Memorandum of Understanding

between

The Australian National University

and the

University of Southern Queensland

The Australian National University (ANU) and the University of Southern Queensland (USQ) enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to seek 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 exceptional capacity of USQ to deliver high quality programs through open and flexible education. By aligning these complementary strengths, ANU and USQ 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 2009/2010;
- 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 staff exchanges and professional development workshops.

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.

It is not intended that the terms of this Memorandum will create binding legal obligations but is intended as a framework to facilitate negotiations between the two institutions. All obligations binding on the two institutions will be contained in specific formal agreement(s).

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.

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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