Agreement on Academic Exchange and Cooperation
Between
University of Alaska System, USA and Ocean University of China, CHINA

The University of Alaska System, hereafter referred to as UA, located in Alaska, U.S.A. and Ocean University of China, hereafter referred to as OUC located in Qingdao, China. Both parties hereby enter this agreement of academic exchange and cooperation as partner institutions/systems to explore academic collaboration, exchange and international cooperation on the basis of quality and mutual benefit to both partner institutions/systems.

The parties to this agreement agree on the following:

1. UA and OUC agree to explore the feasibility of exchange programs for faculty, staff and students as well as explore the feasibility of offering joint degrees, certificates and other academic ventures/programs.
2. UA and OUC agree to explore exchanging faculty and staff. Faculty and staff should normally be regular employees at UA and OUC. Their role is normally to give lectures or engage in collaborative research and teaching as well as introduce culture and history to the host’s academic community. Exchange faculty and staff must meet the institutional requirements of the host partner.
3. UA and OUC agree to explore sending faculty, post doctoral scholars for scientific exchange and study abroad programs, in addition to undergraduate, graduate or Ph.D students. Both UA and OUC agree to consider these applicants and assist students from the home institution, should they need assistance applying to graduate or professional programs if such are offered at UA.
4. Concerning the issues of entrance requirements, research standards and policies, use of facilities, tuition, scholarships, and the other academic and financial matters for exchanges and cooperation as set forth above, the partner institutions/systems may mutually agree to all terms on a case-by-case basis.
5. This agreement shall be in effect for a period of three (3) years from the date of execution and may be renewed for an additional three (3) years period by the parties, unless terminated by either party.
6. All modifications to this agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties to the agreement.

University of Alaska System
President
Mark Hamilton

Ocean University of China
President
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