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**Nombre del Acuerdo:** Memorandum of understanding between the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States and the University of Winnipeg for scholarships to University of Winnipeg's master in development practice program in indigenous development

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Partes: GS/ the University of Winnipeg

Referencia: the University of Winnipeg

Fecha de Firma:

Fecha de Inicio

Fecha de Terminación

Lugar de Firma:

Unidad Encargada: Executive Secretary for Integral Development

Persona Encargada:

**Original** 

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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

# BETWEEN THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION AND CULTURE

## AND UNIVERISTY OF WINNIPEG

## FOR SCHOLARSHIPS TO UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG'S MASTER IN DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE PROGRAM IN INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT

The Parties to this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"), the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (hereinafter "GS/OAS"), a public international organization with headquarters in Washington, D.C., through its Department of Human Development, Education and Culture ("DHDEC"), represented by Maria Levens, Director of said Department, and University of Winnipeg (the University), through its President Office, a privately endowed, coeducational university, Winnipeg, Canada, represented by Dr. Lloyd Axworthy, President and Vice Chancellor University of Winnipeg, Canada,

## CONSIDERING,

That the Parties entered into a cooperation Agreement in 2010, and share an interest in furthering the education of talented professionals from the OAS Member States through scholarships provided under the OAS Partnerships for Education and Training Program for study in the University's recognized Master in Development Practice Program in Indigenous Development.

### AGREE:

## I. THE PROGRAM

- 1.1 The University shall hold space for up to 6 OAS Scholarship Recipients in its Master in Development Practice in Indigenous Development program.
  - 1.2 The program shall be offered onsite at the University.
- 1.3 The program duration is 24 months. The program start date is September 2012. The deadline to apply for admission to the Programs is April 30th, 2012; the deadline to apply for an OAS-University of Winnipeg Scholarship is May 31st, 2012.
- 1.4 On successful completion of the programs, each Scholarship Recipient shall receive a Master's Degree from the University and shall join the ranks of the University's alumni.

## II. THE SCHOLARSHIPS

2.1. The OAS shall cover the cost of books of the OAS-University of Winnipeg Scholarship Recipients. Once the recipients are awarded the scholarships, the OAS/GS shall allocate no more than US\$2,000.00 for each scholarship recipient, for a total of US\$12,000 for 6 scholarship recipients to help defray the cost of books and study materials.

- 2.2. The University shall cover 100% of the tuition cost of the scholarship recipients registered in the program listed in article 1.1. The tuition is inclusive, covering total tuition, field placement, orientation and global classroom.
- 2.3 Neither the University nor GS/OAS shall provide funds to the Scholarship Recipients for the following expenses, which shall be the sole and exclusive responsibility of the Recipients.
  - University fees;
  - Health insurance premium including administrative costs;
  - Living expenses;
  - Round trip airfare;
  - Immigration costs (visa, study permit, etc)
- 2.4. In announcing the availability of the above-mentioned Scholarships, the Parties shall clearly inform all potential applicants that the expenses listed in article 2.3. above are the sole and exclusive responsibility of the Scholarship Recipient. Estimates are based on 2012-2013 tuition and fees, and are for courses required for the degree program. Students who are required to take prerequisite courses, or continue their studies beyond one calendar year will be required to pay additional tuition for the prerequisite courses, as well as increases in tuition. Tuition increases are typically  $4-5\,\%$  per year.

#### III. THE OAS FUNDED SCHOLARSHIP

- 3.1 The total amount paid by GS/OAS under this MOU shall not exceed US\$2,000 per Scholarship Recipient, for a total not to exceed US\$12,000.00. To initiate the process for receiving that payment, the Institute shall submit the corresponding invoice, for a one-time payment, to the Department of Human Development Education and Culture, OAS General Secretariat, 1889 F. Street, N.W., Suite 610, Washington, D.C., with electronic copies to: David Vieira, <a href="Dvieira@oas.org">Dvieira@oas.org</a>, with copies to Francisco Castillo, <a href="FCastillo@oas.org">FCastillo@oas.org</a> and Jeanelle Van Glaanenweygel, <a href="JVanGlaanenweygel@oas.org">JVanGlaanenweygel@oas.org</a>.
  - 3.2. Payment shall be made to the University within sixty days of receipt of the invoice.
- 3.3. The University shall reimburse GS/OAS the full amount of the scholarship funding previously paid by GS/OAS to the Institute for any Scholarship Recipient who does not begin the Masters Program.

### IV. SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION AND FOLLOW-UP

- 4.1. Eligible candidates for receipt of the Scholarships provided hereunder must first be admitted to the Masters Program. Then DHDEC and the University shall select the Scholarship Recipients in accordance with the criteria and recruitment and selection process to which they have agreed and as outlined in the scholarship announcement.
- 4.2 The University shall promptly inform DHDEC if any of the Scholarship Recipients do not start or drop out of the programs. At the end of each quarter, the University shall inform the DHDEC of each Scholarship Recipient's academic progress. The University shall also inform

DHDEC when the Scholarship Recipients have successfully completed the Programs. The University shall also share its evaluation reports of the Program with DHDEC.

### V. COORDINATION AND NOTIFICATIONS

5.1. The DHDEC is responsible for coordinating the GS/OAS' activities and responsibilities under this MOU. The Coordinator is Jeanelle van GlaanenWeygel, Senior Specialist, at:

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5.2. The President's Office at the University is responsible for coordinating the University's activities under this MOU. The Coordinator is Kam Holland, Director of Awards and Financial Aids, Student Services, at:

The University of Winnipeg 515 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 2E9 Canada p: 204.786.9459 f: 204.779.0961 k.holland@uwinnipeg.ca

5.3 All communications and legal notices pertaining to this MOU must be sent by one Party's Coordinator and received by the others, at the corresponding building address, fax, or email address specified above. Either party may modify its choice of Coordinator and the corresponding coordinates by giving advanced written notice to the other.

### **VI. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- 6.1. The Parties shall first try to resolve any dispute between them under this MOU through negotiations. If those negotiations are unsatisfactory, then either Party may submit the dispute for final and binding arbitration before the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its Rules of Procedure, or before any other arbitration authority and in accordance with other Rules of Procedure to which they agree in writing. The place of the arbitration shall be Washington, D.C., or such other place as they agree to in writing and the language of the arbitration shall be English. Nothing in this MOU expressly or implicitly waives the privileges and immunities of the Parties or of their personnel.
- 6.2. Neither party shall assume responsibility regarding the acceptance of the degree obtained in the country of origin of the scholarship recipient.