

## How to Join

The academic network promotes and strengthens close collaboration between universities and their national geospatial counterparts. Based on this, we encourage you to become a member. To apply, go to the following link and fill out the form in the expression of interest section.

 [unggim.academicnetwork.org](http://unggim.academicnetwork.org)

### What Is It?

A formal body constituted as part of the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM). The Academic Network is the strategic knowledge, research and training arm of it.

### Objective

The primary objective of the UN-GGIM Academic Network is to support the aims and objectives of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM), as UN-GGIM sets the agenda for the development of global geospatial information and promotes its use to address key global challenges.

The network will facilitate access globally to research and education capabilities for UN-GGIM and its affiliated members in order to identify and respond to challenges and opportunities for UN-GGIM and related UN offices. The UN-GGIM Academic Network will be a coalition of recognized universities and research and education centers involved in research, development and education on geospatial, land information and related matters, run on a volunteer basis.



**Expert Groups**

**Working Groups**

**Regional Committees**

**Academic  
Network  
Strategic  
Support**

### Work Plan

The Academic Network's Initial work plan will focus on the following

- Review of the current UN-GGIM WGs' work plan to identify areas for support and input.
- Promotion of the Network to potential member institutions.
- Registry of current capabilities, degree programs, training programs, research, and courses, relevant to UN-GGIM gathered as part of the membership application process as well as through additional means.
- Establishing a Registry for Education, Training and Research.