



MINISTRY  
OF EDUCATION

## MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

Between

**BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
BY AND ON BEHALF OF  
GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY,  
ATLANTA, U.S.A.**

And

**THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS  
NASSAU, THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS**

Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of Georgia State University ("Georgia State"), and the Ministry of Education of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas ("Bahamas MOE"), hereinafter referred to as the "Parties" enter into this Memorandum of Cooperation (the "MOC") in order to promote international cooperation in education, capacity development, and research.

1. **Purpose of MOC.** The Parties agree to explore and encourage mutually beneficial scientific, technological, educational and other relations. These areas of collaboration may entail:
  - a) That Georgia State, recognizing the importance of equal access to tertiary education for Bahamians, encourages Bahamian students to study at Georgia State. Georgia State may consider offering matching scholarships (including out-of-state tuition waivers) to Bahamian students, especially high achieving first-generation students supported by scholarship programs of the government of The Bahamas. (Scholarship and in-state tuition waivers are subject to availability, established eligibility criteria and Georgia State policies and procedures.)
  - b) That Georgia State, with relationships in sports, research and the field of education, may expand its engagement with Bahamas MOE to include human resource and capacity development. This may be accomplished through joint grants and Bahamian government-sponsored customized professional development initiatives for Bahamas MOE Faculty and staff including Georgia State's Faculty mentoring programs, short-term teaching abroad, and faculty/staff exchange opportunities. Any such arrangements would be subject to the terms of PSA agreements.
  - c) That Georgia State and Bahamas MOE may explore recruitment, retention and graduation co-curricular and articulation programs including dual enrollment, Early College, Associates to Bachelor's transfer programs, dual degree and graduate programs.

- d) That Bahamian students may also participate in Georgia State's international flagship programs for global engagement which include a for-credit Summer Institute and a non-credit iSPEED (International Summer Program to Explore, Experience, and Discover) program for pre-college experience. Cohorts of students may take Bahamas MOE-identified courses in the Summer and pay Georgia State in-state tuition, to the extent out-of-state waivers are available pursuant to Georgia State policies and procedures, while high school students preparing for study in the United States may enroll in the iSPEED program in the summer prior to their first year abroad. Participation in these programs is subject to eligibility requirements and Georgia State policies and procedures.

**Please note:** Georgia State's Travel Advisory Policy governs international travel by Georgia State students, faculty and staff. Travel must be approved by specified Georgia State administrators.

2. **Program Specific Agreements** This MOC is designed to facilitate development of mutually beneficial exchanges/programs and to promote research and educational relationships, and should not be deemed to create legal and financial relationships between the parties.

Before any of the activities referenced above in Section 1 may be implemented, both parties shall negotiate details and resolve the issues involved therewith and enter into an agreement pertaining to that activity ("Program Specific Agreement"). The term of such Program Specific Agreements shall not extend beyond five (5) year terms. Each such Program Specific Agreement shall be subject to the availability of any resources required for the activity; provided, however, in the event financial commitments are stated, the term of such agreements may not extend beyond a one (1) year term.

3. **Funding** The parties agree that each activity undertaken pursuant to this MOC shall be dependent on the availability of funds and financial arrangements for each activity shall be negotiated prior to entering into a Program Specific Agreement related thereto. The parties agree that they shall use reasonable efforts to find adequate financial resources for the activities and exchanges/programs undertaken pursuant to this MOC.


4. **Term** This MOC shall become effective upon execution by both parties and shall continue for a period of five (5) years unless terminated by either party by giving written notice at least 90 days in advance of the stated termination date, provided, however, that termination of this MOC shall not affect activities already in progress pursuant to Program Specific Agreements, which shall continue until concluded by the parties in accordance with the terms of such Program Specific Agreements or as otherwise agreed to by the parties in writing. Both institutions agree to review this MOC periodically to evaluate the progress made in achieving mutual cooperation.

5. **Liaisons** Each party shall designate a person or office to serve as liaison for the relationship established by this MOC. For Georgia State, the contact will be Wolfgang Schloer, Associate Provost for International Initiatives, Ste. 300 - 30 Courtland Street, (Dahlberg Hall), Atlanta Georgia, USA 30303. Phone: +1-404-413-2530, Fax: +1-404-413-2537, and wschloer@gsu.edu. For the Ministry of Education of the The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, the contact will be Monique Hinsey, College Readiness & International Partnerships Advisor, Scholarships Resource Centre, Ministry of Education, Thompson Blvd., P.O. Box N-3913 Nassau, The Bahamas, Phone: +1-242-502-9040, and Email: mahinsey.moe@gmail.com. Either party may change its own designated liaison by sending written notice to the other party of such change.

6. **Equal Opportunity** Both parties subscribe to a policy of equal opportunity and do not discriminate based on race, color, gender, age, ethnicity, religion, national origin, or disability unrelated to an individual's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position.
7. **Languages** This MOC is written in English with two original copies for each party.
8. **Publicity**
  - a) No press release, nor any other written statements, in connection with work performed under this MOC intended for use in public media shall be made by either Institution without the other Institution's consent, which shall not unreasonably be withheld. In any such statements, the Institutions shall describe the scope and nature of their participation accurately and appropriately.
  - b) Subject to the provision of this MOC, either Institution shall have the right to publish or otherwise publicly disclose information it develops in the performance of this MOC. Each shall have the final authority to determine the scope and content of any of its publications.
9. **Status**
  - a) The Institutions agree that in participating in this MOC, GSU will not be acting as an agent of The Bahamas MOE. Accordingly, GSU shall not in any manner represent itself as an Agent of The Bahamas MOE, or say or do anything that might lead any other person to believe that GSU is acting as the agent of MOE;
  - b) Similarly, MOE will not be acting as an agent to GSU. Accordingly, The Bahamas MOE shall not in any manner represent itself as an Agent of the GSU or say or do anything that might lead any other person to believe that GSU is acting as the agent of MOE.
10. **Severability** If any term, clause or provision hereof is held illegal, invalid, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such illegality, invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity, legality, enforceability or operation of any other term, clause or provision and such illegal, invalid or unenforceable term, clause, or provision shall be deemed to be severed from this MOC.
11. **Entire Agreement** This document constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and all prior discussions, agreements and understandings between the parties, whether verbal or in writing, are superseded by this MOC. This MOC may be amended only by means of a written instrument signed by authorized representatives of both parties.

WHEREFORE the parties to this Agreement signify their acceptance of the terms and conditions contained herein by signing in the spaces below.

**Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of Georgia State University**

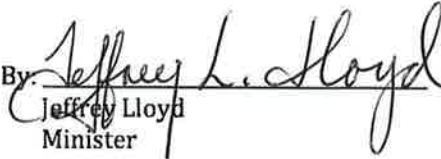
By:   
Mark P. Becker  
President

Date: 10/12/18

Witnessed by:   
Wolfgang F. Schlör  
Associate Provost for International Initiatives

Date: 10/12/18

**Ministry of Education, Commonwealth of The Bahamas**

By:   
Jeffrey Lloyd  
Minister

Date: OCT. 12, 2018

Witnessed by:   
Lorraine Armbrister  
Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education

Date: Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018