



Universidade Federal de Uberlândia

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DE UBERLÂNDIA AND Oulu University of Applied Sciences

UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DE UBERLÂNDIA, a public foundation of higher education, member of the Indirect Federal Administration, established through Decree No. 762, as of 14 August 1969, altered by Act No. 6.532, as of 14 May 1978, located at Avenida João Naves de Ávila, 2121, in the City of Uberlândia, State of Minas Gerais, Brazil, identified in the National Registry of Legal Entities through CNPJ/MF 25.648.3870001-18, herein represented by its Rector, **Prof. Dr. Valder Steffen Júnior**,

hereinafter referred to as the "UFU", and **OULU UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES**, identified in the National trade register by business id 2509747-8. Located in Oulu, Finland, legal address: Yliopistokatu 9, 90570 Oulu, Finland, herein represented by its Rector, Heidi Fagerholm, hereinafter referred to as "Oamk", agree to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding, hereinafter the "MoU", to promote academic and scientific cooperation in higher education, research, and innovation.

1. BACKGROUND

This **MOU** is motivated by a prospect of internationalization and academic and scientific cooperation gaining momentum from developing activities in areas of common interest, with mutual benefits to both parties, building on their solid experience in academic and scientific domains.

2. PURPOSE

Both parties agree to the terms of this memorandum with a common interest in establishing and encouraging mutually beneficial relationships for academic and scientific activities, including research, teaching, extension and outreach, especially for some of the following activities: student exchange programs; dual degree programs; faculty exchange for research and teaching, including in special undergraduate or graduate courses in their areas of expertise; joint research projects; effective disclosure of joint research findings; staff exchange for training in their areas of work; collaboration in third party-funded activities of educational or economic assistance; graduate exchange programs for specific research projects or courses of interest and relevance; exchange of educational and scientific literature produced by any of the parties, or both; exchange of materials related to the most relevant and current research carried out by researchers from both institutions; and joint organization of conferences, seminars and symposia of interest to both parties.

3. EFFECTUATION

To carry out the activities agreed to in this MOU, the parties shall reciprocally comply with the rules in force in both institutions and shall sign **SPECIFIC COOPERATION AGREEMENTS** containing **WORK PLANS**, which shall be fully approved and necessarily linked to this **MOU**. The **WORK PLANS** shall contain at a minimum: 1) Clear identification of the individuals in charge of the project/program; 2) Objectives; 3) Goals; 4) Common interests; 5) Mutual benefits; 6) Foreseen stages/activities; 7) Detailed schedule; 8) Personnel involved (including forms of involvement, working days and hours dedicated to the cooperation); 9) Forms of funding; 10) Forms of disclosure of partial and final results (events, publications, etc.); 11) Anticipation of partial and final reporting; 12) Further relevant information. At the UFU the **WORK PLANS** shall be approved by the respective academic units before integrating any **SPECIFIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT**.

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4. TERMS

This MOU shall become effective upon signature by both parties and shall continue for a period of five (5) years, with a possibility of one automatic renewal for successive period of five (05) years, unless terminated by either party by giving written notice at least sixty (60) days in advance of the stated termination date. Once the initial term and the automatic renewal have been completed, an Amendment shall be established if both parties are interested in continuing the academic collaboration.

5. FUNDING

The parties agree that each activity undertaken pursuant to this **MOU** shall be dependent on the availability of funds, and financial arrangements for each activity shall be negotiated prior to entering into a **Specific Cooperation Agreement** related thereto. The parties agree that they will make all reasonable efforts to obtain adequate funding to the activities described in future **SPECIFIC COOPERATION AGREEMENTS** signed pursuant to the terms of this **MOU**. The parties may share the inherent costs of the activities as per availability and following their internal rules. The effectuation of any of the cooperation activities shall not entail employment relationship of a party with the individuals involved.

6. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The joint research activities that may produce outcomes that may be protected by intellectual property rights shall be anticipated in the **SPECIFIC COOPERATION AGREEMENTS** and their respective **WORK PLANS**, which shall necessarily be bond to this **MOU**. Both parties shall establish binding rules to ensure that all participants comply with the terms of their respective Intellectual Property Rules. Therefore, none of the outcomes of scientific or technical cooperation shall be used without prior written consent of the institutions. The parties shall be legally liable for non-compliance with the provisions of this clause.

7. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Both parties shall subscribe to a policy of equal opportunity and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, age, ethnicity, religion, national origin, or disability.

8. IMMIGRATION AND INSURANCE


The participants of the academic and scientific activities related to this MoU shall comply with immigration requirements of the host institution's country and be responsible for obtaining passports, visas, relevant vaccines and international health insurance.

9. TERMINATION

This MoU shall be denounced and/or terminated by any of the parties, provided that the other party be notified in writing at least sixty (60) days in advance. The activities already in progress, as established by virtue of previously approved Cooperation Agreements, Work Plans and Amendments, shall not be prejudiced and shall continue until concluded by the parties.

10. DISPUTES

The parties shall endeavor to find a consensual solution to any dispute and doubt that may arise while implementing and interpreting this **MOU**. Should this not be possible, the parties shall resort to an international

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institution that is competent on the matter and has a representatives both in Brazil and in Finland to mediate and solve the issue.

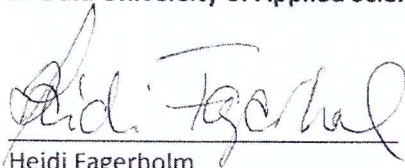
11. DISCLOSURE

UFU shall publish an abridged version of the terms of this MoU and its amendments in the federal official gazette *Diário Oficial da União* by the fifth (5th) work day of the month following the signature of this document.

WHEREFORE the parties to this agreement signify their acceptance of the terms and conditions contained herein by signing in this MOU in a bilingual version of equal content and form for all purposes under the law.

Oulu, 28/4 / 2021.

For Oulu University of Applied Sciences



Heidi Fagerholm
Rector

Uberlândia, 10/05 2021.

For Universidade Federal de Uberlândia



Prof. Dr. Valder Steffen Júnior
Rector