POLICY 1.26 – Establishing International Academic Partnerships

Policy Category: General

Related Procedures: Procedures for Establishing International Academic Partnerships

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I. PURPOSE

The University is committed to excellence in its research and academic programs and it recognizes that its strengths can be enhanced by collaborative relationships with international partners, including governments, academic institutions and other organizations, both public and private. Such collaborative relationships should strengthen and complement the University's priorities and mission.

The purpose of this Policy is to set out the process by which proposals for certain types of international academic partnerships will be assessed and approved by the University. In considering a formal partnership with other institutions, the University's responsibility and a paramount consideration is to protect the quality of its programs and reputation, and also to assess and address any academic, legal, safety, and financial risks to the University, its faculty, staff and students.

This Policy does not apply to

(a) proposals related to the granting or transfer of academic credit for students from other educational institutions;

(b) proposals for international dual-credential degree and dual-doctoral degree programs;

(c) proposals whose primary purpose is the pursuit of research. (See Guidelines for International Research Partnerships - **MAPP 7.13**).

II. DEFINITIONS

Academic Partnership: A formal relationship between the University and an educational or other institution outside Canada for the purpose of enhancing and enriching the academic activities of faculty, staff and students of the University. Academic partnerships include: student exchange or study abroad programs; internships; scholarship agreements; research assistantships and training programs. They also include joint teaching initiatives, faculty and staff exchanges or other opportunities for study and/or work experiences, library and documentation exchange, and exchanges of pedagogical material and scientific and laboratory equipment.

III. POLICY

1. All requests for the establishment of an Academic Partnership between the University, or any unit of the University, and an educational or other institution located outside Canada shall be submitted to the Vice-Provost (International) or designate for review and approval.

2. The Vice-Provost (International) shall consult with University colleagues as needed prior to making his or her decision.
3. If the proposed Academic Partnership is approved, the University will enter into a written agreement with the partner institution(s).