AGREEMENT BETWEEN

THE UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTRÉAL (SCHOOL OF OPTOMETRY)

AND

TECHNISCHE FACHHOCHSCHULE BERLIN (TFH BERLIN) – UNIVERSITY OF
APPLIED SCIENCE
(Department of Electrical and Precision Engineering – Division of Optometry)

WHEREAS both institutions are united by a community of interests and objectives in the
academic and cultural fields:

WHEREAS the universities are precisely required, in essence, by their purpose and
objectives, to establish communication channels that enable the exchange of scientific and
cultural information:

Université de Montréal (Canada), presented by its Rector, Prof. Dr. Luc Vinet, and TFH
Berlin – University of Applied Sciences (Germany), represented by its president Prof. Dr.
Reinhard Thümer, have decided to establish a formal relationship, pursuant to the following
articles:

Article 1 – OBJECTIVE

Increase the quality in research and training activities of each partner by building on their
convergent interest.

Article 2 – COMMUNICATIONS

Both Parties shall exchange information and grant support to one another with regard to
education, culture and administration, through publication sharing and other appropriate
measures.

Both Parties shall refer to one another when deemed necessary, particularly to conduct joint
assessments of the teaching and research activities’ progress, and to report on the measures
already implemented or being implemented.

Article 3 – PARTNERSHIP

The purpose of the Agreement is to promote the undertaking of a three-tier partnership:

a) Both universities expect to develop joint research projects;

b) They also expect to develop a faculty exchange programme;

c) Finally, they expect to develop a student exchange programme.
Article 4 – JOINT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

The Parties shall ensure the development of joint research activities in the field of optometry.

Article 5 RESEARCH PROFESSOR EXCHANGE

Both Parties shall promote, in accordance with standing regulation:
   a) Faculty exchanges for periods that could range from a few days to a few months;
   b) One university’s attendance to conventions, seminars and training courses organised by the other university.

Article 6 – TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Any applicant admitted to one education system or the other, with the aim of following a duly authorised study programme, must comply with following terms and conditions:
   • Having completed the equivalent of at least one year as a full-time student in the home institution programme for which he/she is registered, and remaining registered for that same programme during his/her stay at the host institution;
   • Having an excellent academic recording;
   • Meeting the home university’s and the host university’s specific requirements.

The applicant who is admitted to the exchange programme:
   • Remains registered as a full-time student at the home institution and pays its tuition fees. Participating institutions agree not to demand payment of tuition fees from the students they welcome;
   • Agrees to complete at least one semester full-time, but no more than an academic year at the host institution in a study programme approved by the home institution;
   • Bears
     a) The miscellaneous fees charged by the host institution (administration fees, student association fees and health-insurance); cost will be known in advance;
     b) Travel and living expenses (accommodation and food) for himself/herself and his/her dependents;
   • Benefits from financial assistance programmes to which his/her registration at the home institution entitles him/her.

As part of the exchange programme, the students shall receive full academic recognition from the host institution, allowing them to validate at the home institution credits earned abroad.

Article 7 – FINANCING

The financial agreements concerning project execution shall be established through consultations between the two Parties in compliance with each cooperative programme.

Both universities agree, for the carrying out of the cooperative activities, to approach in an appropriate manner agencies that are likely to warrant grants.
Any grant warranted for cooperative activities shall be administered by the applying institution.

Article 8 – AMENDMENTS

The present Agreement may be amended by mutual consent at the request of one of the Parties. The amendments shall take effect on the date set by both institutions.

Article 9 – TERM

The present Agreement shall take effect on the date it is signed by the authorities, and will continue for an initial period of three years. This Agreement shall be renewed tacitly and regularly for further terms of three years, each party being able, however, to propose the amendment or the termination of this Agreement with six-month written notice.

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Sept. 15, 2008

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