



**A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR**



THE ONTARIO MAHARASHTRA GOA STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

BETWEEN

ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES INTERNATIONAL

AND

SYMBIOSIS INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

With a goal to facilitate reciprocal student exchanges, and other scholarly collaborations, Ontario Universities International ("OUI") and Symbiosis International University (hereafter designated as the <parties.>) agree as follows:

1. Definitions: 'Home Institution' shall mean the college or university where the student is enrolled in a degree or diploma program. 'Host Institution' shall mean the college or university where the student is temporarily enrolled for one or two academic terms, while continuing to be registered at his/her Home institution in a degree program. Such a student is known as an 'Exchange Student' at the Host Institution. A Non-Degree student is a student who will not be awarded an SIU Degree.
2. As part of a larger Ontario-Maharashtra Goa ("OMG") Student Exchange Program, the parties agree that undergraduate and post-graduate students studying at Symbiosis International University will be able to study and conduct research at OMG partner universities in Ontario. Similarly, undergraduate and graduate students at partner Ontario universities will be able to study and conduct research at Symbiosis International University.
3. In keeping with the broader spirit of this agreement, the parties agree to explore research and other scholarly collaborations for academic cooperation as opportunities arise from time to time.
4. In recognition of the differential costs incurred by the exchange students, a limited number of stipends will be awarded by the Government of Ontario through the OMG program office to students from Maharashtra and Goa, and from Ontario. Symbiosis International University may consider providing additional stipends to OMG exchange students
5. Participating exchange student must be pursuing a degree at the Home institution. The student may be in any discipline and at any degree level that is of interest at both a OMG partner university in Ontario and a partner institution in Maharashtra or Goa (subject to regulations by Home and Host institutions). High academic standing and sufficient English language skills are necessary prerequisites for the exchange student.
6. The annual numbers of inbound and outbound OMG exchange students totalled for all Ontario universities are expected to be approximately equal. However, the total annual numbers of inbound and

outbound OMG exchange students at any one institution is expected to vary from year to year, according to varying student interest.

7. Participating exchange students will remain registered at the Home institution and pay the fees required at the Home institution. The Host institution retains the right to admit students. All exchange students must meet the admission requirements of the Host institution.

8. An OMG exchange student will normally spend between 4 months to one academic year, in study or research, as a non-degree student at the Host institution. An exchange student to SIU should be insured as represented and assured by his Home Institution. SIU requires that all exchange student must obtain the SIU comprehensive insurance coverage. Exceptions will be made only for exchange students who can provide proof of equivalent insurance coverage from their Home country or Home institution.

9. The Host institution will determine admission and the length of stay. The Host institution will assess the course work of the exchange students according to normal practices and will provide a complete record of the student's course work and grades at the end of the semester or the academic year. The Home institutions will determine the recognition of credit in fulfillment of the Home institution degree requirements.

10. Host universities in Ontario will exempt OMG exchange students from tuition fees and Ontario students will be given the same consideration by Symbiosis International University. Host institutions in both regions may charge ancillary fees, or may exempt OMG students from such fees.

11. The exchange students will be responsible for their own travel arrangements and expenses at the Host universities, including costs of room and board, health care, health and accident insurance, and other living expenses.

12. UHIP (University Health Insurance Plan) coverage is mandatory for all international students at Ontario universities except the University of Windsor, which has its own mandatory health insurance program. The OMG exchange students at SIU may use the health care available at Symbiosis Centre for Health Care.

13. Each student is responsible for obtaining a Visa, Study, Work, or Residence Permit required for study in Canada or India. The Host institution will provide the necessary documents needed to obtain the travel documents.

14. Where possible, the Host institution will provide a room in residence for those students desiring such accommodation. The full cost of room and board is the responsibility of the student and is payable directly to the service provider.

15. The full range of services normally available to international students will be provided to the OMG exchange students. These include, but are not limited to, academic advice, assistance with housing and the like, and access to academic and recreational facilities.

16. Each of the participating institutions in Ontario and in Maharashtra and Goa will name a responsible person at each of the institutions to act as the principal liaison and coordinator for the exchange program at their institution.

17. The OMG program offices in Toronto, Ontario, Canada and in Pune, Maharashtra, India will look after institutional liaison, student selection process, and orientation and advising support for all students, both inbound and outbound.

18. Each student will receive a Program Completion Certificate in recognition of their participation in the program from the Academic Director, OMG Program.

19. This agreement shall be effective as of September 17th, 2014 and will remain valid and binding for a period of five years, renewable for a further period by mutual agreement. This agreement can be revoked by either party, with a prior notice of one year, to allow for orderly completion of the exchange term by participating exchange students.

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