Memorandum of Understanding

between

The Australian National University

and the

James Cook University

The Australian National University (ANU) and James Cook University enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to establish collaborative initiatives in areas of mutual interest and benefit to both institutions and the communities they serve.

This Memorandum recognises the research-intensive environments in which high quality programs are delivered at both ANU and JCU, and our shared interest in the tropics. By aligning our strengths, ANU and JCU aim to benefit the education and research endeavours at both institutions and to contribute to the Government's policy goals for the Australian higher education sector.

This Memorandum will serve as a general framework for cooperation wherever beneficial arrangements can be developed in education, research and research training. In particular, the two institutions seek to:

- develop collaborative educational initiatives commencing from 2011;
- pursue collaboration in research with each university contributing according to its existing and emerging specialisations and strengths; and
- support their collaborative initiatives by facilitating staff exchanges.

A list of joint activities which the two institutions will seek to co-fund and undertake over the first 12 months from the date of execution of this Memorandum is outlined at Schedule 1. Implications for resourcing and policy compliance will be agreed before initiation of any activity or programme. The parties agree that the scope of the collaboration will not be limited to the activities outlined in Schedule 1.

A designated person at each institution will oversee and facilitate implementation of this Memorandum. Both institutions will make appropriate internal arrangements to promote and encourage the development of the cooperative relationship.

The scope of activities under this Memorandum will be determined by funds regularly available at both institutions for the types of collaboration undertaken and by such other financial assistance as may be obtained by either institution, or both in collaboration, from external sources.

Each collaborative education, research and research training arrangement set up under the framework of this Memorandum will be the subject of specific formal agreements. In the event that subsequent agreements are signed by each institution to govern specific collaborative projects, then the terms and conditions of these agreements supplement this Memorandum and in case of conflict an agreement will prevail over this Memorandum.
Upon acceptance by each institution, this Memorandum will be in effect until terminated by either institution. An evaluation of this Memorandum will take place two years after the date of signing.

In order to facilitate an orderly separation of collaborative initiatives that may be current, each institution will provide 6 months notice to the other of an intention to terminate this Memorandum.

This Memorandum, while encouraging a preferred alliance in areas of mutual interest between the institutions, may include other parties in joint projects and does not inhibit ventures with other parties.

For: The Australian National University
Name: Professor Ian Chubb AC
Signature: 
Title: Vice-Chancellor and President
Date: 30 December 2010

For: James Cook University
Name: Professor Sandra Harding
Signature: 
Title: Vice-Chancellor and President
Date: 23 December 2010
Schedule 1

The parties to this MOU have committed to pursue the following initiatives upon certification of this agreement:

1. A joint PhD program, with up to 5 commencing students over a three period.
2. Vacation scholarships, to start in July 2011 at JCU and December 2011 to ANU.

The parties have also agreed to investigate, over the 12 months following certification of this MOU, the feasibility of extending collaborative activities to include:

1. Winter undergraduate courses, taken for credit, at JCU
2. ECR development strategies, prospectively supported through structural adjustment funding.
4. Staff research collaborations.
5. Pathways for high performing JCU students to enter ANU programs. Likewise, pathways for high performing ANU students to enter JCU programs.