



University of Aruba

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON ACADEMIC COOPERATION

Between

UNIVERSITY OF ONTARIO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (ONTARIO TECH UNIVERSITY)
Oshawa, Ontario, Canada,

AND

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SPORTS OF ARUBA
L.G. Smith Boulevard 76, Oranjestad, Aruba,

AND

UNIVERSITY OF ARUBA (UA)
J. Irausquinplein 4, Oranjestad, Aruba

Introduction

The **University of Ontario Institute of Technology** (“Ontario Tech University”), founded in 2002, is a public university in Oshawa, Canada. With a focus and foundation in technology, science and professional practice, Ontario Tech University advances the discovery and application of knowledge that accelerates economic growth, regional development and social innovation and empowers graduates to impact their broader communities.

Aruba’s unique social-economic resources, a diverse multilingual population, and its commitment to invest in developing her human capital, provides valuable learning and opportunities for collaborative programming with Florida Institute of Technology. The current population of Aruba is about 110,000, together representing more than 90 nationalities. The economy of Aruba is mainly based on tourism, and almost all products are imported. Aruba is undergoing a transition period balancing the economic growth with a human centered approach. With its people’s first approach Aruba is committed to the implementation of the sustainable development goals and has included nine accelerators in its National Strategic Plan. Current interesting developments on the island are: opening of a STEM facility at the University of Aruba, opening of a bio-marine park for the protection of the ocean and water management, opening of a new state of the art waste management facility, introduction of an e-government program, large investments in renewable energy and agriculture. Aruba can provide research, exchange programs and collaboration opportunities in a safe and beautiful environment.

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The **University of Aruba** (“UA”) has been catering to the higher educational needs of Aruba since 1988, offering seven major areas of study as well as an Academic Foundation Year. UA’s physical facilities have grown right alongside the community it serves and, like Aruba, the UA is an active participant on the

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international scene, partnered with major international universities, as well as a proud recipient of the Erasmus+ grant for students and staff mobility.

Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (“MoU”) is to encourage and facilitate the development of mutually beneficial relations between ONTARIO TECH UNIVERSITY, the MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SPORTS OF ARUBA, and the UNIVERSITY OF ARUBA, hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Participants,” or individually a “Participant.” All Participants wish to promote cooperation in academic training, teaching and collaborative research and decide to explore:

- Cooperation on academic programs
- Development of joint research activities
- Faculty exchanges and/or visiting programs for teaching and research
- Student exchanges and/or visiting programs for research and study
- Participation in seminars and academic meetings
- Exchange of academic materials, results of teaching and research collaboration and other information
- Special short-term academic programs
- Student tuition discounts and international (merit) awards Other activities viewed to be mutually beneficial

The terms of cooperation for each specific activity implemented under this MoU shall be mutually discussed and decided upon in writing by the individual Participants prior to the initiation of such activity and will be the subject of separate agreements.

Non-Binding Nature

This MoU is intended only to set forth the general understanding of the Participants with respect to the subject matter herein and does not, and is not intended to, contractually bind the Participants. None of the Participants will incur any obligations to any other Participant, financial or otherwise, upon execution of this MoU. None of the Participants will incur any obligations to any other Participant in the absence of a subsequent written agreement to accept specific financial or other obligations.

Term

This MoU becomes effective from the day the representatives of all of the Participants affix their signatures below, and will continue for an initial period of five (5) years, whereupon it will be reviewed and may be extended by mutual written decision of all Participants. This MoU may be amended through the mutual decision of all Participants. This MoU may be terminated by any of the Participants upon providing thirty (30) days’ prior written notice signed by an authorized representative of the notifying Participant.

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General

The administration of this MoU will be the responsibility of the Provost and VP Academic at ONTARIO TECH UNIVERSITY, the Director of the Department of Education of Aruba, and the Coordinator International Office of the UA.

Where the Participants intend to use the name of the other Participant, including any of its constituent departments, programs or logos, relating in any way to the activities described in this MoU, such use or publication will be in a form approved by the other Participant.

The Participants decide that there is no intention to share any confidential or proprietary information in any collaboration under this MoU. If any of the Participants desires to disclose information of a confidential or proprietary nature, the Participants will enter into a separate written confidentiality agreement.

Treatment of intellectual property rights developed through collaboration under this MoU will be determined by the Participants through mutual consultation and separate written agreements on a case by case basis.

Signed in triplicate, the Participants have hereunto set their hands and seals as of the day and year below.

Signatures:

Ontario Tech University

By:

Dr. Lori Livingston
Provost and Vice President Academic
University of Ontario Institute of Technology

Date:

Ministry of Education and Sports of Aruba

By:

Mr. Endy Croes
Minister of Education and Sports
Ministry of Education and Sport of Aruba

Date:

University of Aruba

By:

Prof. Dr. Viola Heutger
Rector, University of Aruba

Date: 23. 6. 23