



GENERAL INTERNATIONAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
on behalf of the UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, U.S.A.**

AND

MASARYK UNIVERSITY, BRNO, CZECH REPUBLIC

This Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) and Masaryk University (MU) is intended to facilitate academic collaboration between the partner institutions. The linkage hereby formed shall further each partner institution's objectives as well as strengthen the mutual relationship between the partners.

I. Institution Overview

UNL is a comprehensive public land-grant university, ranked as a Carnegie Research I institution. It offers academic programs at the undergraduate, graduate and professional levels in many disciplines. They are grouped administratively into the Colleges (Faculties) of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Architecture, Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education and Human Sciences, Engineering, Fine and Performing Arts, Journalism and Mass Communications, and Law. At the masters and doctoral level, most academic programs are administered by the Graduate College. The student body is comprised of approximately 20,800 undergraduates and 5,000 graduate and professional students. UNL is a member of the Big Ten Academic Alliance, a consortium of world-class research institutions that have advanced their academic missions, generated unique opportunities for students and faculty, and served the common good by sharing expertise, leveraging campus resources, and collaborating on innovative programs. Located in the center of the United States, UNL provides a supportive environment for research, teaching,

studying and outreach efforts. Lincoln, the capital of the state of Nebraska, is a progressive city of about 250,000 inhabitants with a rich array of intellectual and other opportunities for visiting academic staff and students.

MU is a comprehensive public university, founded in 1919. It offers academic programs at the undergraduate and graduate (M.A. and Ph.D.) levels in disciplines grouped into nine Faculties: Law, Medicine, Science, Liberal Arts, Education, Economics and Administration, Informatics, Social Studies, and Sports Studies. The student body is comprised of approximately 34,000 students. MU is a member of the Utrecht Network and of the Compostela Group of Universities. MU is strongly committed to offering first class services to its students: in recent years MU has repeatedly received two European quality labels – the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) label and the Diploma Supplement (DS) label – as well as the first prize ever awarded by the European Association for International Education (EAIE) for Innovation in Internationalization (2013), the EUNIS Elite Award for implementing information systems in higher education (2005), Erasmus Quality Label (2015) and the Erasmus Student Label; in the latest QS ranking, Brno is n. 4 in the world according to students' satisfaction and Masaryk University repeatedly the best loved Czech university by international students. Brno, the capital of the historical region of Moravia and the second largest city of the Czech Republic of about 400,000 inhabitants, is home to five public universities and some 80,000 students.

II. Scope of Collaboration

This agreement establishes a general partnership between the institutions to facilitate collaborations in one or more of the following academic activities: teaching, research, student exchange, faculty exchange, technology transfer, publication, curriculum development, joint projects and training. It is contemplated that any specific collaboration, including student exchanges, shall be subject to its own agreement not inconsistent with this general framework. The specific agreements should state, where appropriate, the institutional commitments and the terms and conditions of the exchange or collaboration. Each specific agreement shall be approved by each institution in accordance with its regular approval process.

Although this general agreement does not limit the disciplines or programs that can take advantage of its terms, the partners recognize their common interests and strengths which serve as the basis for this agreement. Other activities authorized by this agreement may involve any discipline to the extent that individuals at one institution are able to collaborate with persons with similar interests at the partner institution.

III. General Terms

A. **Specific Projects & Proper Approvals:** Prior to implementing individual visits of faculty members, approval from each institution should be obtained in accordance with the normal processes of each institution. Any office space and academic facilities provided to visiting faculty members shall be made by the respective department chairs or heads in consultation with the visiting faculty members. Reciprocal student exchanges at UNL shall be coordinated through the Education Abroad Office.

The transfer of information, faculty, or staff for education, research or related activities shall be proposed by both institutions through their faculties and units, in consultation with and approval of the appropriate institutional officials, and shall be the subject of a separate document.

B. **Intellectual Property:** In the event that any intellectual property is developed from the collaborative research project contemplated hereunder, the parties agree to cooperate in good faith towards the protection and commercialization of any such intellectual property. The parties also agree to negotiate in good faith an appropriate agreement for the equitable sharing of any proceeds resulting from the commercialization of the intellectual property based on the respective contributions to the development of the intellectual property by each party.

C. **Evaluation & Compliance:** All specific projects to which this Memorandum of Understanding may lead shall provide a method by which they may be evaluated on a regular basis by the designated authorities of both institutions.

It is recognized and understood that this MOU is subject to all applicable U.S. export control laws and regulations controlling the transfer of technical information or items out of the U.S. The transfer of certain technical information or items may require a license from the U.S. Government. All parties must comply with all applicable export control laws and regulations and no party may export or allow the export or re-export of any information or item when to do so would constitute a violation of those laws or regulations.

D. **Resolving Disputes:** If there are any disagreements about the terms of this agreement or the operation of programs authorized by this agreement, both partners agree to refrain from unilateral action, to consult with each other, and to negotiate in good faith a mutually agreeable resolution.

E. **Non-Discrimination:** Both institutions subscribe to the policy of equal opportunity and will not discriminate on the basis of gender, age, disability, race, color, religion, marital status, veteran's status, national or ethnic origin, or sexual orientation.

F. Transparency Policy: According to the Act no. 340/2015 on the Contract Repository, MU is bound to publish the text of the contract. The contract shall be made accessible to the general public, but personal data, signatures and bank account information shall be omitted.

IV. Duration, Extension & Termination

This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective immediately upon the date of the last required signature. It shall continue in effect for a period of five (5) years and may be extended by mutual agreement. During the term, the agreement may be terminated by either institution upon one-year written notification to the partner institution.

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MASARYK UNIVERSITY

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Chancellor
Date: November 15, 2017

Rector
Date: August 22, 2017