



Memorandum on Cooperation in Higher Education

Between

Universities
Australia

Council of Universities
of Spain
Ministry of Education,
Culture and Sport
of Spain

Universities Australia and the Council of Universities of Spain - Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport of Spain (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 universities in both countries, make the following proposals:

FIRST

PURPOSE

- 1.1.- Under this memorandum the Signatories intend to promote cooperation which will advance 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 the principles agreed to by both Australia and Spain as signatories to UNESCO’s 1997 Lisbon Recognition Convention which promotes mobility and the timely transparent and defensible decisions on recognition of higher education qualifications.
- 1.4.- The Signatories commit to an ongoing dialogue on qualifications recognition for the benefit of progressing future bilateral university agreements between Spain and Australia.
- 1.5.- 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.
- 1.6.- The Signatories agree that respect for the principle of institutional autonomy in the higher education systems of both Spain and Australia underpins this memorandum.

SECOND

PARTICIPATION

- 2.1.- Officially credited and recognised universities and higher education institutions in Spain are such as defined by article 3 of the Universities Organic Law 6/2001 (21 December) and modified by the Universities Organic Law 4/2007 (12 April) and authorised by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport of Spain. Participating Australian universities are members of Universities Australia and providers of higher education as legislated in the Higher Education Support Act in Australia.

ANNEX I

LIST OF SPANISH UNIVERSITIES

A Coruña (Galicia)	Huelva (Andalucía)
Abat Oliba CEU (Cataluña)	IE Universidad (Castilla-León)
Alcalá, Universidad de (Madrid)	Illes Balears (Balears)
Alfonso X El Sabio (Madrid)	Internacional de Andalucía (Andalucía)
Alicante (Valencia)	Internacional de Catalunya (Cataluña)
Almería (Andalucía)	Internacional de la Rioja (La Rioja)
Antonio de Nebrija (Madrid)	Internacional Isabel I de Castilla (Castilla-León)
Autónoma de Barcelona (Cataluña)	Internacional Menéndez Pelayo (Cantabria)
Autónoma de Madrid (Madrid)	Internacional Valenciana (Valencia)
Barcelona (Cataluña)	Jaén (Andalucía)
Burgos (Castilla-León)	Jaume I de Castellón (Valencia)
Cádiz (Andalucía)	La Laguna (Canarias)
Camilo José Cela (Madrid)	La Rioja (La Rioja)
Cantabria (Cantabria)	Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (Canarias)
Cardenal Herrera-CEU (Valencia)	León (Castilla-León)
Carlos III de Madrid (Madrid)	Lleida (Cataluña)
Castilla-La Mancha (Castilla-La Mancha)	Loyola Andalucía (Andalucía)
Católica de Valencia San Vicente Mártir (Valencia)	Málaga (Andalucía)
Católica San Antonio (Murcia)	Miguel Hernández de Elche (Valencia)
Católica Santa Teresa de Jesús de Avila (Castilla-León)	Mondragón Unibersitatea (País Vasco)
Complutense de Madrid (Madrid)	Murcia (Murcia)
Córdoba (Andalucía)	Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED) (Madrid)
Deusto (País Vasco)	Navarra (Navarra)
Europea de Canarias (Canarias)	Oberta de Catalunya (Cataluña)
Europea de Madrid (Madrid)	Oviedo (Asturias)
Europea Miguel de Cervantes (Castilla- León)	Pablo de Olavide (Andalucía)
Extremadura (Extremadura)	País Vasco/Euskal Herriko Unibersitatea (País Vasco)
Francisco de Vitoria (Madrid)	Politécnica de Cartagena (Murcia)
Girona (Cataluña)	Politécnica de Catalunya (Cataluña)
Granada (Andalucía)	Politécnica de Madrid (Madrid)
	Politécnica de Valencia (Valencia)
	Pompeu Fabra (Cataluña)

- 2.2.- Participating institutions with official recognition are listed in Annex I (Spain) and Annex II (Australia) respectively.
- 2.3.- Universities in both countries may, by means of an agreement in accordance to their own regulations, establish joint academic programs for a joint degree or a double degree both at graduate and postgraduate levels.
- 2.4.- The Signatories will support the signing of agreements between their universities to develop joint postgraduate programs.

THIRD

FIELDS OF COOPERATION

3.1.- Cooperation between the Signatories will involve the following areas:

- information sharing
- staff and student exchanges
- mutual recognition of qualifications including postgraduate programs
- staff development
- scholarships, researcher exchange and fellowship programs
- university management and governance
- quality assurance and regulation

3.2.- Further areas for cooperation may be agreed upon by mutual consent and in writing from time to time.

FOURTH

IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1.- To implement this memorandum the Signatories will maintain a Joint Working Group with at least one representative from each signatory. The Joint Working Group shall consider and recommend possible programs of activities for cooperation under the memorandum and provide suggestions for improvement. Meetings of the Joint Working Group shall be held alternatively in Spain and Australia as required, or may meet through electronic procedures.
- 4.2.- This agreement is not intended by Universities Australia and the Spanish Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport to have a legally binding nature, and its eventual costs are subject to availability of budget funds.

FIFTH

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.



Canberra, 14 November, 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Belinda Robinson".

Belinda Robinson
Chief Executive, Universities Australia

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Enrique Viguera Rubio".

Enrique Viguera Rubio
Ambassador of Spain to Australia

Pontificia Comillas (Madrid)
Pontificia de Salamanca (Castilla-León)
Pública de Navarra (Navarra)
Ramón Llull (Cataluña)
Rey Juan Carlos (Madrid)
Rovira i Virgili (Cataluña)
Salamanca (Castilla-León)
San Jorge (Aragón)
San Pablo CEU (Madrid)
Santiago de Compostela
Sevilla (Andalucía)
Tecnología y Empresa (Madrid)
Universidad a Distancia de Madrid
(UDIMA) (Madrid)
València-Estudi General (Valencia)
Valladolid (Castilla-León)
Vic (Cataluña)
Vigo (Galicia)
Zaragoza (Aragón)

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ANNEX II

LIST OF AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES

Australian Catholic University (QLD)
Australian National University (ACT)
Bond University (QLD)
Central Queensland University (QLD)
Charles Darwin University (NT)
Charles Sturt University (NSW)
Curtin University of Technology (WA)
Deakin University (VIC)
Edith Cowan University (WA)
Flinders University (SA)
Griffith University (QLD)
James Cook University (QLD)
La Trobe University (VIC)
Macquarie University (NSW)
Monash University (VIC)
Murdoch University (WA)
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)
University of Melbourne (VIC)
University of New England (NSW)
University of New South Wales (NSW)
University of Newcastle (NSW)
University of Notre Dame Australia (WA)
University of Queensland (QLD)

University of South Australia (SA)
University of Southern Queensland (QLD)
University of Sydney (NSW)
University of Tasmania (TAS)
University of Technology Sydney (NSW)
University of the Sunshine Coast (QLD)
University of Western Australia (WA)
University of Western Sydney (NSW)
University of Wollongong (NSW)
Victoria University (VIC)

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