

# Memorandum of Understanding

Universities Australia (UA)

and

swissuniversities

agree to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to encourage the research cooperation between Australia and Switzerland through the exchange of researchers.

The Memorandum of Understanding has the following terms:

## 1 Aim

1.1 This Memorandum of Understanding aims at encouraging and facilitating the exchange of researchers from Switzerland and Australia who are working on or willing to work on joint research projects.

## 2 Eligibility

2.1 In Australia, the scheme is available to researchers from member institutions of UA (hereafter «Australian institutions»).

2.2 In Switzerland, the scheme is available to researchers from member institutions of swissuniversities (hereafter «Swiss institutions»).

## 3 Coordinating bodies

3.1 UA is the coordinating body for the Australian side (hereafter «UA »)

3.2 swissuniversities is the coordinating body for the Swiss side (hereafter «swissuniversities»).

## 4 Exchange scheme

4.1 The Australian and Swiss party taking part in an exchange activity are each responsible for securing their own funding.

4.2 Each participant in an exchange activity will be bound by and protected by the policies of his/her own institution in relation to intellectual property, codes of conduct etc.

## 5 Application and selection procedures

5.1 The call for applications will be announced by UA and swissuniversities each year.

5.2 Selection criteria on each side will include the quality of the proposed activity, the qualification of the persons taking part in the exchange, and the expected benefits to Australia and Switzerland.

5.3 Applicants on the Australian side submit their proposal to the research office in their own institution. The research office will select the proposals it wishes to fund jointly with the Swiss partner involved. Each institution will inform UA of the outcomes.



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5.4 Applicants on the Swiss side seek funding from their home institution according to the procedure defined by each institution. The Swiss institutions will select the proposals they wish to fund jointly with the Australian partner involved. Each institution will inform the swissuniversities secretariat in Berne of the outcomes.

5.5 Once the selection has been made, all project-related issues will be resolved through direct communication between the cooperating institutions.

## 6 Duration

6.1 This agreement comes into force on the last date of the signatures and will be valid for an initial term of five (5) years. It can be renewed by mutual written agreement.

6.2 A signatory can withdraw from this agreement by giving twelve (12) months' written notice. Such withdrawal will not affect exchange activities already agreed upon by the time of termination.

Date:

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