MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

FOR

ACADEMIC COLLABORATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF ACADEMIC COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

Between

THE UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG
(Established in terms of the Higher Education Act 101 of 1997(as amended)

and

THE UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTRÉAL
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Preamble

In the pursuit of excellence in scholarship and dissemination of knowledge to generate reciprocal benefit within a framework of openness, fairness, and equity, that will serve both the partners, the University of Johannesburg and the Université de Montréal hereby sign a Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") for Academic Collaboration. The University of Johannesburg and the Université de Montréal are hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”. The two Parties have mutually agreed to the following:

1. **Aim of the MoU**

The aim of this MoU is to provide for cooperation on academic activities of the two institutions that will strengthen mutual understanding, foster friendly co-operation, and to promote sustainable and productive academic collaboration and exchange between faculty, students, and researchers of both the Parties.

2. **Scope of the MoU**

Areas of joint activity may include (but are not necessarily limited to) the following:

- Joint research and training programs;
- Faculty cooperation and exchange;
- Student exchange;
- Joint proposals for external funding;
- Joint sponsorship of conferences;
- Joint publications;
- Exchange of materials, articles and other publications; and
- Other such activities as may be mutually agreed upon.
3. **Activities Envisaged**

In pursuit of the aim of the MoU, the Parties hereby agree to undertake to promote, within the framework of the provisions of the respective governments’ regulations applying in each of the institutions, and subject to the availability of resources, the following activities:

3.1 **Academic Collaboration**

3.1.1 Research collaboration, including joint research projects in areas of mutual interest.

3.1.2 In so far as research can be promoted by a period of residence at the partner university, both universities agree to appropriately support members of the partner university. Each will ensure that visiting academics are integrated well into existing research terms and, if possible, make working space available to them.

3.1.3 Exchange of faculty members and research personnel. The number, timing and duration of such exchanges may vary according to the needs of the particular program (refer to particular departmental MoU – if relevant).

3.1.4 Exchange of academic information and materials, publications, research databases, and courseware.

3.1.5 Sharing of library resources such as research papers, indices, books and magazines on relevant subjects where possible and appropriate.

3.1.6 Sponsoring and conducting joint conferences, seminars, colloquia, training programs, workshops and other academic meetings on matters of mutual interest.

3.1.7 Extending invitations for attending scholarly and technical meetings and assisting in making arrangements for attending national and international conferences.

3.2 **Exchange of Students**

3.2.1 Each institution may exchange students upon mutual agreement, for a period not exceeding one year.

3.2.2 The home institution will screen student applications and recommend students to the host institution for an invitation.

3.2.3 Students will perform duties in the relevant academic department as agreed upon by the departmental supervisor.

3.2.4 Transcripts of results will be provided to the home institution soon after the completion of the exchange.

3.2.5 Each student will register and pay tuition and required fees at the home institution. The host institution will waive tuition if the student follows the agreed upon academic programme, which may include limited choices made at the host institution even after commencement of the exchange, negotiated with the host/contact person.

3.2.6 Students enrolled at the host institution will be subject to the same rules and regulations as local students. Students will be eligible for all the services and rights normally provided to locally enrolled students.

3.2.7 Each student will be responsible for arranging the necessary relevant immigration requirements (e.g. a study permit).

3.2.8 Students are responsible for costs of accommodation, international and local travel in host country, books, equipment, health insurance and other expenses arising out of the exchange.
3.2.9 The host institution may refer an exchange student for language assessment if necessary/applicable.

4. General considerations

4.1 The terms of, and the necessary resources for, such joint activities and exchange programs shall be discussed and mutually agreed upon in writing by both Parties through the liaison officers specified by the Parties prior to the initiation of the particular activity or program.

4.2 Each Party should approve any funding for such activities internally. The Parties may also go for external funding. The final approval of any project is subject to the approval of both institutions and will be dependent, in part, upon the availability of guaranteed support funds.

4.3 It is the intention of the institutions that all research derived from the collaborative efforts of the two Parties will be the joint property of both Parties, proportionate to the Parties' respective contributions, unless otherwise specified in a particular departmental MoU or the specific institutional policies on intellectual property.

4.4 The activities under the MoU will be undertaken by specific appointees from each institution.

4.5 This Memorandum of Understanding will commence on the date of its signing by both Parties, and shall remain in force for an initial period of three years. Any amendment of and/or modification to the MoU will require the written approval from both Parties. The MoU shall renew itself automatically for successive periods of three years unless either of the Parties notifies the other Party in writing of its desire to terminate it upon six months' notice to the other Party. The termination of this MoU shall not affect the implementation of the projects or programmes established under it prior to such termination.

4.6 This MoU does not constitute a legal or contractual obligation on the part of either Party. It reflects an arrangement that is currently satisfactory to the Parties involved. The Parties agree to negotiate amendments to this memorandum as needed to meet the evolving requirements.

5. CONTACT DETAILS OF TWO INSTITUTIONS

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Signed for and on behalf of the University of Johannesburg

Prof. Irion L Rensburg
Vice-Chancellor
Duly authorised thereto by the University of Johannesburg

Date: 21st May 2010

Witness

Dean: Faculty of Science
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Date: 21st May 2010

Signed for and on behalf of the Université de Montréal

Prof. Luc Vinet
Rector
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Witness

Dean: Health Sciences
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