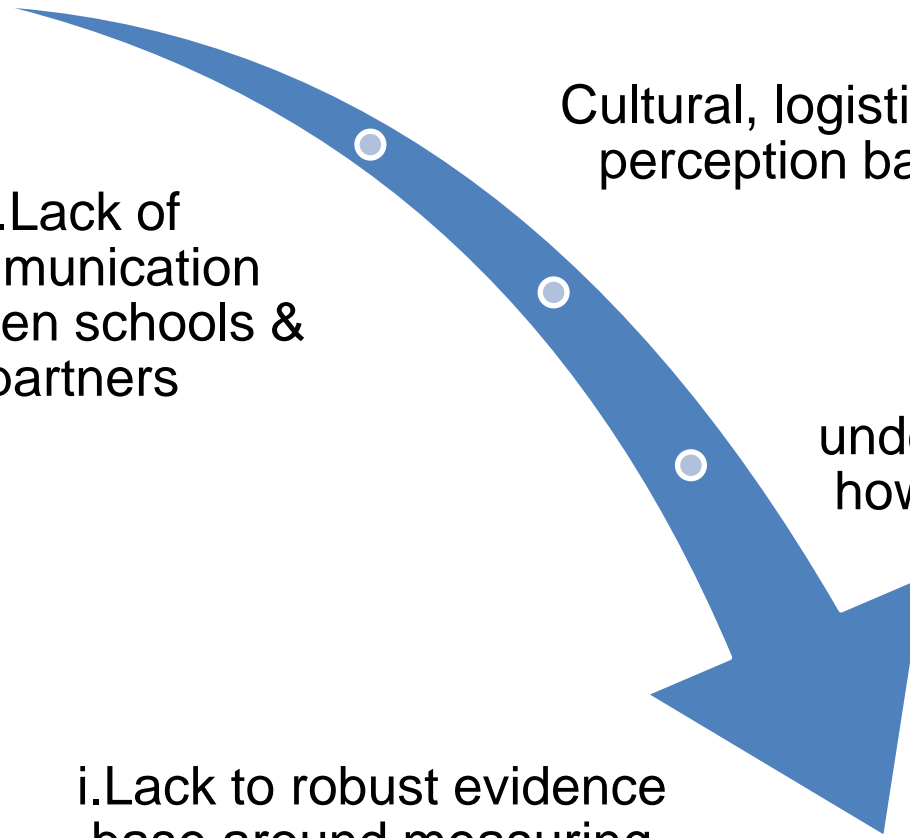
Historical legacy -  
not a two-way street  
between partners

i.Lack of  
communication  
between schools &  
partners

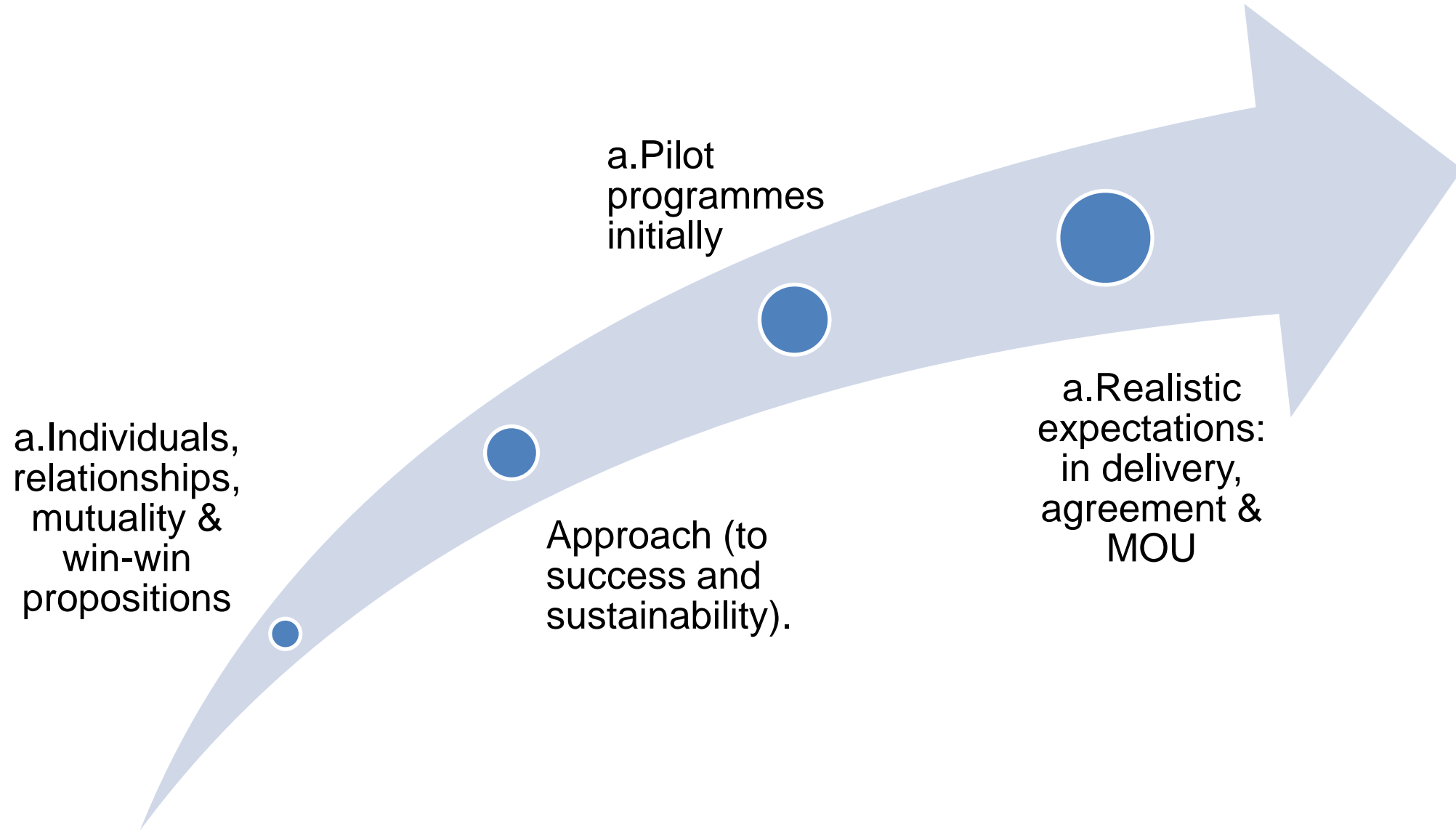
Cultural, logistical, and  
perception barriers.

i.Lack of  
understanding of  
how each other  
works.

i.Lack to robust evidence  
base around measuring  
impact of partnership



# Some Enablers to Partnerships





# WAY FORWARD – Some learnings (Strategic)



- Partnerships is survival (teaching, research & support)
- Essential to any strategic planning and institutional growth
- Collaborations, Partnerships, Exposure etc – a two way street

- Deeper Partnerships – PhDs/post docs/sabbaticals/exchanges
- Short Exposure visits : support staff, researchers, faculty
- Multi year collaborations important not to loose momentum

- Universities must '*want*' to do this and
- Buy in needed at the highest level

# WAY FORWARD – Some learnings (Operational)



- Costs vary considerably across North America, Europe, Asia
- Costs remain a barrier for institutions and individuals

- No fee is a huge incentive
- Masters and MPhil – a good short term alternative to PhDs

- Support & Pastoral care – importance hugely under estimated

# THANK YOU - QUESTIONS?



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