



Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
Between
Coimbra Group of Brazilian Universities
and
Virginia International University

Virginia International University, represented by its President, and Grupo Coimbra de Universidades Brasileiras (GCUB) represented by its Executive Director wish to establish certain cooperative programs that are beneficial to each respective educational institution and to explore cooperation and the sharing of information, improvement of research and education programs, development of joint studies, training activities, and other educational programs of mutual interest.

Article 1: Objective

This MOU is to facilitate all exchanges and cooperative initiatives between the two institutions.

Article 2: Cooperation

The goal of this MOU will be accomplished by working together in various ways which may include:

- Joint Academic Programs
- Joint Research Projects
- Student Exchange Programs
- Faculty and Student Exchanges
- Exchange of Materials, and Documents
- Collaboration on the Organization of Conferences
- Any other mode of cooperation the parties agree upon.

Article 3: Supplemental Agreements

This MOU will be supplemented by agreements that are specific to each area, and signed by representatives of both institutions. VIU will not enter into any activity that is not in compliance with its accrediting body ACICS (Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools). There are no guarantees of admission to VIU associated with this MOU. Both Parties will maintain absolute respect to all regulations, institutional policies, and national legislation when operating under this MOU.

Article 4: Financial Obligations

Each party will bear its own costs for activities undertaken in furtherance of this MOU. All commitments that are made under this MOU are subject to the availability of funding. Nothing in this MOU obligates either party to expend appropriations or enter into a contract, or incur other financial obligations.



Article 5: Intellectual Property

If either institution discovers that an activity pursuant to this agreement results in the creation of intellectual property, or requires the sharing of proprietary information, the parties agree to negotiate a separate agreement to address those issues. All national laws and international agreements on the subject will be taken into account at such time. Neither party shall construe any part of this MOU as an endorsement of the products or services of the other.

Article 6: Term

All specific projects to which this MOU may lead will be subject to joint and periodic evaluation by the appropriate authorities of both institutions. This MOU will be jointly reviewed and evaluated after five years from its effective date.

Article 7: Non-Exclusivity

This MOU is not intended to result in any legal obligation on the part of VIU or GCUB. VIU and GCUB agree that this MOU is entered into on a non-preferential basis, and either institution may undertake similar MOU's with other entities on a non-preferential basis

Article 8: Effective Date

This MOU will become effective on the date of signing for a period of five years and can be renewed by mutual consent. Either institution has the right to initiate termination of this agreement upon timely notification to the other institution.

Both institutions are committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to programs, facilities, admission, and employment without regard to age, ancestry, color, disability or handicap, national origin, race, religious creed, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. Virginia International University abides by these principles in the administration of this MOU, and neither institution shall impose criteria for the exchange of scholars or students which would violate the principles of non-discrimination.

The point of contact from Virginia International University, responsible for the coordination of the activities specified in this General Agreement is the Office of the President. All correspondence should be forwarded to an executive in the Office, Ms. Camilla Nunes. Notifications and communications shall be addressed to the following contacts:


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The point of contact from Grupo Coimbra de Universidades Brasileiras, responsible for the coordination of the activities specified in this General Agreement is the Executive Board, and the coordinator of them is Professor Rossana Valéria de Souza e Silva. Notifications and communications to the coordinator shall be addressed to the following contacts:

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Signed this 3rd day of December, 2015.



Dr. Isa Sarac
President
Virginia International University

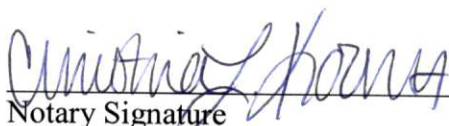


Dr. Rossana Valeria de Souza e Silva
Executive Director
Coimbra Group of Brazilian Universities

Witness:

County of Fairfax
Commonwealth of Virginia

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 3rd day of December 2015 by
Dr. Isa Sarac & Dr. Rossana Valeria de Souza e Silva



Notary Signature
Notary Registration Number: 7190906
My Commission Expires September 30, 2016

