MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This memorandum of understanding is made on [date of signature]

Between

Lancaster University, UK

And

The University of [Proposed Partner University, Country]

PREAMBLE

Recognising the mutual benefits to be gained through a cooperative programme promoting scholarly activities and international understanding, Lancaster University, through the department of [relevant LU department/division] and The University of [Partner University] will enter into this academic cooperation agreement. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to record formally this mutual interest of Lancaster University and The University of [Partner University] in exploring, for a period of [x] years following signature of this MoU, collaborative research, training and capacity building to address research opportunities in the UK and [partner university's country], for the mutual benefits of both parties and in investigating funding sources to realise these opportunities.

OBJECTIVES

This cooperation (MoU) concerns the subject area of [joint teaching and research] collaboration and may include the following activities.

a) Organising, promoting, staffing and coordinating long and short-term staff and student exchanges and other academic activities, provided that all participants are appropriately qualified and there are adequate financial resources.

b) Facilitating and coordinating joint research cooperation and curriculum development;

c) Organising seminars, academic interactive sessions, and other professional development activities.

d) Coordinating special short-term academic programmes, including short-term seminars to introduce staff and students of the institutions to general cultural activities and other areas of specialised learning.

e) Enhancing the capacity of the two Universities to carry out relevant research and to secure the required external funding for same.

Under this agreement various Faculties, Departments, Centres and Units of partner institutions will be able to collaborate in areas that will be of mutual benefit.

IMPLEMENTATION

Each University shall designate a Liaison Officer to develop and coordinate specific activities or programmes. The terms of such mutual assistance and the necessary budget for each specific programme and activity that is to be implemented under the terms of this MoU shall be discussed and agreed, and written into a legally binding agreement prior to the
initiation of the programme or activity and any such agreement shall be reviewed at agreed intervals.

Any proposals for programmes leading to a Lancaster University award wholly or partly delivered at the site of, or by staff of, The University of [partner university] that may be discussed and agreed under the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be the subject of a separate legally binding International Collaborative Agreement, to be signed prior to the initiation of the programme(s) and any such agreement shall be reviewed at agreed intervals.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS, RESULTS AND PUBLICATIONS

Each party shall continue to remain the sole owner of all materials it contributes in any joint project. The parties will work together to negotiate appropriate licensing terms.

DURATION AND TERMINATION

1) This MoU shall become effective on the date that it is signed by both parties and shall be valid for [x] years.
2) Any changes to this MoU shall be subject to the written consent of both parties.
3) This MoU may be terminated by either party at any time provided that the party who wishes to terminate gives written notice of its intention at least three months prior to termination.
4) Nothing in the above MoU shall be construed as legally binding.

CONFIDENTIALITY

During the term of this MoU each party shall treat as confidential and shall not disclose to any person the terms of this MoU or any information or materials supplied or made available in connection herewith without the prior written consent of the other party provided, however the party may disclose such information as required by law or to its professional advisers. This provision shall survive termination or expiration of this MoU.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

The parties acknowledge the merits of positive publicity but they recognise that neither party should make any press announcements or public statement about the proposals in this MoU which have not been agreed in advance by the other party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised by their respective organisations, sign this MoU on the date as above written.

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Professor Steve Bradley     [Name]
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Lancaster University         University of [Partner University]