



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON EDUCATION
BETWEEN THE
MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF ARUBA
AND BRESCIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF CANADA

The Ministry of Education, Science and Sustainable Development of Aruba and Brescia University College, Ontario, Canada hereinafter referred to as the Signatories;

Desiring to foster a friendly relationship, establish a mutually beneficial relationship through education and exchange of knowledge, and to stimulate student mobility between countries;

Believing that the geopolitical position of Aruba, unique socio-economic resources, and national commitment to sustainable economic growth through renewable energy provides valuable learning and research opportunities for both Signatories;

Considering that Brescia University College is unique in the higher education landscape and offers unparalleled opportunities for women to excel. As Canada's only women's university, Brescia is a leader in the field of higher education, providing high-quality programs with a global perspective, alongside a commitment to their community and in developing future leaders;

Have reached the following understandings:

PARAGRAPH I: GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The Signatories intend to establish and expand cooperative efforts in education according to the following general principles:

- A. The Signatories will encourage and develop cooperation and exchanges in the field of education and research, and other collaborative opportunities that may arise.
- B. Such exchanges and cooperation will be subject to the Constitutions and applicable laws and regulations of the respective countries, and will be subject to the availability of funds. Within this framework, the Signatories can promote favorable conditions for the fulfillment of this cooperation and



these exchanges.

C. The cooperation provided for in this Memorandum is non-binding and relies on the voluntary cooperation of both Signatories.

PARAGRAPH II: METHODS OF COOPERATION

A. In carrying out the general principles of this Memorandum the Parties intend to:

1. Encourage and facilitate closer relationships between Brescia University College, the country of Aruba, University of Aruba, Instituto Pedagogico Arubano, secondary and other post-secondary institutions, appropriate educational organizations, economic organizations, and private sector establishments involved in education.
2. Provide, wherever possible, scholarship with regards to tuition fees or other educational or program associated fees as stipulated in Paragraph III.

PARAGRAPH III: SCHOLARSHIP

The Signatories agree to special fees according to the following principles:

- A. Aruban students who meet all necessary requirements will be granted a Government of Aruba student loan, subject to all local laws and regulations. Any additional costs not covered by the student loan is the responsibility of the student.
- B. Aruban students admitted directly from a secondary school system to an undergraduate program at Brescia may receive a renewable entrance scholarship at the time of admission based on the admission average. The scholarship value typically ranges from \$1,500 to \$3,500 CAD annually with eligibility determined by the admissions average as calculated at the time of admission. Entrance scholarship offers are reassessed on final high school grades. Aruban students can qualify for this scholarship through one of the following:
1. Complete the VWO secondary stream with a cumulative score of seven point five (7.5) or higher calculated on six (6) academic courses; courses must include specific subjects as required by the program.
 2. Students completing HAVO with a cumulative score of seven point five (7.5) or higher may be considered on case by case basis (subject to possession of specific courses and performance as



- required by the program); the average is calculated on six (6) academic courses, which must include specific subjects as required by the program.
3. Students completing HAVO may also be eligible to study in Brescia's Preliminary Year program for either one or two terms based on their HAVO results. Admission into undergraduate studies will be based on Preliminary Year results.
 4. Complete high school diploma with at least four academic units at Grade 12 and minimum average in the final year of A-; average must include specific subjects as required by the program.
 5. Meet English proficiency requirements.
- C. Aruban students can renew the entrance scholarship over the first four years of undergraduate study. To renew the scholarship, students must register in and complete a full course load at Brescia University College (a minimum of 5.0 credits in the Fall/Winter session) and maintain an annual term average of 80%.
- D. Aruban students admitted from an Associate's Degree, Diploma or Degree program from an accredited post-secondary institution as a transfer student will be eligible to receive a one-time transfer award valued at \$5,000 CAD. This award will be automatically assessed for students entering Brescia University College into a degree program. Students must present:
1. Certified transcripts demonstrating a minimum average of 75% (as calculated at time of admission) and completion of program study.
 2. Meet English proficiency requirements.
- E. All Aruban students are eligible to receive Brescia's Aruban Partner Award. These awards are applied automatically to all students from Aruba paying international student fees. Awards are eligible for up to four years and based on full-time enrollment (4.0-5.0 courses); however, will be prorated if students enroll in less than 4.0 courses.
1. For students entering and subsequently enrolling in an undergraduate degree in Management & Organizational Studies: \$5,000 CAD.
 2. For students entering and subsequently enrolling in an undergraduate degree in Arts, Social Science, Family Studies, Science (Foods & Nutrition): \$3,500 CAD
 3. For students entering and subsequently enrolling in the Preliminary Year program: \$2,000 CAD.



- F. Students must apply for admission and submit documents prior to April 1st of the year they wish to be admitted to, meet all admissions criteria to Brescia University College.
- G. This scholarship is arranged in lieu of any 3rd party commission or fees, which will not be used to vet any Aruban students who wish to study at Brescia University College.

PARAGRAPH IV: FINAL TERMS

Any costs incurred by the Signatories to carry out the cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding are subject to the decisions of their governing bodies, based on the availability of funds and on the norms, rules and regulations pertaining to budgetary and financial matters.

The cooperation outlined in this Memorandum of Understanding is to commence upon the date of signature. Either Signatory may terminate this MOU providing thirty (30) days written notice. Any student enrolled at Brescia University College at the moment of termination and meeting all renewal academic requirements, shall be able to complete the program under the same conditions as stipulated under Paragraph III.

Signed in duplicate, this day, the **- 6 MAR 2019** ,

In witness hereof

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