AGREEMENT– MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTRÉAL, CANADA
AND
CURTIN UNIVERSITY, AUSTRALIA

WHEREAS the two institutions are united by a community of interests and goals in the academic and cultural fields;

WHEREAS universities are precisely institutions bound by their very essence, their purpose and their goals to establish channels of communication allowing the exchange of scientific and cultural knowledge;

The Université de Montréal (Montréal, Québec, Canada), represented by its Rector, Prof. Guy Breton, and Curtin University (Perth, Australia), represented by its Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Linda Kristjanson.

Hereby decide to establish formal ties between them based on the following provisions:

Article 1. GOAL

Enhance the quality of each partner’s research and training activities by benefiting from their convergence of interests.

Article 2. COMMUNICATIONS

The two parties shall exchange information and offer one another reciprocal support on academic, cultural and administrative matters through exchanges of publications and other appropriate actions.

The two parties shall consult one another whenever they deem necessary, and specifically to jointly assess the development of teaching and research actions and to draw up a record of actions already achieved or currently underway.

Article 3. COOPERATION

This Agreement aims to further the launch of collaborative efforts in three areas:

a) The two universities intend to develop joint research projects;
b) They also intend to exchange faculty members;
c) Lastly, they will create a student exchange program.
Article 4. JOINT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

The parties will see to the development of joint research activities, especially in the field of Science and Mathematics Education.

Article 5. EXCHANGE OF FACULTY MEMBERS

The two parties shall promote, within the current regulatory framework:
- The exchange of personnel for periods that may range from a few days to several months;
- Mutual participation in conferences, seminars and internships organized by one of the universities;
- Exchanged personnel and/or faculty members will ensure to take out the relevant personal accident and health insurance covers and provide proof of documentation prior to travel.

Article 6. TERMS OF THE STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

All candidates admitted to either educational system with the purpose of following a duly authorized study program must comply with the following terms:
- Have completed the equivalent of at least one year of full-time study in the program in which the candidate is enrolled in the home institution and remain enrolled in said program during their stay in the receiving institution;
- Possess an excellent academic record;
- Meet the specific requirements of both the home and host institutions.

Candidates accepted into the exchange program:
- Remain enrolled full-time in the home university to which they pay their tuition fees. The participating institutions agree not to require the payment of tuition fees from the students they welcome;
- Will study full-time for at least one semester but no longer than one academic year in the host institution, in a study program approved by the home institution;
- Are responsible for:
  a) various expenses required by the host institution (administration, student activity and health insurance fees\(^1\), said expenses to be made known in advance;
  b) transportation and living expenses (housing and food) for themselves and their dependents;
- Must qualify for the financial assistance programs to which their enrolment in the home institution entitles them.

For the students, these exchanges will result in an academic transcript issued by the host institution making it possible to validate this training by the home institution.

Article 7. FUNDING

The financial agreements pertaining to the execution of projects will be established through consultations between the two universities in accordance with each cooperation program.

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\(^1\) Québec law requires foreign students to obtain health insurance that is valid in Québec. The Université de Montréal thus subjects all registering students to health and accident insurance coverage (cost for the 2010-2011 university year: $996 or $332 per semester). This health insurance plan covers medical and hospital costs, along with prescription medicines. It does not cover dental care or glasses. There is also coverage for repatriation in case of death or disability.
For the achievement of cooperation activities, the two universities shall take appropriate steps with likely granting bodies.

Any subsidy granted for cooperation activities shall be administered by the institution which initiated the request.

Article 8. MODIFICATIONS

The present Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement at the request of one of the parties. Said amendments shall come into effect as of the date set by both institutions.

Article 9. DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT

The present Agreement will come into effect on the date of its signing by the authorities and will remain in force for a period of five years. It will automatically be renewed at regular intervals for the same period, however each party may move, in writing and with six months' notice to this effect, to amend or terminate the Agreement.

Article 10. SIGNATURES

On behalf of Université de Montréal

Prof. Guy Breton, M.D.
Rector

Date

On behalf of Curtin University

Prof. Linda Kristjanson
Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research & Development

Date
ANNEX I

TO THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
CURTIN UNIVERSITY (AUSTRALIA) AND UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTRÉAL (CANADA)

THE DIRECTOR of the Science & Mathematics Education Centre of Curtin University, Professor Barry Fraser;

AND

THE DEAN of the Faculté des sciences de l’éducation of Université de Montréal, Professor Louise Poirier,

BOTH, in their desire to strengthen existing academic relations and to establish new ones, as well as to reinforce in particular those between the Science and Mathematics Education Centre and the Chaire d'étude et de recherche en enseignement des sciences et des technologies en milieu scolaire et collégial,

Acknowledge that the intention is:

1. To develop collaborative projects in the area of Science Education.

2. To develop research projects that may lead to joint scientific publications in these areas. Results obtained in such projects could be the object of scientific seminars, and their eventual publication will follow the agreement of the participants in the investigation.

3. To welcome professors and researchers for the duration and conditions established by both parties.

4. To contribute to the theoretical and practical education of students from the other University, particularly as it concerns graduate students in the area of Science Education, and favouring student internships and stays of any duration in the partner’s facilities or associated centres.

5. Each University will designate a person in charge of collaborative projects, who will work together to set up the most appropriate programming, and act as a monitoring team.

6. Both Institutions will encourage and support all actions to obtain the necessary funding for the development of joint projects and exchanges, from internal, local, regional, national and international sources.

7. The duration and conditions of renewal of this Annex will follow those of the General Agreement signed between Curtin University and Université de Montréal.

Prof. Barry Fraser
Director
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Prof. Louise Poirier
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