International Collaboration

Developing New Partnerships

We know that our best international collaboration agreements begin with collegial relationships between Guelph faculty and their colleagues abroad.

The University has several types of standard agreements, Memoranda of Understanding, Letters of Agreement [1] and Student Exchange Agreements [2].

If you are considering an international collaborative agreement or partnership, there are several offices that can help depending on the nature of the collaboration:

- The Centre for International Programs - for student exchange agreements (undergraduate or graduate) or any partnership related to academic activities contact the Study Abroad Manager [3].
- The Office of Research [4] - for research-related collaborations especially when grants and contracts are involved.
- The Registrar’s Office - for articulation agreements contact the Associate Registrar, Admission Services [5].
- Graduate Studies [6] - for visiting international researchers, including students conducting research as part of their degree at another University.

Some Things to Remember when Establishing New Agreements:

- Agreements can only be signed by persons with legal signing authority as established by the Board of Governors.
- Check the menu on the right-hand side of this page to learn more about the types of standard agreements used by the University of Guelph.
- Student exchange agreements must be negotiated and vetted by the Study Abroad Manager [3] in the Centre for International Programs [7] and cannot be signed by individual departments or schools.
- Research agreements which require the management of funds must be reviewed by the Contracts and Grants [8] section of the Office of Research.
- Please only propose a new agreement or partnership if there are tangible benefits to research, student learning or the broader institution. Partnerships which only exist on paper and produce no substantive outcomes are not helpful to either party.

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