

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

UNIVERSITY OF RIJEKA
(SVEUČILIŠTE U RIJECI)



AND

AACHEN UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES
(FACHHOCHSCHULE AACHEN)



In the interests of expanding opportunities and furthering international understanding, the University of Rijeka and Aachen University of Applied Sciences agree to facilitate the educational exchange of faculty and students. They also agree to promote collaborative research between faculty members and other activities that may improve the relationship between the two institutions. The cooperation will start upon the signature of the agreement in the area of Art and Design and will be extended to matching faculties based upon mutual agreements.

- A. Faculty Exchanges and cooperation in research shall be developed on an individual basis and the specific terms of each exchange shall be negotiated by the institutions.
- B. Student Exchanges shall adhere to the following provisions:

1. Duration of Exchanges

Students (undergraduate or graduate) will normally spend up to 2 semesters at the host institution, with equal numbers of students participating over time.

2. Number of Students to be Exchanged

The number of qualified students to be exchanged will be determined by mutual agreement between the two institutions.

3. Student Program Fees/Benefits at Host Institution

Each student will pay his or her regular tuition and fees to the home institution and will not be required to pay any tuition to the host institution. Each student will be responsible for paying travel, housing expenses, meal costs, and miscellaneous fees, such as special course fees, key deposits, books, etc. The host institution will assist students in advance and upon request to make arrangements for accommodation. The host institution shall provide a general orientation for incoming students.

4. Insurance

Each participant will provide his or her own health and accident insurance. Proof of adequate insurance coverage must be provided to the international office or registrar of each institution.

5. Student Eligibility

It is understood that both institutions will strive to designate only well-qualified individuals for participation in the program and that academic backgrounds as well as letters of recommendation will be provided to the host institution. As appropriate, students must meet foreign language proficiency requirements. Each home institution is responsible for recruitment, selection, and pre-program orientation of participants.

6. Balancing the Exchange

Parity in numbers of exchange students is the objective of the agreement. However, each party should be prepared to consider a disparity in any given semester or year during the period of agreement. Any and all imbalances shall be resolved by the end of the period of agreement.

7. Academic Status

All students will remain enrolled as regular degree candidates at the home institution. Credits toward the student's degree are to be awarded by the home institution. Under mutual consent or within the framework of special double award programs, exchange students might be enrolled as degree candidates at the host institution. Students enrolled in the host institution will be subject to the same rules and regulations as local students. The host institution will provide the home institution with a final transcript describing the student's academic performance.

Under mutual consent and joint tutoring of the responsible faculty members at the host and the home institution, the preparation of the final thesis or project will be possible at the host institution.

8. Exchange Coordinator

Each party to the agreement will appoint an officer or officers who will be responsible for the coordination and administration of all aspects of the exchange including the counselling of the exchange participants.

9. Effective Date and Termination of Agreement

This agreement shall be in effect for five years from the date of signature by both responsible parties. It will renew automatically for a one-year period unless modified or cancelled. Each year, both institutions will exchange brief reports indicating any imbalances in student numbers and/or other issues or problems. Either party may terminate this agreement by serving written notice to the other party. Such termination will take effect six months from the date of that written notice. All students who have started to study in one of the established exchange programmes will have the possibility to finish their study as intended.

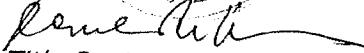
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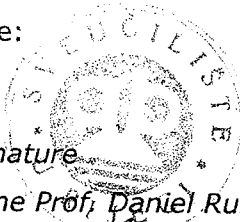
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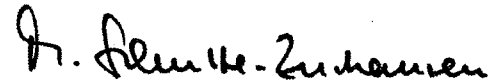
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