



## **AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION**

### **BETWEEN**

**The University for Foreigners of Siena (Italy)**

### **AND**

**The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (USA)**

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (hereinafter referred to as UTRGV) located at 1201 W. University Drive, Edinburg, Texas 78539 (USA), and the University for Foreigners of Siena, (hereinafter referred to as UNISTRASI) located at Piazza Carlo Rosselli no. 27/28, 53100 Siena – Italy, enter into an agreement of cooperation to establish a program of exchange and collaboration in areas of interest and benefit to both institutions.

#### **I.**

The purposes of the cooperation between UTRGV and UNISTRASI are as follows:

- to promote interest in the teaching and research activities of the respective institutions; and
- to deepen the understanding of the economic, cultural and social issues environment of the respective institutions.

#### **II.**

To achieve these goals, UTRGV and UNISTRASI will, insofar as the means of each allow:

- promote institutional exchanges by inviting faculty and staff of the partner institutions to participate in a variety of teaching and/or research activities and professional development;
- receive undergraduate and graduate students of the partner institution for periods of study and/or research;
- organize symposia, conferences, short courses, and meetings on research issues;

- carry out joint research and continuing education programs; and
- exchange information pertaining to developments in teaching, student development and research at each institution.

### III.

Each institution shall designate a coordinator to oversee and facilitate the implementation of this Agreement. The coordinators, working with other appropriate administrators at the respective universities; shall have the following responsibilities:

- to promote academic collaboration at both faculty, graduate and undergraduate student levels for research and study;
- to act as principal contacts for individual and group activities and to plan and coordinate all activities within their institutions as well as with the partner institution;
- to distribute to each institution information about the faculty, facilities, research, publications, library materials and educational resources of the other institution; and
- to meet periodically to review and evaluate past activities and to work out new ideas for future cooperative agreements.

### IV.

This general Agreement of Cooperation shall be identified as the parent document of any program agreement executed between the parties. Further agreements concerning any program shall provide details concerning the specific commitments made by each party and shall not become effective until they have been reduced to writing and executed by the duly authorized representatives of the parties. The scope of the activities under this agreement shall be determined by the funds regularly available at both institutions for the types of collaboration undertaken and by financial assistance as may be obtained by either institution from external sources.

### V.

All travel and living expenses will be the responsibility of the home institution, except as stipulated in any specific program agreement. The host institution will assist professional staff engaged in teaching or research to find local living facilities.

### VI.

Upon approval by each institution, this agreement shall remain in effect for a period of three (3) years unless terminated earlier by either institution. Such termination by one institution shall be effected by giving the other institution at least ninety (90) days advance written notice of its intention to terminate. If such notice is given, this agreement shall terminate: (a) at the end of

such ninety (90) days; or (b) when all students enrolled in a course of study under the agreement at the time such notice is given have completed their respective courses of study under the agreement, whichever event occurs last. Termination shall be without penalty. If this agreement is terminated, neither UTRGV nor UNISTRASI shall be liable to the other for any monetary or other losses which may result.

EXECUTED by The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and the University for Foreigners of Siena in duplicate copies, both in English and Italian language, each of which shall be deemed an original.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO  
GRANDE VALLEY**

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