

**Memorandum of Understanding
on Cooperation
in the Field of Higher Education
between the
Ministry of Education (MOE) - Taipei
and the**

Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF) - Vienna

The Ministry of Education (MOE) in Taipei and the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF) in Vienna (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Sides") have each decided that they will jointly provide support for the promotion of academic relations between their universities, accredited private universities, universities of applied sciences and university colleges of teacher education, with the aim of cooperation and achieving better understanding and closer communication between their people. Both Sides emphasize that this Memorandum of Understanding aims to make an important contribution to strengthening their friendly relations and support the mobility of students (Bachelor, Master and PhD-level), lecturers and researchers.

The Sides hereby announce their intention to engage in future cooperation as follows:

Article 1

Ministry of Education (MOE) Funding

The Ministry of Education (MOE) will provide an amount of EUR 500,000 (five hundred thousand euros) to promote educational exchanges between higher education institutions that fall within the competence of the MOE.

Article 2

Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF) Funding

The Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF) will provide an amount of EUR 500,000 (five hundred thousand euros) to promote educational exchanges between higher education institutions that fall within the competence of the BMBWF.



Article 3

For the annual summer language courses at a university within the competences of the MOE, the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF) will provide 30 (thirty) travel allowances of EUR 500 (five hundred euros) per year for those graduates who have successfully completed the course and apply for this grant in good time.

Article 4

Within the funding, both Sides will promote educational exchanges such as:

- a. The exchange of information and experience by cooperatively organizing academic seminars and conferences on themes of mutual interest;
- b. The undertaking of collaborative projects at the interface between teaching, research and business;
- c. Exchange visits of experts in higher education fields;
- d. Exchange visits of researchers;
- e. Student internship exchanges and study visit exchanges

Article 5

The funding of both Sides will also support the submission of collaborative projects of higher education institutions that fall within the competence of the MOE and BMBWF. Within the framework of these projects, the associated travel costs and costs of stay of students, teachers and researchers may be supported. The call for proposals, the application process as well as the evaluation of the projects will be determined in mutual understanding of both Sides and will follow a pre-defined procedure. After the evaluation period, both Sides will make a joint decision. Furthermore, the funding of both Sides will support the Scholarship for Mobility (Bachelor, Master and PhD-level).

Article 6

Both Sides will provide each other with information about opportunities available for students and researchers to receive funding support to undertake a scientific study, research visit, language exchange or study exchange to institutions of higher education and research institutions and encourage and assist students and researchers to apply for such funding support.

Article 7

General Provisions

This Memorandum of Understanding takes effect upon the date of signing.

It will remain effective for a period of five (5) years until December 31,2029. This term may be extended by both Sides giving their mutual understanding in writing. If the funds are exhausted before December 31,2029, further funding will not be available.

After evaluating the results of this joint funding, a new Memorandum of Understanding may be negotiated.

Article 8

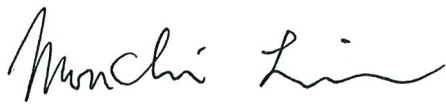
Nature of this Document

This Memorandum of Understanding will not create any legal or financial rights or obligations and will be implemented in accordance with national and international law.

Signed in duplicate in the English language.

On behalf of the
Ministry of Education (MOE)

On behalf of the
Federal Ministry of Education,
Science and Research (BMBWF)





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