

General Cooperation Agreement
between
and
Mohammed V- Souissi University

In the light of agreements between the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco and the Government of the United States of America,

Given the shared desire to promote and facilitate educational and scientific relationships between the two universities aiming at enhancing higher education and research,

Pending the approval of the present agreement by relevant authorities according to procedures current in each country,

, represented by Professor , in her capacity as President of the University with the rights and privileges conferred upon her,

And

Mohammed V – Souissi University, represented by Professor Taieb Chkili, in his capacity as President of the University with the rights and privileges conferred upon him,

Agree on the following:

Article 1: General modalities of cooperation

In the light of procedures current in each country, and within the conditions fixed by a common agreement, the two universities will undertake efforts towards a joint and coordinated achievement of training and scientific programs through facilitating:

- *The exchange of researchers and support staff (technical and administrative.)*
- *The exchange of students on the provision that admission requirements of the host university are fulfilled.*
- *Exchanges in the field of continuing education and life long learning.*
- *The design and implementation of specific research programs defined and agreed upon by the two universities, and involving teachers, researchers and doctorate students. These programs could involve the collaboration of researchers from national and international organizations.*
- *The organization of colloquia, meetings and seminars on related themes.*
- *Teaching, research and expertise visits.*
- *Training visits for the benefit of students, teachers and staff belonging to the host university or staff from organisms outside the university (business, government departments...).*
- *The exchange of documentation and publications.*
- *In general terms, setting up any other type of collaboration deemed useful for the achievement of the above mentioned objectives.*

Article 2- Specific annexes:

In order to achieve any of the activities mentioned above, one or more annexes detailing the specific cooperation activity could be added to the present general agreement.

Article 3- Means and obligations of each party:

Each year, requests for means to implement activities will be specified in annexes. The two universities will work towards securing financial resources necessary for the implementation of the present cooperation agreement.

Article 4- Copy rights

Copy rights pertaining to results obtained through joint research programs carried out within this agreement or its annexes are protected by the laws current in the country of the researchers involved in the programs.

Article 5- Future uses of research activities:

The results obtained through research programs mentioned above will not be used by one party for commercial purposes or trade marking without a written authorization by the other party. Whenever possible, trade mark deposits should be made jointly. In case there is no response from one party in ninety (90) days, the other will have the right to make the claim in its name.

The two universities will abide by the rules of trade marks in their countries. The publication or free exchange of scientific results will not require an authorization or financial counterpart unless a confidentiality provision is attached to this agreement, especially in the case of an industrial agreement or rules of public research.

Article 6- Application modalities

This general agreement will be in effect upon the signature of one or more specific collaboration agreements detailing the activities to be undertaken and the persons in charge. This agreement is valid for () years and could be the object of amendments or revisions agreed upon by the two parties. This agreement could be terminated by any of the two parties provided that a notice of sixty (60) days is sent to the other party. However, activities current at the time will follow their normal course.

Article 7- Steering committee

A steering committee will be set up to prepare and monitor action plans. This committee will:

- Prepare a project for an annual action plan (implementation of joint training and research programs, elaboration of joint projects to be submitted within either European or International cooperation).*
- Ensure a follow up of agreed upon annual program activities.*
- Ensure necessary conditions for successful program achievement.*

The steering committee will meet once a year, alternating between the two universities.

This agreement is produced in two copies in both French and English.

Signature in Rabat:

Signature in the United States of America:

Date:

Date:

Mohammed V –Souissi University

University

Pr. Taïeb CHKILI

Pr.

President

President