



**PROGRAM SPECIFIC AGREEMENT FOR  
VIRTUAL EXCHANGE PROJECTS**

**Between**

**BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
BY AND ON**

**BEHALF OF GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY AND ITS COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN  
DEVELOPMENT,  
ATLANTA, U.S.A.**

**And**

**UNIVERSITY OF GUYANA FACULTY OF EDUCATION AND HUMANITIES,  
TURKEYEN CAMPUS, GUYANA**

In order to improve the educational experiences and cultural understanding of their students and faculty, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of Georgia State University and its College of Education and Human Development, Atlanta, Georgia, United States of America ("Georgia State") and University of Guyana and Faculty of Education and Humanities, Turkeyen Campus, Guyana ("University of Guyana") agree to institute virtual exchange projects in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement ("Agreement").

Georgia State and University of Guyana hereby agree to the following:

**1. Description of Program**

This Agreement is established to facilitate virtual exchange projects at the partner institution with students and faculty from each institution (collectively, the "Virtual Exchange Project"). The Virtual Exchange Projects enable faculty to create academic assignments where students from one university collaborate with students from the other university while working towards a degree at the university where he or she is formally enrolled (individually, the "Virtual Exchange").

For purposes of this Agreement, with respect to the Virtual Exchanges, the term "Home Institution" shall mean the institution in which a student is formally enrolled as a degree candidate, and where the faculty member and/or researcher is normally employed.

**2. Term and Academic Years**

This Agreement becomes effective on the date it is duly signed by representatives of both institutions. The term of the Agreement shall commence on the effective date and shall be in effect for five (5) years, unless earlier terminated by either party pursuant to Paragraph 14 below. The agreement is renewable for additional five-year terms upon the advance written agreement of both parties.

**3. Virtual Exchange Courses**

Course offerings for Virtual Exchange Projects will be determined by Georgia State and University of Guyana in advance of the semester to facilitate course registration. The course listings shall be shared with the institutions each semester as an appendix to this agreement.

#### **4. Requirements for Participation**

Students will be required to comply with the standard rules, regulations, and enrollment restrictions at their Home Institution in the selection of offered courses, including requirements of language proficiency.

#### **5. Academic Counseling, Credits and Reports**

The school, department or unit involved in this Agreement at each Home Institution will provide academic counseling to its own students to ensure that the Virtual Exchange courses are acceptable with respect to its own degree programs.

At the end of the Virtual Exchange Projects a digital badge of participation will be issued in addition to grades from the students' Home Institution.

Participants in the Virtual Exchange Projects will be drawn from College of Education and Human Development at Georgia State, and Faculty of Education and Humanities at the University of Guyana at the discretion of both parties.

#### **6. Mode of Delivery:**

To ensure continuity of experience and success of the Virtual Exchange course, each party is responsible for managing the mode of delivery of the Virtual Exchange course.

The Virtual Exchange Project(s) may take any form, including, but not limited to:

- Single assignments
- Team assignments
- Shared online group discussions
- Cooperative learning
- Project-based learning
- Service learning
- Synchronous collaboration
- Asynchronous collaboration
- Other

Faculty will collaboratively decide the mode of delivery and design of their Virtual Exchange Projects, guided by best practices and optional input from the Georgia State Virtual Exchange Coordinator or other faculty or staff.

#### **7. Compliance with Rules and Regulations**

Students and faculty will be subject to the rules and regulations of their Home Institution and the laws and procedures of the state or province in which the institution is located.

#### **8. Equal Opportunity**

Both parties to this Agreement subscribe to a policy of equal opportunity, and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, age, ethnicity, religion, national origin, or disability.

**9. Modification, Termination, Renewal of Agreement**

This Agreement may be modified, revised, or renewed but only upon the mutual consent of the parties in writing. Either party may terminate this Agreement by written notice submitted at least 120 days in advance of the next summer session. Unless renewed by mutual written consent, this Agreement will conclude at the end of the specified academic term or year as defined in Section 2 above.

**10. Primary Contacts**

The Primary Contacts will ensure that the terms of this Agreement are carried out. They will serve as the contact persons at each institution, ensure that necessary approvals are in place, and have administrative oversight of the project.

The primary contacts for the parties to this Agreement are the following:

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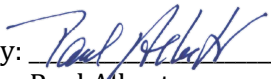
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**WHEREFORE** the parties to this Agreement signify their acceptance of the terms and conditions contained herein by signing in the spaces below.

**Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of Georgia State University and its College of Education and Human Development**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Alberto  
Dean

Date: 12/16/2021

**University of Guyana and Faculty of Education and Humanities**

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Paloma Mohamed-Martin  
Vice-Chancellor XI

Date: 01.15.2022

## **Appendix A: 2022 Course Descriptions**

### **PROJECT:**

Beginning in January 2022 faculty will collaborate to develop and design Virtual Exchange projects that provide academic experiences for students to interact across the globe using technology to enhance the teaching and learning of Mathematics Education/Mathematics/Other Content Areas/Other Content Areas in Education. Benefits to students include skill development in intercultural communication, digital literacy, and teamwork.

### **CONTEXT:**

Georgia State University and The University of Guyana.

### **FACULTY ACROSS CULTURES:**

One faculty teaching a (Mathematics Education/Mathematics/Other Content Areas/Other Content Areas in Education) course at GSU will collaborate with another faculty teaching a (mathematics/mathematics-related/other content area) course at UG.