Memorandum of Understanding
between
The Australian National University
and
The University of Newcastle

The Australian National University (ANU) and The University of Newcastle 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 in particular the research-intensive environment in which high quality programs are delivered at ANU, and the innovative, research-led learning and equity programs of the University of Newcastle with a focus on professional education and research excellence. By aligning these complementary strengths, ANU and the University of Newcastle aim 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 2010/2011;
- Pursue ‘hub and spoke’ arrangements in research with each university contributing according to its existing and emerging specialisations and strengths; and
- Support their collaborative initiatives by facilitating student and staff exchanges and professional development opportunities.

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.

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