

AGREEMENT OF ACADEMIC COOPERATION

between

**THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW
MEXICO, USA**

and

**CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY
CANADA**

On the basis of mutual understanding and desiring to cooperate in education and research, the Regents of the University of New Mexico, USA ("UNM") and Concordia University, Canada ("Concordia"), have reached this Agreement of Academic Cooperation.

1. Principles of Academic Cooperation

UNM and Concordia agree that the following principles governing their relationship are fundamental to their successful academic cooperation;

- 1.1. It should be mutually beneficial;
- 1.2. It should be based on friendly, frank and frequent communications;
- 1.3. Both parties enter into this agreement on the basis of common interest, trust and the intention to provide fair treatment to all participants.

2. Promotion of Collaborative Research and Exchange of Faculty

UNM and Concordia will seek to encourage the development of joint educational and research efforts, periodically designating areas for specific collaboration. Both institutions agree to seek financial support for any cooperative activities or initiatives.

- 2.1. Both partners agree they may invite faculty members from either institution to engage in research and to offer specialized lectures. UNM and Concordia will

consider each request on an individual basis, and decisions shall be dependent on the availability of funding.

- 2.2. Both institutions will provide library access and assist visiting faculty whenever possible with arranging accommodations and other essential university matters.
- 2.3. Both institutions agree that ownership of any Intellectual Property derived from collaborative research shall be assigned according to their respective institution's IPR procedures.
- 2.4. The visiting faculty member must carry comprehensive health insurance that meets the requirements of the host country and/or the host university, whichever entity sets forth the higher standard.
- 2.5. One-to-one faculty exchanges for a full semester or academic year will be discussed as interest arises, and an appropriate amendment will be made to address the modalities of this activity if it is to take place.

3. Student Exchange Programs

Concordia and UNM may nominate students, undergraduate, graduate, or a combination of both for exchange. The host institution will reserve the right to make final judgments on the admissibility of each student nominated for the exchange in accordance with its standard practices and availability of spaces. Each institution will inform the other of any restricted programs on a yearly basis.

- 3.1. Concordia and UNM will exchange up to four undergraduate/graduate student(s) per semester, or a total of up to two per academic year. A student staying for two (2) semesters will count for two (2) student places. The number of students exchanged may not necessarily balance in any given academic year. UNM and Concordia will endeavor to ensure that the total number of students participating in the exchange program shall be in equilibrium over an agreed three (3) year period. Visiting students in excess of the agreed number may attend the host institution on a fee-paying basis. The number of participants may be increased by the mutual agreement of the two parties.
- 3.2. Each institution will send the other completed applications for their students at least twelve (12) weeks before the beginning of the entry semester. The host institution reserves the right of final approval on the admission of each student.
- 3.3. Exchange students must meet all immigration /visa requirements for student status in host country and are responsible for complying with all application procedures, laws and obligations of the host country.
- 3.4. Exchange students shall remain registered and pay tuition and fees to their home institution. Exchange students shall not be charged for application, tuition or related fees by the host institution. However, special fees for specified programs or administrative services fees that are regularly charged to all incoming international students may be charged to exchange students with prior written notice to the sending institution. The hosting institution will advise the student and home university of any such programs.
- 3.5. Each student will be provided with the same academic resources and related support services that are available to all students at the host institution.
- 3.6. Undergraduate student exchanges shall be for a minimum of one (1) semester or a maximum of one (1) regular academic year which equates to two (2) semesters.

- 3.7. Graduate students may study for a minimum of one (1) semester or a maximum of one (1) academic year; or they may engage in research for an agreed period of time, normally two to six (2-6) months.
- 3.8. Research trainees (stagiaires or interns) not registered for credit must have written support of the supervising Professor and the Department Chair of the hosting institution. The hosting institution is not obliged to offer funding, but must accept in writing the project and term of residency. Research trainees coming to Canada are required to hold a temporary work permit.
- 3.9. All students must obtain from their home institution written approval of the program of courses they intend to follow at the host institution.
- 3.10. Students shall assume all transportation costs and living expenses (room and board, books, stationery, incidental costs) in the host country, and must carry comprehensive health and other appropriate insurance that meets the requirements of the host university or government. Whenever possible the coordinating unit for student mobility will offer assistance or refer the visiting students to the appropriate institutional or private organism. The host institution bears no obligation to provide funding to an intern, trainee, exchange, or visiting student for any purpose or circumstance.
- 3.11. All credits or academic work completed at the host institution may not, at a later date, be credited to a degree or program offered by or through that host institution. All credits earned while on exchange at the host institution will be considered applicable exclusively to the degree program at the home University.
- 3.12. It will be the responsibility of the exchange student to ensure he or she obtains a copy of the official academic results covering the subjects taken during the period of the exchange. In addition, each institution will forward a copy of each student's academic record to the home international exchange office or other designated office after obtaining the consent of student

4. Coordination of the Agreement

For UNM, the coordinator will be the Global Education Office. For Concordia it will be the Office of Concordia International.

5. Prolongation, Revision or Termination

This agreement will be in effect for three (3) years from the latest date of signing. Subject to written notification, this agreement may be renewed as presently stated for consecutive three (3) year periods, revised by mutual consent or terminated within six (6) months of either party offering such notification.

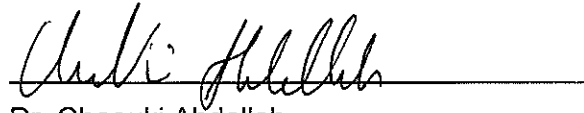
6. Dispute Resolution

Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this agreement which cannot be resolved by amicable discussions between the administering offices shall be jointly referred to the President of the University of New Mexico and the President of Concordia or their nominees, for resolution.

7. Agreed and signed

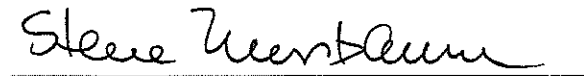
This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. No amendments, consent or waiver terms of this agreement shall bind either party unless in writing and signed by all parties.

On behalf of the Regents
of the University of New Mexico



Dr. Chaouki Abdallah
Provost and Executive Vice President

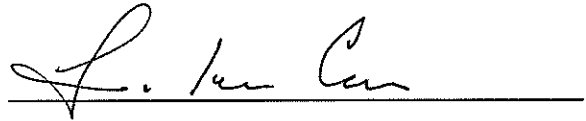
Date: June 3, 2013



Dr. Stephen Nussbaum
Director of Global Education Office

Date: May 17, 2013

On behalf of Concordia University



Dr. Graham Carr
Vice-President, Research and Graduate
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Date: 30 July 2013



Dr. Alan Shepard
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