**General Academic Cooperation Agreement**

**between**

**STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY**

**(Nacogdoches, Texas, USA)**

**and**

**SCHOOL NAME**

**(LOCATION)**

Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas (hereinafter “SFASU”), represented by President Scott Gordon, and School Name, Location (hereinafter “INITIAL”), represented by President’s Name, wish to establish cooperative relations between the institutions and develop and promote mutual understanding, academic and cultural cooperation and collaboration.

**Objective of the Agreement:**

The purpose of this Agreement shall be to establish a mutually-beneficial educational and pedagogical relationship between SFASU and INITIAL. This Agreement establishes the formal understanding of the nature and/or scope of operations that may be undertaken between these two leading educational institutions, and commits to writing the intent and mutual assent of both parties to seek to engage in the following activities, subject to future amendments and conditions as further agreed upon by both parties relating to each specific activity, recorded in writing and signed by each authorized representative of the institutions, as the relationship continues to develop:

1. The development of collaborative creative projects and research between faculty, students, and facilities.
2. The organization of joint academic and/or creative activities, such as courses, conferences, seminars, or lectures.
3. The exchange of 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. Stephen F. Austin State University and University Name agree to designate the following individuals or such other persons notified by that party to oversee and facilitate implementation of this Agreement.

University Name Name

Position

Stephen F. Austin State University Name

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1. The coordinators will be responsible for the direction and supervision of the Objectives under this Agreement, subject to the rules and regulations pertaining to each university.
2. Either university may initiate specific proposals for activities through their coordinators. Once signed by the authorized signatory of both institutions, these proposals shall become part of this Agreement.
3. Supplemental agreements will address the specific items necessary to efficiently accomplish activities under this agreement, including but not limited to student exchange, specific duties and responsibilities, schedules, budgets, and evaluations.
4. 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.

**Term and Termination:**

This Agreement will be effective upon its mutual signing and remain in effect for a period of five (5) years, and may be amended or extended upon written agreement by both parties. This Agreement may be cancelled by either party in writing with six (6) months written notice, subject to modifications by amendment or subsequent individual program agreement.

**Miscellaneous:**

1. Nothing herein shall be construed to create an agency relationship between the institutions, or any employment relationships between the institutions for any faculty or staff member. The parties are independent contractors and no legal relationship is intended by this Agreement.
2. Neither institution may use any identifying marks or logos of the other without the express written permission of the other party.
3. The English version of this Agreement shall be authoritative version of the Agreement for all purposes. In the event of a conflict between the English version and any translation of this Agreement, the English version shall control.
4. If any section or provision of this Agreement is held illegal, unenforceable or in conflict with any law by a court of competent jurisdiction, such Section or provision of this Agreement shall be deemed severed from this Agreement and the validity of the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby.
5. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto and shall not be modified, amended, or supplemented, or any rights herein waived, unless such amendment or modification to this Agreement is (i) in writing; (ii) refers to this Agreement; and (iii) executed by an authorized representative of each party. This Agreement supersedes any and all previous agreements, whether written or oral, between the parties.

**Approval of this General Academic Cooperative Agreement:**

Each party acknowledges its agreement with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and each signatory represents and warrants that he/she is authorized to sign on behalf of and to bind his/her party to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

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Dr. Scott Gordon Dr. Name

President President

Stephen F. Austin State University University Name

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_