**MOUs and LOAs**

The University has two types of general cooperation agreements which may be useful as a starting point for a partnership.

**Memorandum of Understanding**

This is an initial planning document between the University of Guelph and another institution which acknowledges the intention of the two institutions to explore future and substantial collaboration without committing resources. It is essentially a courtesy document which can be used when some formal agreement is required for funding or permission purposes to allow colleagues at a potential partner institution to begin exploring possible avenues of collaboration with Guelph. An MOU usually expires after one year at which point there should be some evidence of substantive collaboration.

If your potential collaboration with Guelph is primarily research based, please contact the [Office of Research](mailto:avpr@uoguelph.ca?subject=Establishing%20a%20research%20collaboration%20agreement) [1]

If your potential collaboration with Guelph is primarily related to students exchange, curriculum development or other academic cooperation please contact the [Centre for International Programs](mailto:cip@uoguelph.ca?subject=New%20MOU%20for%20academic%20cooperation) [2]

**Letters of Agreement**

Normally a Letter of Agreement will have been preceded by an MOU between the University of Guelph and one or more other universities. It will recognize existing cooperation and authorize a substantial program of collaborative activity for which at least some of the activities will have basic funding and administrative arrangements in place.

The LOA will normally have a life of five years from signing by both institutions and will have provision for renewal.

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