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## Howard University and Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne establish a strategic partnership

From June 26th to June 29th, leaders from Howard University traveled to Paris, France for the signing of a cooperation agreement between Howard University's College of Arts and Sciences (COAS) and the Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. The delegation included: the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Rubin Patterson; Associate Dean for Academic Student Affairs and the Humanities, Dr. Gladys M. Francis; The Provost & Chief Academic Officer of Howard University, Dr. Anthony K. Wutoh; four COAS students, and other key members of the COAS faculty and staff.



**Howard University Delegation and Université Paris 1  
Panthéon-Sorbonne Team**




**COAS Associate Dean Dr. Gladys Francis,  
President of Université Paris 1 Panthéon-  
Sorbonne Christine Neau-Leduc, and COAS Dean  
Dr. Rubin Patterson**

In order to establish academic ties and expand educational and research activities between the two institutions in various fields, Rubin Patterson (Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Howard University) and Christine Neau-Leduc (President of Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne) signed a major cooperation agreement on June 28, 2023 in Paris, France.

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Beginning in 2024, this partnership will offer Howard University students and Paris 1 Panthéon–Sorbonne students the chance to study or do research in France and the United States (inclusive of their global networks). Faculty members will also gain from opportunities for collaboration to create new training and research initiatives, including joint publications, international conferences, and seminars in addition to co-directing and co-supervising theses. A practice exchange program for the administrative employees from both universities is also a part of the agreement. The two institutions will primarily collaborate in the fields of computer science, economics, geography, history, mathematics, philosophy, political science, and sociology.

Howard University is the first institution of higher learning in Washington, DC to collaborate with Université Paris 1 Panthéon–Sorbonne. As the first major exchange program between a French university and the College of Arts and Sciences of Howard University, this collaboration represents an important turning point in history. Both universities are excited to collaborate on common interests such as providing students with opportunities that aim to prepare them for active citizenship in a complicated world, teach them relevant skills, work to promote innovative and critical thinking, and create safe spaces for intellectual freedom, social justice, artistic expression and the pursuit of knowledge.

During their visit to Paris, the HU delegation was honored to attend many conferences and meetings surrounding social justice and Human Rights, research presentations, and administrative working sessions to define future research projects. During this historical visit, students from Howard University also took part in a study abroad program centered on social justice.

The HU delegation is thankful to the Université Paris 1 Panthéon–Sorbonne team for their outstanding hospitality and collaborative spirit. This meaningful visit brought together a global community of leaders dedicated to achieve sustainable and innovative educational projects.


## More About Université Paris 1 Panthéon–Sorbonne

Founded in 1253 as the Sorbonne and located in Paris' central Latin Quarter Paris 1 Panthéon–Sorbonne is one of the oldest universities in the world. Paris 1 Panthéon–Sorbonne's policies are designed to foster excellent interdisciplinary teaching and research. The university is organized around three main disciplinary areas: economics and management, arts and humanities, and law and political science.

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