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**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE PEACE CORPS
AND
THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF
GEORGIA,
BY AND ON BEHALF OF
GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

This Memorandum of Agreement (this “MOA”), entered into under the authority of 22 U.S.C. § 2509(a)(1), sets forth the understanding of the Peace Corps, an independent agency within the executive branch of the United States Government, and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of Georgia State University (the “University”), for a Master’s International program (the “Program”). This MOA renews that certain Memorandum of Agreement between the University and the Peace Corps originally entered into on October 20, 1999. The Program will serve to advance the goals of the Peace Corps under its legislation: to help the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women; to help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served; and to help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans. The Program will also advance the goals of the University: to provide an opportunity for students to combine academic course work with practical field experience and to enhance ongoing international activities at the University.

I. THE PROGRAM

A. ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

The University will establish the Program as a component of the degree program(s) as set forth in Attachment 1 attached hereto and made part hereof.

As part of the Program, students (the “Program Participants”) will be enrolled in a degree-granting program leading to a degree at the University as set forth in Attachment 1.

In the event that the parties agree to expand the degree offerings of the University under the Program, the parties will execute an addendum to this MOA and Attachment 1 will be executed by the parties, and all new offerings under the Program will be governed by and subject to the provisions of this MOA.

The Program will be coordinated by the University and the Peace Corps Office of University Programs. They shall jointly administer this Program pursuant to the provisions under this MOA.

B. PARTICIPANTS

To qualify for the Program, students must meet the admissions requirements of the University and the requirements established by the Peace Corps for Volunteer service. In some cases, with the approval of the University, enrolled students will be permitted to apply to the Peace Corps as a Program applicant during their first semester of graduate study. Minority participation in the Program will be encouraged.

Before beginning their Peace Corps assignments, Program Participants will be expected to meet academic requirements of their respective University degree programs. The Program will be designed to prepare them for Peace Corps service and volunteer activities generally.

Program Participants entering the Peace Corps will complete approximately 12 weeks of pre-service training. Upon successful completion of training, Program Participants will become Peace Corps Volunteers and begin a two-year tour of service in their country of assignment.

C. CURRICULUM

The University shall determine the curriculum and the academic requirements for a degree as set forth in Attachment 1. Program Participants will be expected to meet these academic requirements for successful completion of the Program.

The University will grant credit to Program Participants for their Peace Corps service in accordance with the University's academic policies and requirements.

II. IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS

A. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY

The University agrees:

1. To designate a liaison officer to coordinate with the Peace Corps in the implementation of the Program. The liaison officer will work to sustain the Program with various agencies, institutions, and organizations that partner with the Peace Corps.
2. To provide appropriate direction and organizational structure for the Program within the University.
3. To develop and implement an appropriate curriculum for this Program in consultation with Peace Corps.

4. To publicize the Program to students, the community, and the general public.
5. To submit to Peace Corps, for its review, brochures, press and other materials provided to students and the public describing the Program prior to public distribution. The University and the Peace Corps will mutually approve these materials.
6. To recruit, screen, and admit (where approved by the University and the Peace Corps under their respective requirements) candidates to the Program, and graduate those Program Participants who successfully complete the requirements of this Program.
7. To provide academic advice and support to the Program Participants.
8. The University will extend to its Program Participants when possible:
 - Tuition waivers (including but not limited to out-of-state tuition waivers) during a Program Participant's Peace Corps service;
 - Reduced fees or fee waivers for Program Participants during their final semester after Peace Corps service;
 - Receipt of credit for language skills gained during Peace Corps service; and
 - Eligibility for all applicable funding sources.
9. The University shall provide information on all funding sources for Program Participants to assist Program Participants in arranging for tuition support, scholarships, tuition forgiveness and other forms of financial support in accordance with applicable University policies. Program Participants shall be responsible for their own tuition, living, and related expenses while attending the University, unless otherwise provided for by the University.
10. To award students academic credit for time served as a Peace Corps Volunteer. The amount of credit units awarded shall be at the discretion and determination of the University.
11. To establish and maintain a Master's International program web page that provides a direct link to the Peace Corps' Master's International Web page. The University liaison officer will conduct a semi-annual review of the University's MI web page to ensure that Program information is accurate and current. The University liaison officer will inform the Peace Corps of any needed changes.

12. To provide Peace Corps with information about the status of the Program and its participants.
13. To comply with all applicable laws.

B. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PEACE CORPS

The Peace Corps agrees:

1. To designate a liaison officer in the Office of University Programs to coordinate with the University in implementing the Program.
2. To identify and designate annual Volunteer assignments for qualified applicants to the Program.
3. To provide the University, as requested, with appropriate verification (pursuant to Peace Corps regulations and policies) of Peace Corps Volunteer service.
4. To publicize the Program, through Peace Corps recruiters, conferences, fora and other means, as appropriate.

C. OTHER AGREEMENTS

1. The Peace Corps reserves and retains the right to establish the terms and conditions of Peace Corps Volunteer service consistent with its rules, regulations, policies, and practices under the Peace Corps Act and related authorities.
2. Recruitment is the joint responsibility of the University and the Peace Corps.
3. Peace Corps retains the right to determine, at any time, if a Program Participant is not qualified for Peace Corps service, notwithstanding such Program Participant's initial acceptance into the Program, and to terminate the service of any Volunteer, in accordance with its rules, regulations, policies, and practices under the Peace Corps Act and related authorities.
4. While serving as Peace Corps Volunteers, Program Participants will be supervised by the Peace Corps Country Director and staff, and host country officials.
5. The University reserves the right to dismiss or suspend any Program Participant from the University or the Program for academic reasons or disciplinary reasons, in accordance with the normal practices and policies of the University.

6. Acceptance into the Program is conditioned upon nomination as a Peace Corps Volunteer. To the extent permitted by its policies and practices, and subject to determination as to suitability, the University will attempt to accommodate within its regular degree program graduate students deemed ineligible for Volunteer service or separated from Peace Corps. The University shall have the sole right and responsibility for determining whether an applicant meets its requirements for admission to the University and whether a student has satisfactorily completed the requirements for a degree.
7. The Program activities during Peace Corps Volunteer service must be in concert with and complementary to the primary obligations of the Volunteer's assignment and must have the Peace Corps Country Director's approval.

III. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. EFFECTIVE DATE; TERM

This MOA is effective for five (5) years upon the signature of the parties. This MOA supersedes any and all other memoranda of cooperation, agreements, documentation, and writings regarding the Master's International program signed by the parties.

B. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

The obligations of the parties hereto are subject to the availability of funds.

C. OBJECTIVES AND PROGRESS REPORT

No later than thirty (30) calendar days after the effective date of this MOA, the University liaison officer shall communicate, either via letter or e-mail, with the Officer of University Programs to confirm programming details and to address any administrative, programmatic, promotional or other concerns that may arise regarding the Program.

On an annual basis, the University shall complete and submit to the Office of University Programs a progress report on its Program, which identifies Program strengths and weaknesses, and the extent to which goals for the Program were achieved during the previous year, and sets forth recommendations, if any, for changes in the Program.

D. TERMINATION

This MOA may be terminated at any time and for any reason by either party by providing written notice to the other party. The terminating party will

promptly inform the other, in writing, of the circumstances that make termination desirable. Termination will be effective upon receipt of written notice.

Termination of this MOA by either party shall not affect the status of Program Participants as candidates for a degree at the University as set forth in Attachment 1.

E. LIABILITIES AND LOSSES

The Peace Corps, its employees, officers, agents, and contractors assume no liability with respect to accidents, bodily injury, illness, breach of contract, or any other damages or loss, with respect to any claims arising out of any activities of the University undertaken under this MOA, whether with respect to persons or property of the University or third parties.

The University, its employees, officers, agents, and contractors assume no liability with respect to accidents, bodily injury, illness, breach of contract, or any other damages or loss, with respect to any claims arising out of any activities of the Peace Corps undertaken under this MOA, whether with respect to persons or property of the Peace Corps or third parties.

F. OTHER PROVISIONS

Each party to this MOA is a separate and independent organization. As such, each organization retains its own identity in fulfilling its obligations hereunder and each organization is responsible for establishing its own policies and financing its own activities. This MOA does not create any employment, partnership, agency, joint venture or other similar legal relationship between Peace Corps and the University, and neither Peace Corps nor the University has the authority to bind or act on behalf of the other.

Under the Peace Corps Act, 22 U.S.C. § 250 1, et seq., the Peace Corps name and logo are reserved exclusively to describe programs established pursuant to that Act. The use of the official seal, emblem or name of Peace Corps by the University shall be allowed only with the prior written permission of Peace Corps pursuant to collaborative efforts specified herein. The use of the official seal, emblem, or logo of the University by the Peace Corps shall be allowed only with the prior written permission of the University pursuant to collaborative efforts specified herein.

Unless otherwise indicated in writing, nothing in this MOA constitutes authority for, involvement in, or approval of, any fundraising activities for the Program engaged in by the University.

From time to time, the University, its employees or others associated with it may wish to express their respective views or take their own initiatives regarding the Program. Should the University or such individuals do so, third parties will be clearly advised that such views or initiatives are completely independent of, and not on behalf of, the Peace Corps or otherwise in the Peace Corps' name.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Memorandum of Agreement as of the date and year set forth below:

For THE PEACE CORPS:

For THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF
THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF
GEORGIA BY AND ON BEHALF
OF GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY



Carrie Hessler-Radelet
Director



Mark P. Becker
President

11-10-15
Date

12-2-15
Date

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Date: 12/2/15

Attachment 1

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Applied Linguistics/ESL: Applied Linguistics program. Program Participants successfully completing the Program will receive a Master of Applied Linguistics. In addition, as part of their studies and related thereto, Program Participants will serve as Peace Corps Volunteers.

Andrew Young School of Policy Studies

Department of Public Management and Policy (PMAP): Public Administration and Policy Studies program. Program Participants successfully completing the Program will receive a Master of Public Policy or Master of Public Administration. In addition, as part of their studies and related thereto, Program Participants will serve as Peace Corps Volunteers.

Department of Economics (ECON): Economics program. Program Participants successfully completing the Program will receive a Master of Economics or Master of Economics-Policy Track. In addition, as part of their studies and related thereto, Program Participants will serve as Peace Corps Volunteers.