

Memorandum on Cooperation in Higher Education

Between

Universities Australia

Association of
University
Heads (VERA)

Universities Australia and the Association of University Heads (hereafter referred to as “the Signatories”), wishing to consolidate the cultural and educational relations and the promotion of academic links and exchanges between their two countries, in the interests of the member universities in both countries, agree to the following proposals:

Article 1

Purpose

- 1.1 Under this memorandum the Signatories intend to promote cooperation which will advance reciprocal exchanges and collaboration in areas such as university teaching, research, scholarship and management in their member institutions. The memorandum will facilitate access to higher education institutions and mutual recognition of studies, academic programs and courses that are recognised in the Signatories’ education systems.
- 1.2 All member institutions of the Signatories shall be eligible for consideration as participants in the program of cooperative activities.
- 1.3 This memorandum is prefaced on increasing engagement between the Signatories on new pathways and avenues, drawing on both countries excellence in tertiary education and innovation.
- 1.4 As signatories to UNESCO’s Lisbon Recognition Convention, the Signatories agree to promote mobility and the timely transparent and defensible decisions on recognition of higher education qualifications.
- 1.5 The Signatories agree to focus on increasing reciprocal mobility options for all levels of staff and students at their member institutions in order to build enduring links between the parties and to prepare the next generation of Israelis and Australians.

- 1.6 The Signatories commit to an ongoing dialogue on qualifications recognition for the benefit of progressing future bilateral university agreements between Israel and Australia.
- 1.7 This memorandum does not recognise diplomas in either country nor does it cover the processes of the granting of qualifications. It does not establish precedence in respect of any other admission requirements of institutions such as eligibility for places.
- 1.8 The Signatories agree that respect for the principle of institutional autonomy in the higher education systems of both Israel and Australia underpins this memorandum.

Article 2

Participation

- 2.1 Officially credited and recognised universities and higher education institutions in Israel are such as defined and authorised by national legislation. Participating Australian universities are members of Universities Australia and providers of higher education as legislated in the Higher Education Support Act in Australia.
- 2.2 Participating institutions with official recognition are listed in Annex I (Israel) and Annex II (Australia) respectively.

Article 3

Fields of Cooperation

- 3.1 The framework would allow the Signatories to promote student and academic exchanges in various disciplines including in the following targeted areas:
- marine biology
 - marine science
 - environmental studies
 - advanced computing
 - mathematics
 - innovation
 - entrepreneurship
 - philosophy
- 3.2 Cooperation between the Signatories will focus on areas such as:
- staff and student exchanges
 - mutual recognition of qualifications including postgraduate programs
 - staff development
 - information sharing
 - scholarships, researcher exchange and fellowship programs
 - university management and governance
 - quality assurance and regulation
- 3.3 Further areas for cooperation and new disciplines may be agreed upon by mutual consent and in writing from time to time.

Article 4

Implementation

- 4.1 To implement this agreement the Signatories may maintain a Joint Working Group. The Joint Working Group shall consider and recommend a program of activities for cooperation under the memorandum. Meetings of the Joint Working Group shall be held alternatively in Israel and Australia as required.
- 4.2 Universities Australia's representative on the Working Group is Ms Ainslie Moore, Policy Director, International.

Article 5

Duration

- 5.1 This memorandum shall be valid for five (5) years from the date of signing. Amendments to the memorandum shall come into effect after the Signatories have agreed in writing.

Date 14/2/2013

Date February 12, 2013

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Annex I
List of Israeli Universities

Technion Israeli Institute of Technology
Weizmann Institute of Science
Hebrew University
Bar-Ilan university
Tel Aviv University
Haifa University
Ben-Gurion University
Open University

Annex II
List of Australian Universities

Australian Catholic University (QLD)	University of Melbourne (VIC)
Australian National University (ACT)	University of New England (NSW)
Bond University (QLD)	University of New South Wales (NSW)
Central Queensland University (QLD)	University of Newcastle (NSW)
Charles Darwin University (NT)	University of Notre Dame Australia (WA)
Charles Sturt University (NSW)	University of Queensland (QLD)
Curtin University of Technology (WA)	University of South Australia (SA)
Deakin University (VIC)	University of Southern Queensland (QLD)
Edith Cowan University (WA)	University of Sydney (NSW)
Flinders University (SA)	University of Tasmania (TAS)
Griffith University (QLD)	University of Technology Sydney (NSW)
James Cook University (QLD)	University of the Sunshine Coast (QLD)
La Trobe University (VIC)	University of Western Australia (WA)
Macquarie University (NSW)	University of Western Sydney (NSW)
Monash University (VIC)	University of Wollongong (NSW)
Murdoch University (WA)	Victoria University (VIC)
Queensland University of Technology (QLD)	
RMIT University (VIC)	
Southern Cross University (NSW)	
Swinburne University of Technology (VIC)	
University of Adelaide (SA)	
University of Ballarat (VIC)	
University of Canberra (ACT)	