

Memorandum of Understanding
between
Monash University, Faculty of Arts, (Australia)
and
Sichuan University, College of Foreign Languages & Cultures (PR China)
on
Educational and Research Cooperation

In recognition of the similar disciplinary structures, goals of internationalisation and cross-cultural communication between the two organisations, Monash University through its Faculty of Arts and Sichuan University, College of Foreign Languages & Cultures have agreed to the following protocols governing their cooperation on academic, educational, and research related activities in the area of Arts and Humanities.

Scope:

The scope of collaboration in the area of Arts and Humanities included in this Memorandum of Understanding includes the following categories:

- Development of co-operative undergraduate and postgraduate degree programs;
- Development of collaborative research training programs;
- Research collaboration in areas of mutual interest;
- Exchange of students and scholars;
- Exchange of academic materials;
- Other cooperative academic activities.

Both parties have agreed to develop the following specific initiatives:

Educational:

- Development of co-operative undergraduate degree programs including:
 - 2+2 model, whereby students study the first two years at SU and the second two years at MU to qualify for a Bachelors degree at MU, in areas relevant to both parties;
 - 2+1+1 model, whereby SU students study the first two years at SU, the third year at MU, and fourth year at SU, to qualify for a Bachelors degree at SU, in areas relevant to both parties;
 - Inclusion of Sichuan University as a destination institution under the Monash BA(Global) degree, enabling students to undertake a semester long program in language, cultural studies, or other relevant areas;
- Development of co-operative postgraduate coursework degree programs, including
 - 1+1 model, whereby students study the first year at SU and the second year at MU to qualify for a Masters degree at MU, in areas relevant to both parties;
- Development of dual Masters degree programs, following the 1+1+1 model, whereby students study first year in SU, second year in MU and third year in SU, to qualify for a Masters degree at MU and a second Masters degree at SU, in areas relevant to both parties;
- Development of a fee waiver arrangement in recognition of the expected large numbers of students participating in the co-operative programs;
- Development of language, cultural and other short term programs;
- Both parties will explore student exchange programs at the undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD level, whereby students enrolled at each institution may participate in a semester of study at the other institution, while continuing to pay their normal home institution

tuition fees only. Student numbers participating in the program from both sides will remain balanced at an agreed number;

- Both parties will explore study abroad programs at the undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD level, whereby students participate in a semester of study at the other institution, and pay tuition fees to the other institution;
- Other areas of cooperation and collaboration by mutual agreement.

Research and Research Training:

- Investigation of dual-badged or Cotutelle type PhD programs between Monash and Sichuan in areas of relevance to both parties;
- Development of a program to encourage young SU faculty members to pursue opportunities to undertake PhD degrees, or postdoctoral research at MU in relevant areas;
- Development of a program to encourage SU students who have received funding from the China Scholarship Council, to undertake six to twelve months of study under the guidance of a supervisor at MU under a Study Abroad/Visiting Scholar type arrangement. Students will then return to complete their PhD at SU;
- Both parties will investigate and initiate co-operative research collaborative projects in areas of mutual interest;
- Other areas of cooperation and collaboration by mutual agreement.

Other:

- Development of visiting lecture programs in areas of relevance to both parties;
- Cooperative seminars, symposiums, workshops, conferences and other academic activities.

Implementation:

To implement this agreement, the following is mutually understood and agreed:

- This Memorandum of Understanding is written in both English and in Chinese, and each version is an accurate translation of the other;
- Proposals for collaborative work under this Memorandum will be submitted through the normal procedures of each institution;
- Both parties will nominate a representative in charge of each of the co-operative programs;
- Individual programs of work developed under this Memorandum will be the subject of individual agreements, and where appropriate will be jointly planned and conducted by the nominees of each party;
- Progress of work of any individual program will be reviewed and approved by the Dean of both parties, in accordance with its individual agreement;
- At least every second year the Deans of both parties will endeavour to meet to discuss the progress of activities implemented under this Memorandum of Understanding;
- Neither Sichuan University nor Monash University will be held responsible for any liability, and, neither party shall be required to purchase any insurance against loss or damage to any personal property to which this Memorandum relates.

Commencement, renewal, termination and amendment

This Memorandum of Understanding is effective as of the date of execution by the appropriate officer of each signatory institution. This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years from the date of signing, with the understanding that it may be terminated by either party giving at least six months notice to the other party in writing. The Memorandum may be amended or extended by mutual consent in writing of the two parties.

Signed

for Monash University



Professor Raelene Frances
Dean of Arts

23 August 2007
Date

for Sichuan University



Professor Fan AO
Executive Deputy Dean
College of Foreign Languages & Cultures

23/08/2007
Date