



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON EDUCATION
BETWEEN THE
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION of ARUBA
AND CARLETON UNIVERSITY of CANADA

The Ministry of Education of Aruba and Carleton University, 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 Carleton University 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 Carleton University, 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 to an undergraduate program at Carleton may receive a renewable entrance scholarship at the time of admission based on the admission average. Renewable entrance scholarships are offered for fall entry only and are available for students entering Carleton for the first time with no previous attendance at post-secondary educational institutions. The scholarship value typically range from \$1,000 to \$4,000 CAD annually with eligibility determined by the admissions average as calculated at the time of admission. Entrance scholarship offers are not assessed or reassessed on final high school grades.
- C. 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. 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.
 4. Meet English proficiency requirements.
- D. Aruban students can renew the scholarship over the first four years of undergraduate study provided they satisfy the requirements identified under Rules and Regulations of the Awards and Financial Aid office. To renew the scholarship, students must register in and complete a full course load at Carleton University (a minimum of 4.0 credits in the Fall/Winter session) and maintain an annual grade point average (GPA) of 10.0 or better.
- E. 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 Carleton University, and register for a full course load (minimum 2.0 credits per semester) to be eligible for scholarships.
- F. 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 Carleton University.

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.

In witness hereof



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Carleton University

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