

## **AGREEMENT OF ACADEMIC CO-OPERATION**

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**SUKHOTHAI THAMMATHIRAT OPEN UNIVERSITY**

*And*

**MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY**

In accordance with the mutual desire to promote co-operation and assistance between Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University (STOU) and Macquarie University, Australia, as is deemed appropriate by each, the two institutions have agreed to collaborate under the following agreement of Academic Co-operation.

The purpose of the Agreement is to make possible direct communications and co-operation between personnel as well as faculties of both institutions. In the spirit of equality and mutual benefits, the two parties hereby agree to work towards the following forms of co-operation.

1. Exchange of faculty members, students, researchers, and technical as well as administrative staff to facilitate sharing of experience and joint activities in areas of mutual interest and concern.
2. Admission of staff of STOU to masters' and doctoral degree studies and assistance in identifying scholarship schemes at Macquarie University.
3. Participation as visiting colleagues for the development of curriculum and distance education technology.
4. Exchange to facilitate academic staff of the two institutions participating in short courses, formal and informal seminars, and study visits offered by the other institutions.
5. Joint research and development projects and activities of mutual interest.
6. Exchange of publications, course materials, and research information.
7. Such other activities that may be requested, under the general terms of the Agreement.

In pursuit of the above objectives, both institutions will consult and agree on specific arrangements on a case by case basis within their respective rules and regulations with due regard for each other's intellectual property.

Both parties recognise that there will be a cost to some of the above mentioned activities and

agree to seek ways and means to fund them. The application of this Agreement will be subject to the availability of resources.

The Agreement shall enter into application and implementation after receiving approval of STOU and Macquarie University.

## Limitations

These principles of co-operation are intended to be an informal set of guidelines without the force of contract or law. They represent the desire of two institutions to engage in co-operative exchange of faculty, students, and ideas for the purpose of improvement and extension of scholarly inquiry. If either institution feels that the principle of co-operation should be ended or modified, a formal letter of explanation should be sent to the co-operating institution.

In the event of such a change, it is expected that the courtesies extended to faculty and students currently at a host institution location will be extended in a way that will not be detrimental to them or their work.

## Affirmation of the Principles of Agreement

As an affirmation of the principles of co-operation outlined in the sections above, we hereby sign on behalf of our respective organisations, and subjected to the stated limitations.

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