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Navitas partners with University of Idaho to establish international pathway program

Global education services provider Navitas Limited (ASX: NVT) is pleased to announce that it has signed an agreement with the University of Idaho to establish a pathway program for international students.

The University of Idaho International Student Success Program (UI-ISSP) is scheduled to commence in September 2017 on the university's main Moscow, Idaho campus subject to obtaining customary regulatory approvals.

The pathway program is designed to support the transition of international students to a US university environment and prepare them for future academic success. The program – comprised of academic course content, study skills development and high levels of social and academic support – gives international students the opportunity to demonstrate their ability to succeed in the University's rigorous environment. Students who successfully complete the pathway program will then be eligible to continue their undergraduate or graduate degree studies at the University of Idaho.

The University of Idaho is the state's oldest public institution, offering over 130 undergraduate majors and graduate programs to more than 11,500 students. The University is the primary research university in Idaho with an emphasis on undergraduate research opportunities in a wide array of fields including transportation innovation, environmental science, agricultural science, biomedical research and power applications.

In addition to recruiting international students to attend the UI-ISSP, Navitas will also recruit international students for direct entry into the University. The agreement utilises Navitas' royalty model and is for an initial five year term with two potential five year extensions.

"The University of Idaho is an outstanding university and we are very pleased to be partnering with them to create more opportunities for international students and the wider University community," said Rod Jones, Group CEO of Navitas.

"We look forward to enhancing the University of Idaho's brand as an international study destination and supporting their goals by growing and diversifying the University's international student population."

This partnership is another way the University of Idaho is addressing enrollment and diversity goals, both of which have been highlighted as priorities by University of Idaho President, Chuck Staben.

"Expanding and enriching our international student population brings our world-class education to the world, and brings unique experiences and deeper cultural understanding to our university. We are excited to partner with Navitas to introduce international students from all points on the globe to the University of Idaho," Mr Staben said.

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The University of Idaho will be Navitas' eighth North American partnership as the Company continues to progress its strategic expansion in the region with high quality university partnerships. Other university partners include Simon Fraser University, University of Manitoba, University of Massachusetts Lowell, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, University of Massachusetts Boston, University of New Hampshire, and Florida Atlantic University.

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About University of Idaho

The University of Idaho is one of only 72 land-grant research universities in the United States. From its residential campus in Moscow, UI serves the state of Idaho through educational centers in Coeur d'Alene, Boise, Idaho Falls and Twin Falls, and Extension offices in 42 counties. Home to more than 11,000 students state-wide, UI is a leader in student-centred learning and excels at interdisciplinary research, service to businesses and communities, and in advancing diversity, citizenship and global outreach. Learn more: www.uidaho.edu.

