**AGREEMENT ON ACADEMIC COOPERATION**

**BETWEEN**

**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY**

**AND**

**(*Institution name*) OF (*Institution city/country*)**

On the basis of a mutual commitment to further international understanding and friendship, to share academic knowledge and to establish and develop mutually beneficial academic contacts, South Dakota State University (SDSU) and the (***institution name***) agree to the following:

**I. Scope of the Cooperation**

Article 1.         The institutions agree to exchange experience and information on questions of pedagogy, organization and contents of instruction, and the training of faculty and students, as appropriate. The area of exchange shall cover academic disciplines to be determined and negotiated by both parties, and may specifically include (***list specific academic disciplines to be included in this agreement, if applicable***).

Article 2.         The institutions agree to exchange research papers, teaching materials, syllabi, curricula, as well as exhibitions and other materials, as appropriate, illustrating the activities and achievements of both institutions.

Article 3.         The institutions agree, as appropriate, to help faculty member of both parties conduct joint research projects.

Article 4.         Both institutions agree to discuss other proposals relating to future collaborations and exchange, including the possibility of brief exchange visits, joint publication of research, student and faculty exchange, and other similar projects as appropriate.

**II. Appointment of Coordinators**

Article 5.       Each institution shall designate an individual who will serve as coordinator for this agreement. The coordinator will be responsible for maintaining, revising, and/or and renewing the agreement, as appropriate. In addition, each institution shall name at least one academic contact, and this person will coordinate the specific aspects of the agreement.

Article 6.         The following individuals at each institution will be responsible for coordinating this agreement:

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| **South Dakota State University**  PRIMARY CONTACT FOR AGREEMENT  Name: Sally Gillman  Title: Coordinator of Study Abroad  Office: Office of International Affairs  Email: sally.gillman@sdstate.edu  Telephone: 605-688-4913  Fax: 605-688-6540  ACADEMIC UNIT CONTACT  Name:  Title:  Office:  Email:  Telephone:  Fax: | (***institution name***)  PRIMARY CONTACT FOR AGREEMENT  Name:  Title:  Office:  Email:  Telephone:  Fax:  ACADEMIC UNIT CONTACT  Name:  Title:  Office:  Email:  Telephone:  Fax: |

Article 7. The individuals in the positions listed above agree to respond to inquiries and correspondence from the partner institution in a timely and efficient manner.

**VI. Terms of Agreement**

Article 8.        This agreement shall be valid for a period of five years. This agreement will be effective upon signature of the responsible authority of each institution and may be terminated by either party by given written notice to the other institution six months in advance of the date of termination. A termination of the agreement will not affect persons who have already begun an exchange under its provisions.

Article 9.        Matters not provided in this agreement shall be decided by mutual agreement between the two institutions.   Additional joint activities, such as student or faculty exchange, will require the execution of a separate agreement.

Article 10.       Modifications of this agreement shall be made in the form of a written addendum signed by both parties.

Article 11. Nothing in the above agreement shall be construed as being legally binding.

Article 12. This agreement depends upon the continued availability of appropriated funds and expenditure authority for this purpose from the Legislature of the State of South Dakota. If for any reason the Legislature fails to appropriate or grant expenditure authority or if funds become unavailable by operation of law or federal funds reductions, this agreement will be terminated by the State. Termination for any of these reasons is not a default by the State nor does it give rise to a claim against the State.

*In the spirit of international friendship and cooperation, we hereby set our signatures:*

for South Dakota State University                              for (***institution name***)

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David L. Chicoine, President

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