A General Academic Cooperation Agreement
Between
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY (Nacogdoches, Texas)
and
ALEXANDER DUBCEK UNIVERSITY IN TRENCIN

Both universities agree to establish ties of friendship and cooperation for the purposes of promoting mutual understanding and possible academic, cultural, and exchange of faculty and students.

Stephen F. Austin State University (hereinafter referred to as SFASU) represented by President Tito Guerrero III and Alexander Dubcek University in Trencin, (hereinafter referred to as ADUT) represented by Rector Juraj Wagner, mutually agree to promote scholarship activities and international understanding.

OBJECTIVES
The objectives of this agreement shall include but not be limited to the following:
1. The development of collaborative research projects involving our respective faculties
2. The organization of joint academic and/or scientific activities, such as courses, conferences, seminars, symposia or lectures
3. The exchange of research and teaching personnel
4. The exchange of students, undergraduate and graduate
5. The exchange of academic publications and other materials of common interest

Administration and Implementation
1. This general agreement will be in effect for a period of five (5) years at which time it shall be reviewed for possible extension.
2. Both institutions will designate an institutional coordinator to facilitate the development and conduction of the various activities.
3. The coordinators will be responsible for the direction and supervision of all activities of the joint programs under this agreement, subject to the rules and regulations pertaining to each university.
4. Either university may initiate specific proposals for activities through institution’s coordinators, and upon signing by the President, SFASU, and the Rector, ADUT, shall become part of the general agreement.
5. No financial obligations are assumed under this agreement. Funding for any specific program or activity shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to initiation of same.
6. The selection of students, faculty, and staff members participating in the exchange programs and projects will occur through a mutually agreed upon process between the two universities.
7. Supplemental agreements will address such issues as: specific duties and responsibilities, schedules, budgets, evaluations, and any other items necessary to efficiently accomplish the activity.
Approval of the General Academic Cooperative Agreement.

This agreement will become effective upon being signed by the President of both institutions. This agreement may be terminated by either party provided the terminating party gives written notice at least six (6) months prior to termination.

Tito Guerrero, III
President
Stephen F. Austin State University

Date: ____________________

doc. Ing. Juraj Wagner, PhD.
Rector
Alexander Dubcek University in Trencin

Date: ____________________
Programs to Fund Cooperation with European Universities

Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE)
http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/fipse/index.html

Atlantis Program (one of FIPSE’s programs)
http://www.ed.gov/programs/fipsecc/applicant.html
http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/eu-usa/index_en.html
ATLANTIS Programme
EU-US Cooperation in Higher Education and Vocational Training

EU-US ATLANTIS call for proposals 2007

The European Union and the United States of America have signed on 21/6/2007 at the EU-US Summit in Vienna a new agreement on higher education and vocational training for another eight-year period (2006-2013). The new agreement will renew and reinforce the long-standing EU-US cooperation programme that was established in 1995. The programme is funded and managed jointly by the European Commission and by the US Department of Education. It aims primarily at promoting understanding between the peoples of the European Union and the United States of America and improving the quality of their human resource development. To achieve these objectives, the new programme will support the following main Actions:

- **Transatlantic Degree action** providing support to multilateral partnerships of EU and US institutions for the purpose of setting up joint study programmes - including joint/double degrees - and transatlantic mobility of students and faculty;
- **Excellence Mobility Projects**, providing follow-up financial support for student mobility to joint consortia that have a proven track record of excellence in transatlantic cooperation;
- **Policy-oriented measures**, addressing comparative higher education and vocational training issues, and promoting dialogue on recognition of qualifications and accreditations;
- **Schuman-Fulbright action** providing scholarships to highly qualified professionals for undertaking studies or training on the opposite side of the Atlantic, in areas of specific relevance to the EU/US relations. The details of the Schuman-Fulbright action will be developed as a cooperation between the European Commission and the US Department of State.
The new programme

From implementing small curriculum components among consortia composed of six partners, as in the past, the new programme pursues the more ambitious aim of implementing joint or dual transatlantic undergraduate degrees within a smaller consortium. In doing so, the European Commission and the US Department of Education, Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education (FIPSE) decided to promote a Transatlantic Degree Programme that can contribute to innovation and recognition of curricula and teaching methods and to the acquisition of skills required to meet the challenges of the global knowledge-based economy. Proposals for Transatlantic Degrees may focus on any postsecondary programme of study provided that they clearly demonstrate how an international degree programme will prepare students better for work in an international context. The new programme plans to implement over 200 projects with some 6,000 EU and US individuals participating in mobility activities over the eight year period from 2006 to 2013.

What are the Transatlantic Degree Consortia Projects?

The idea of the new Transatlantic Degree Programme is to stimulate the creation of truly joint or double degrees by providing support to multilateral consortia with a minimum configuration of 2 EU higher education institutions located in different Member States and 1 US institution. The partner institutions will have to create an integrated joint study programme, with students from the two sides spending a period of study both in the EU and in the US institutions and getting either a joint degree (issued jointly by two institutions) or a double degree (two degrees, one from an EU institution, the other from the US institution) encompassing the whole period of study. At the core of the programme is the enhancement of student mobility, innovation and joint curriculum development and academic recognition between the EU and the US.

What are the Excellence Mobility project?

This Action provides funding for international curriculum development projects that involve short term transatlantic mobility not directly related to award of a joint or dual/double degree. Consortia applying for such a project must be able to demonstrate a proven track record in transatlantic cooperation and exchanges including those funded under preceding EU-U.S. agreements. Support includes mobility stipends for students and faculty and flat rates/fixed amounts for the consortia institutions.

What are the Policy Oriented Measures?

This action provides support to multilateral EU-US projects and activities designed to enhance collaboration in the higher education and vocational training field. Policy oriented measures may include studies, seminars, working groups, benchmarking exercises that address comparative higher education and vocational training issues, including recognition of qualifications and issues of accreditation. The projects may also include comparative studies and analyses, language and content integration,
dissemination of projects, software and Web development, e-learning and open education, and infrastructure and resources development. Competitive proposals for policy and analysis studies are those providing evidence of maximum impact for the future of transatlantic cooperation in education and training. Policy study grants do not include student mobility but may include faculty and staff exchanges.

What are the benefits of participating in the Transatlantic Degree Programme?

EU and US institutions in developing joint programmes of study will draw together their best resources, learn from each other and innovate their offer of high quality education and training for the current and future generation of learners. **With a double/joint degree, students will be able to attain an undergraduate/bachelors degree in considerably less time and at a lower cost than would be required to obtain two separate degrees and gain an invaluable international experience.** The past EU-US cooperation programmes implemented have had a remarkable impact on the educational record and on the cross-cultural background of participating students, improving their cultural knowledge, increasing their adaptability, introducing a more flexible mind set and enhancing personal confidence to operate on the international scene. **Exchange students that will participate in these programmes will considerably improve their knowledge and international skills and will be much better prepared for the global market place.**

The majority of projects conducted so far have proved to successfully establish transatlantic partnerships, create motivated students who produce high-quality projects, and most of all, develop for students a stronger sense of the relationship between Europe and the United States as they have acquired more personal and sustainable attachments to the people and places they have engaged with abroad. These invaluable experiences are no doubt beneficial in the long term for EU-US relations.

How much financial support is available?

The European Commission will provide funding for the direct use of the EU partners, and the U.S. Department of Education (FIPSE) will provide funding for the direct use of the United States partner(s). For details on financial support please refer to the guidelines of the current call for proposals.

Who is eligible for funding?

Atlantis is based on the development of a multilateral consortium of postsecondary higher education educational or vocational training institutions or organisations in the United States and in the Member States of the European Union. For the purpose of this action:

- "higher education institution" means any recognised establishment according to the applicable laws or practices that offers qualifications or diplomas at the higher education level, whatever such establishment may be called;
• "vocational education and training institution" means any type of public, semi-
public or private body, which, irrespective of the designation given to it, in
accordance with the applicable laws and practices, designs or undertakes
vocational education or training, further vocational training, refresher vocational
training or retraining; and
• "student" means any person following learning or training courses or programmes
leading to degree completion that are run by higher education or vocational
education and training institutions.

All consortia in Atlantis must have a minimum of three higher education or vocational
education and training institutions or organisations of which at least two institutions from
two different Member States of the European Union and at least one institution from the
United States participates.

With regard to mobility grants/stipends, eligible beneficiaries are students, faculty and
staff selected by Transatlantic Degree consortia, which will also disburse those grants.

What are the procedures for submitting a proposal?

The closing date for receiving proposals under the 2007 call is 31/05/2007. Before
submitting a proposal it is essential that all European partners read the call for proposals
guidelines and forms published on the following Internet addresses:

• http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/eu-usa/call_en.html
• http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/calls/callg_en.html

Applicants from the European Union and the United States must submit a common
proposal with separate applications forms to the European Commission (DG EAC) and to
FIPSE.
EU-US Call for Proposals 2007 - ATLANTIS

The European Commission is pleased to announce a new call for proposals under the ATLANTIS programme (Actions for Transatlantic Links and Academic Networks for Training and Integrated Studies). This call is launched jointly with the US Department of Education, Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary education (FIPSE) in the framework of the 2006-2013 EU-US agreement in higher education and vocational training.

What is supported?

The call for proposals covers the following actions:

TRASATLANTIC DEGREE CONSORTIA PROJECTS
This Action provides support for consortia of EU and U.S. higher education institutions to implement dual/double or joint degree programmes “Transatlantic Degrees”. Transatlantic degree consortia projects may apply for three types of funding: i) flat rates/fixed amounts for administering the project to consortia institutions, ii) transatlantic mobility grants to EU and U.S. students and iii) transatlantic mobility grants to EU and U.S. faculty. The overall amount of funding on the EU side for a 4-year Transatlantic Degree consortia project cannot exceed a maximum of EUR 408,000.

EXCELLENT MOBILITY PROJECTS
This Action provides funding for international curriculum development projects that involve short term transatlantic mobility not directly related to award of a joint or dual/double degree. Consortia applying for such a project must be able to demonstrate a proven track record in transatlantic cooperation and exchanges including those funded under preceding EU-U.S. agreements. Support includes mobility stipends for students and faculty and flat rates/fixed amounts for the consortia institutions. The overall amount of funding on the EU side for a 4-year Excellence mobility project cannot exceed a maximum of EUR 180,000

POLICY ORIENTED MEASURES
This Action provides support to multilateral EU-US projects and activities designed to enhance collaboration in the higher education and vocational training field. The EU side of the consortia implementing policy oriented measures may apply for a funding of up to 75% of the project cost incurred by the EU side up to a maximum of 50,000 EUR, for projects with a maximum duration of two years.

How much funding is available?

For EU institutions, the budget available amounts to approximately EUR 4.2 million. The largest portion of this will be devoted to Action 1- Transatlantic Degree Projects. For
U.S. institutions comparable funding will be provided. U.S. new and continuing awards are made pending annual congressional appropriations.

The European Commission will provide funding for the direct use of the EU partners, and the U.S. Department of Education (FIPSE) will provide funding for the direct use of the United States partner(s). It is anticipated that six to eight Transatlantic Degree projects, three to five Excellence in Mobility and three to five Policy-Oriented Measures projects will be funded in 2007

**What are the procedures for submitting a proposal?**

The lead institution in the EU and the lead institution in the US must submit a common proposal to the European Commission, Directorate General for Education and Culture (DG EAC) and to the US Department of Education, Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education (FIPSE) respectively. Guidelines and application forms can be found below.

**Applications should be sent no later than 31 May 2007** (deadline for submission of applications) by electronic mail to: [EACEA-EU-US@ec.europa.eu](mailto:EACEA-EU-US@ec.europa.eu) AND by registered mail in one original and two (2) copies to the following postal address:

Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)
Unit P4 Erasmus Mundus
Avenue du Bourget, n°1 - BOUR 00/38
1140 Brussels
Belgium

For further information on the programme and the call for proposals please refer to the official guidelines below.

**Call for proposals notice**

**Detailed Guidelines**

**Application form for Transatlantic Degree Consortia Projects**

Word - PDF

**Application form for Excellence Mobility Projects**

Word - PDF
Application form for Policy Oriented Measures

Word - PDF

Legal status forms

Financial identification forms

If your country is not listed or the structure of your bank account is different from the template in the form for your country, please use the general financial identification form.

Model grant agreements

Transatlantic Degree Consortia Projects (pdf format)
Excellence Mobility Projects (pdf format)
Policy Oriented Measures (pdf format)

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