**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT EXCHANGE AGREEMENT**

BETWEEN **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA** AND

**PARTNER UNIVERSITY**

In order to promote educational excellence, academic ties and international cooperation, the

University of South Carolina, and Partner University agree to establish an academic exchange

agreement.

**I. EXCHANGE PROVISIONS**

* The University South Carolina (South Carolina) and Partner University (Partner)

agree to exchange a maximum of [indicate number of students] undergraduate

students for a semester exchange each year within the field of [indicate area of

exchange if it is not a general university-wide exchange].

* The total number of students may vary from year to year with the exact number to be

determined by mutual agreement of the program directors of South Carolina and

Partner. A definite number shall be agreed upon by February 1st of the year in which

the exchange is to take place.

* In the event that the number of students who qualify to participate in the exchange

program is not equal, each university will endeavor to accommodate those students

selected for that academic year and ensure that the number of participants is equal by

the end of a five year exchange period.

* Either institution may send students for one full academic year rather than one

semester term. If this is the case, two students for one semester shall be equivalent to

one student for one full academic year.

* Each institution shall confirm which courses are available to incoming exchange

students, reviewed on an annual basis, via its web pages or other method of delivery.

* Each institution will designate a member of its faculty or administrative staff as

program director of the exchange program. The program director shall be responsible

for soliciting and selecting candidates, advising them relative to their academic work

while at the host institution, and managing pertinent records.

* South Carolina will provide on-campus housing to all student participants in this

exchange program. Partner will [facilitate access to housing off campus/provide on

campus housing to all student participants on this exchange program.]

**II. EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

* Each institution shall decide the criteria of admission and appropriate admission

procedures. Student participants will have successfully completed at least [indicate

number] full academic year(s) at the home institution prior to attending the host institution.

* Partner students must meet the standard English Language requirements for overseas

non-native speakers at the time of admission. A TOEFL score of 77 IBT (550 PBT) or

a score of 6.5 on the IELTS is required for undergraduate South Carolina admission.

[Insert requirements for South Carolina students, e.g. foreign language proficiency].

* South Carolina and Partner agree that the administrative and educational

requirements of both universities shall be respected in that all rules, regulations, and

policies will be followed, including but not limited to admissions standards, academic

progress rules, and all codes of student conduct as set forth in the student handbook

known as the Carolina Community, the terms of which are incorporated herein by

reference.

* At the end of a student's stay at the host institution, an official university transcript

will be sent to the designated program director of the student’s home institution

showing the courses taken, the number of credit hours earned, and the grades earned.

Granting of credits for courses completed at the host institution shall be the sole

prerogative of the home institution. The responsibility for providing the transcript

shall be with the host university and there will be no charge therefore. The registrar’s

office of the student’s host institution will be notified in advance of the need to supply

a transcript and all students will be required to sign a release form.

**III. FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS**

* The student participants in this exchange program will pay the required tuition for

full-time study at the university of origin and no such tuition shall be charged by the

host university. Partner students attending South Carolina are subject to the

Foreign Student Enrollment Fee (currently $200), but are not subject to the application, transcript, and matriculation fees.

* Partner students at South Carolina are required to live on-campus. Student

participants will pay for the cost of on-campus accommodation at South Carolina, or

[off-campus/on-campus] accommodation at Partner. Student participants who remain

in their accommodation during vacation periods are responsible for any additional

cost incurred. Specific on-campus accommodation rates at South Carolina may vary

from year to year and will be determined annually based upon availability and current

housing rates.

* Each student will be responsible for arranging the necessary visa and the costs of

accommodation, international travel, travel in the host country, books, equipment,

consumables, hospitalization, health insurance, and other incidental expenses.

* All participants must show evidence of adequate medical and accident insurance.

Partner students at South Carolina are required to purchase the University health

insurance policy or provide proof of comparable coverage. South Carolina students

are required to purchase overseas emergency medical insurance procured through the

Study Abroad Office or provide proof of comparable coverage.

* All student participants shall provide financial certification acceptable to the host

institution as required for visa regulations. South Carolina will assist students, upon

receipt of all documentation, with visa application and the measures to ensure legal

status in the US.

* Neither institution may incur, commit, or authorize financial expenditure on behalf of

the other.

* Each institution will be responsible for its own costs associated with any activities

relating to this agreement.

**IV. MODIFICATIONS**

* South Carolina and Partner agree to the full and complete performance of the mutual

covenants contained herein and that this Agreement constitutes the sole, full, and

complete Agreement by and between the parties.

* Any amendment or modification to the present text shall be submitted for review to

the competent authorities and shall not become binding unless reduced to writing and

signed by both parties.

* Neither party to this Agreement shall have the right to assign any duty or

responsibility arising hereunder without the written consent of the other party.

**V. TERMS**

* This Agreement shall take effect on [Insert Begin Date] and shall be for a period of

five (5) years terminating on [Insert End Date].

* This Agreement is automatically renewable on the same terms and conditions for

another five (5) years, unless written notice is given by either party ninety (90) days

prior to the date of expiration.

* This Agreement may be terminated earlier upon ninety (90) days notice by either

party; provided that the student participants current in the program are allowed to

continue through the conclusion of the academic year then in progress under the

terms agreed upon prior to the termination of this Agreement.

**VI. OFFICIAL TEXT**

* This Agreement is written in English only.

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**Michael D. Amiridis, President Date** **Partner University** **Date**

**University of South Carolina**