AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTRÉAL
(DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND OPERATIONS RESEARCH)
AND
FAHD BIN SULTAN UNIVERSITY
(COMPUTING COLLEGE)

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 knowledge;

The Université de Montréal (Canada), represented by its Rector, Dr. Guy Breton, and Fahad Bin Sultan University (Saudi Arabia), represented by its President, Prof. Ahmad Nasri

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

The two parties aim to further launch collaborative efforts in various areas including:

a) Development of joint research projects;
b) Exchange of faculty members;
c) Creation of a student exchange program in line with the rules and procedures adopted in both countries.

Article 4. JOINT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

The two parties aim to develop joint research activities and plan to exchange visits for faculty members from both universities to work together on joint research projects. Such projects could possibly be defined and funded at the university level or be submitted to proper external funding bodies. In either case, the experience is a rich one for faculty members and for students at both the graduate and undergraduate levels.
Article 5. EXCHANGE OF FACULTY MEMBERS

Within the current regulatory framework, the two parties shall promote:

- 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.

Article 6. TERMS OF THE STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

A student pursuing a study program either in the Department of Computer Science of UdeM or in the Computing College of FBSU may continue his/her study in the other respective program provided that s/he complies 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.

A Candidate accepted into the exchange program shall

- Remain a full-time student at the home university; both universities agree that the host institution must not require any tuition fees from the exchange student.
- Study full-time for at least one semester but no longer than one academic year in the host institution.
- Be responsible for:
  a) various costs required by the host institution (administration, student activity and health insurance fees), said costs to be made known in advance;
  b) transportation and living expenses (housing and food) for themselves and their dependents.
- Qualify for the financial assistance programs to which their enrolment in the home institution entitles them.

Upon the completion of his/her study as part of the exchange program, the student will receive an academic transcript from the host institution to be validated afterwards from the home institution.

FBSU students could either complete their summer internships at UdeM or execute their graduation projects.

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.

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 document 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, pending the approval of the proper authorities in both countries if needed, and will remain in force for a period of three 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.

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