



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

### BETWEEN

**THE DEPARTMENT OF FURTHER AND HIGHER EDUCATION,  
RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE OF IRELAND**

### AND

**THE MINISTRY OF ADVANCED EDUCATION AND SKILLS  
TRAINING OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA**

### ON

**CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

The Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science of Ireland and the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training of the Province of British Columbia, Canada, hereinafter referred to as “the Participants”,

**ACKNOWLEDGING** the mutual interest in carrying out collaboration activities for the benefit of education,

**CONSIDERING** the strong cultural and economic ties between the Province of British Columbia and Ireland,

**DESIRING** to strengthen and further develop the friendly relations between the two countries in the field of education,

**APPRECIATING** the importance of education as a factor of economic development as well as a means to further cultivate the ties between both countries,

**HAVE DECIDED** as follows:



## **PARAGRAPH I:**

### **OBJECTIVE**

The Participants, subject to the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding and the laws, rules, regulations and national policies in force in each country, decide to seek to strengthen, promote and develop co-operation in the field of education.

## **PARAGRAPH II:**

### **AREAS OF CO-OPERATION**

Each Participant, subject to the laws, rules, regulations, procedures and national policies in force governing the subject matter in their respective countries will endeavour to take steps to:

- a. promote mutually beneficial links between educational institutions;
- b. exchange information on bilateral educational engagement, mutual visits, mobility, and possible cooperation projects;
- c. encourage mutually beneficial mobility of academic staff, teachers, trainees, experts, researchers and students;
- d. facilitate exchange of information on educational policy, reforms, and technologies, such as quality assurance frameworks, and program articulation.
- e. encourage bilateral programs between recognised educational institutions;
- f. facilitate any other areas of co-operation in the field of education jointly decided upon by the Participants.



### **PARAGRAPH III:**

#### **IMPLEMENTATION AND CONSULTATIONS**

A Joint Working Group, to be chaired by a Senior Official of the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science and a Senior Official of the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training of the Province of British Columbia, can be established to develop a workplan for cooperation activities and review the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding. Such a Joint Working Group would meet alternately in British Columbia and Ireland, or in a virtual capacity.

### **PARAGRAPH IV:**

#### **FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

The financial arrangements to cover expenses for any co-operative activities undertaken within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding will be jointly decided upon by the respective Participants on a case-by-case basis subject to the availability of funds and resources.

Any expenses for organising the consultation meetings or Joint Working Group meetings will be borne by the Participant hosting the meetings. The Participant sending its representatives for participation in these meetings will bear their own costs pertaining to travel, living and other expenses.

### **PARAGRAPH V:**

#### **PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

The protection of intellectual property rights will be enforced in conformity with the respective national laws, rules and regulations of the Participants and with international agreements signed by both Participants.

### **PARAGRAPH VI:**

#### **CONFIDENTIALITY**

Each Participant undertakes to observe the confidentiality of documents, information and other data received from, or supplied to the other Participant.



**PARAGRAPH VII:**

**COMING INTO EFFECT AND LEGAL STANDING**

- (i) This Memorandum of Understanding is not eligible for registration as a treaty under Article 102 of the UN Charter.
- (ii) This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of signing.
- (iii) This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual consent of the Participants. The Participant wishing to modify the Memorandum of Understanding will inform the other Participant in written form.
- (iv) This Memorandum of Understanding, which both Participants agree is not a legally binding document, will remain in force for five (5) years, and will automatically be renewed for five additional one-year (1) periods, to a maximum of ten (10) years or until such time either Participant notifies the other Participant of its intention to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding.
- (v) Any dispute arising out of the interpretation of the Memorandum of Understanding will be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation by the Participants.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Undersigned have signed this Memorandum.

Signed at Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.

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