Memorandum of Understanding

between

The Australian National University

and the

University of South Australia

The Australian National University (ANU) and the University of South Australia (UniSA) enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to establish programs of collaboration in areas of mutual interest and benefit to both institutions and the communities they serve.

This Memorandum will serve as a general framework for cooperation wherever beneficial arrangements can be developed in education, research and research training. Generally, these will be based on dynamic ‘hub and spoke’ arrangements with each university contributing according to its existing and emerging specialisations and strengths.

Without limiting future options, it is intended to introduce specific programs as soon as possible and preferably for the 2009 academic year. In particular, the two institutions seek to:

a. Develop pathways for high achieving undergraduates in agreed courses at UniSA to enter agreed ANU programs such as the Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) (PhB) program and the direct entry Honours program in Science.

   Suitable graduates will be encouraged to enrol in a PhD at either ANU or UniSA - with supervision shared as appropriate.

b. Develop pathways for ANU and UniSA students to enter programs or majors not offered at the University of their initial enrolment: for example Engineering specialisations, allied health specialisations.

c. Explore development of Population Health initiatives at postgraduate coursework and/or undergraduate levels. Initiatives to explore establishing a Masters of Field Epidemiology and/or an undergraduate specialisation that provides a common undergraduate platform (a bioscience core) at both institutions from which student transfers between both institutions can be facilitated; with ANU students gaining access to UniSA allied health areas, UniSA students into ANU programs, and students from both institutions able to access a jointly developed B Med Sci (Pop Health).

d. Develop a pilot program whereby some ANU PhD students can develop teaching experience and training at UniSA and have ANU and UniSA collaborate on the development of a joint Graduate Certificate in Tertiary Teaching for PhD students to be delivered at either institution.

e. Facilitate the provision of summer scholarships for high achieving ANU and UniSA students to undertake research internships in environments of recognised international research excellence at either university. An initial focus will be placed on high achieving UniSA students studying allied health disciplines in order to expose such students to the possibility of a research career in related disciplines.

f. Explore the potential to develop collaborative research programs.
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 and research training arrangements 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 arrangement will take place two years after the date of signing. Either institution may terminate this Memorandum by giving the other institution at least six months advance notice of intention to terminate. Termination will incur no liability on either institution.

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.

This Memorandum does not constitute, nor is it intended to be, a legally binding (enforceable) contract between the institutions.

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