



中国教育国际交流协会
CHINA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE



UNIVERSITIES AUSTRALIA (UA) AND THE CHINA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE (CEAIE)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

ARTICLE 1. PARTIES

1.1 This agreement is made between Universities Australia (UA) and the China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE), hereinafter referred to as the Parties.

ARTICLE 2. OVERVIEW

2.1 To progress international cooperation in higher education between Australia and China and meet current international policy objectives, as defined under the Australian Government's *National Strategy for International Education 2025* and the State Council of the People's Republic of China's *Double First Class Plan*, the Parties agree to implement a scheduled program of cooperative activities as defined in the attached work plan (Attachment A).

ARTICLE 3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

3.1 The purpose of this agreement is to advance international collaboration between the Parties, and more broadly between the Parties' respective member organisations, in mutual areas of interests, defined broadly as:

- Staff, student and researcher exchange
- Qualifications recognition
- Information sharing
- Work-integrated learning and employability
- Indigenous and minority-group education
- Quality assurance
- University management

3.2 Further areas for cooperation may be agreed upon by mutual consent and in writing.

3.3 This agreement is intended to promote collaboration between the Parties and does not commit member institutions of either organisation to any activity. Should opportunities for collaboration between member institutions arise, participation will be voluntary.

ARTICLE 4. IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 The Parties will develop a program of cooperation that may include, but is not limited to, the following:

4.1.1 Identification of ways to advance mutual policy objectives through collaboration and sharing of best practice in higher education policy and data.

4.1.2 Organisation of topic-based programs, forums and other such activities for the benefit of the Parties' respective member institutions. This will be at the discretion of each Party and subject to the availability of resources.

4.1.3 Joint participation in symposia and other events, such as the Universities Australia Higher Education Conference and the China Annual Conference for International Education, as opportunities arise.

4.1.4 Establishing contact between member institutions where applicable, including facilitating researcher and academic exchange and the provision of information regarding relevant research and mobility schemes via publications, electronic networks and other forum.

4.2 A separate work plan (Attachment A) provides greater detail on the implementation schedule and list of activities.

ARTICLE 5. MANAGEMENT

5.1 The Parties will implement this agreement via the establishment of a joint working group, comprising relevant policy staff from each organisation.

5.2 In UA this shall be actioned by the person/s occupying the position of Policy Director International and/or Policy Analyst International. At CEAIE, this shall be actioned by the person/s currently occupying the position of Head of the International Cooperation Department.

5.3 The joint working group shall hold regular teleconferences or webinars at a frequency of four times per year, or more often as required.

5.4 The joint working group shall consider and approve any program activities for cooperation under the agreement, subject to available resourcing and agreement by both Parties.

ARTICLE 6. FINANCING

6.1 Each Party shall bear the costs with the execution and implementation of this agreement.

ARTICLE 7. DURATION AND VALIDITY

7.1 This agreement shall be valid for three years from the date of signing.

7.2 It shall remain valid for a further three years unless either Party gives written notice of discontinuation at least six months prior to the date of expiry.

7.3 Any amendments or variations to the agreement shall come into effect after the Parties have agreed in writing.

7.4 This agreement has been drawn up in English and Chinese. Both texts have full validity.

Signed

Canberra, 23 November 2017

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WORK PLAN

UA and CEAIE will work together on the following activities:

1. Encouraging regular communication with each other and with members

- The UA and CEAIE working group will speak regularly to discuss progress of joint projects, upcoming events and potential collaborative opportunities
- Both organisations will ensure the appropriate dissemination of information regarding relevant research and mobility schemes via publications, electronic networks and other forum.
 - All communication should prioritise the two-way knowledge transfer between Australian and Chinese universities

2. Facilitating capacity building and study tours to be hosted in alternate years in Australia and China

- Redefine the previous leadership training and shadowing programs to reflect current status of Australian and Chinese university relationships.
- This involves consideration of the following:
 - A focus on increasing the number of partnerships with regional Australian and Chinese universities
 - Focus on establishing thematic hosting relationships between institutions to better encourage impact and outcomes of the program.
 - The inclusion of a Policy Group visit to increase collaboration and understanding between relevant Australian and Chinese governmental and non-governmental policy organisations.
- Build-in feedback to improve and shape subsequent training group tours.

3. Encourage participation in UA and CEAIE symposia and conferences

- Joint participation in events such as the Universities Australia Higher Education Conference and the China Annual Conference for International Education as opportunities arise.
 - Facilitate the sharing of information about relevant symposia and conferences to universities in both countries
- Facilitate additional forum and events as opportunities arise

4. Facilitate one topic-led senior-level forum for university leaders to coincide with the 20th year anniversary of the relationship between CEAIE and UA in 2019

- This event will be aimed at senior leadership levels and will also include relevant government officials and other stakeholders
- This event may be hosted in either Australia or China and will aim to provide an opportunity to promote the relationship between the organisations and to provide a space to develop collaborative plans and priorities into the future.

5. To advance the shared interests of CEAIE and UA

- These are broadly defined as:
 - Staff, student and researcher exchange
 - Qualifications recognition
 - Information sharing
 - Work-integrated learning and employability
 - Indigenous and minority-group education
 - Quality assurance
 - University management
- CEAIE and UA will endeavour to find and create opportunities to advance these interests

6. To revise workplan on a regular basis

- While this work-plan is in effect for three years in conjunction with the Memorandum of Understanding between UA and CEAIE, the workplan will be reviewed and, if necessary, revised on an annual basis.