Law School Forms Alliance with University of Queensland

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY School of Law recently launched a formal alliance with the University of Queensland (UQ), one of Australia’s premier learning and research institutions. Beginning this fall, the law school and UQ’s TC Beirne School of Law are offering a four-year combined degree program.

The program allows U.S. students to study at both Washington University’s and UQ’s law schools. Upon completing the degree program, the U.S. graduates will earn a JD from Washington University and an LLM from UQ. Australian participants will enter the LLM program at Washington University after completing the UQ LLB program.

“Our alliance with the University of Queensland helps prepare students from both universities for successful careers in an ever globalized world,” says Kent Syverud, law dean and the Ethan A.H. Shepley University Professor. “The TC Beirne School of Law is one of the elite law schools in Australia, with a global reputation for attracting the top students from Queensland and from across Australia. In addition, the ambitious global vision of the law school and its faculty complements that of Washington University.”

Exchange opportunities also will be available for Washington University law faculty and students, and the schools are exploring future joint research collaborations.

UQ, known as a leader in discovery and translational research across a broad spectrum of disciplines, is the oldest university in Queensland and has produced almost 197,000 graduates since opening in 1911.

Earlier this year, UQ and the University of Melbourne became new Australian partners in the McDonnell International Scholars Academy, which brings together exceptional international graduate and professional students from its 27 partner institutions worldwide to pursue a world-class education and research while forging a strong network with one another.

The academy is designed to prepare the professional students as future leaders knowledgeable about the United States, other countries, and critical international issues. The academy also encourages other initiatives, such as faculty collaboration across institutions on global issues, including energy, the environment, cultural understanding, human health, and economic and social development.

Academy, which brings together exceptional international graduate and professional students from its 27 partner institutions worldwide to pursue a world-class education and research while forging a strong network with one another.

The academy is designed to prepare the professional students as future leaders knowledgeable about the United States, other countries, and critical international issues. The academy also encourages other initiatives, such as faculty collaboration across institutions on global issues, including energy, the environment, cultural understanding, human health, and economic and social development.