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International Partnerships & Collaborations

University partnerships with international entities can take many forms. A few of the many common forms of collaborations include study abroad programs, student exchange programs, and research collaborations.

Types of International Agreements

There are two major categories of agreements used in university international partnerships: non-binding and binding.

Typically, a non-binding memorandum of understanding (MOU) is a general statement of mutual interest to explore opportunities for collaboration, and does not include commitment of university funds, staff, facilities, or other university resources. These MOUs are also known as "hand-shake" agreements.

The collaboration agreements with any commitment of university resources including funds, staff, facilities, or other UC assets become formal contracts. Formal contracts detail the terms and conditions of specific forms of collaboration, and are legally binding on both parties.

UC international activities, collaborations, and legal establishment of UC international presence must obtain all necessary approvals, and must follow [UC policies](#) [2].

Useful Resources

- The [UC Guidelines for the Establishment and Operation of Foreign Affiliate Organizations and Foreign Operations](#) [3] clarify the terms and conditions which must be met by current and proposed foreign affiliates and foreign operations established to support the University's teaching, research and public service missions.

- The [UCSF EVCP](#) [4] page provides an overview of different international collaboration and partnership types

- [NACUBO IRC](#) [5] has resources on various collaboration types and structures.

Campus Resources

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UC Berkeley

- [Global Engagement Office](#) [6]
- [Faculty Guidelines for entering into a partnership with a foreign Institution](#) [7]
- [Guidelines for potential partners](#) [8]

UC Davis

- Global Affairs [9]
- Office of Research [10]: International Research Agreement Guidelines [11]
- School of Veterinary Medicine Office for Global Programs [12]
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UC Irvine

Office of Global Engagement [15]:

- International MOU Guidelines [16]
- International Collaboration Agreement [17]
- Steps to an Agreement [18]

UC Los Angeles

Office of International Studies and Global Engagement [19]:

- Faculty Guidelines for International Collaborations [20]
- Policy 980: University International and Exchange Agreements [21]

UC Merced

UC Riverside

International Affairs Office [22]:

- International Agreement and MOU Policies and Procedures [23]

UC San Diego

Office of International Affairs [24]:

- Developing an International Agreement [25]
- Collaboration Proposal: Information for Prospective Partner [26]

UC San Francisco

Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost [27]:

- International Partnerships and Affiliations Policies [28]

UC Santa Barbara

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- Guidelines on the International Agreement Development Process [30]
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[2] http://www.ucgo.org/relevant-uc-policies-and-guidance
[3] http://policy.ucop.edu/doc/2000002/ForeignAffiliateForeignOps
[4] http://evcprovost.ucsf.edu/decision-tree
[5] http://irc.nacubo.org/business-office/legal/collaborating-with-institutions-abroad.html
[6] http://globalengagement.berkeley.edu/about
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[16] http://www.globalengagement.uci.edu/faculty-staff/collaborations/agreements/international-agreement-mou.html

[17] http://www.globalengagement.uci.edu/faculty-staff/collaborations/agreements/international-agreement-international-collaboration-agreement.html

[18] http://www.globalengagement.uci.edu/faculty-staff/collaborations/agreements/international-agreement-steps-to-an-agreement.html

[19] http://global.ucla.edu/viceprovostbio

[20] http://www.global.ucla.edu/partnerships/policy

[21] http://www.adminpolicies.ucla.edu/app/Default.aspx?&amp;id=980

[22] http://www.ucr.edu/international/

[23] http://mou.extension.ucr.edu/mou_policies.php

[24] http://ia.ucsd.edu/staff

[25] http://ia.ucsd.edu/developing-agreement

[26] http://ia.ucsd.edu/developing-agreement2

[27] https://evcprovost.ucsf.edu/key-contacts

[28] https://evcprovost.ucsf.edu/international-partnerships-affiliations

[29] https://globalengagement.ucsb.edu/

[30] https://globalengagement.ucsb.edu/guidelines/

[31] https://globalengagement.ucsb.edu/faq/

[32] https://global.ucsc.edu/