

Agreement For
Scholarly Exchange and Collaboration

Between



**The Maharaja Sayajirao
University of Baroda**

And



**The University at Buffalo
The State University of New York**

In recognition of their many shared interests and as an expression of their mutual desire to expand and strengthen the relationships between their institutions, the **Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda** (hereinafter referred to as "Baroda") and the **University at Buffalo, The State University of New York** (hereinafter referred to as "UB") hereby agree to continue a program of academic and educational exchange. The specific parameters of the exchange are set forth below.

1. Exchange of Faculty

The faculty exchange program will seek to enhance the development of joint educational and research efforts and to strengthen programs in which there is a need for special expertise.

1.1. UB and Baroda will consider each request for exchange of faculty on an individual basis.

1.2. Exchange participants will be nominated by the responsible office at the sending institution. The nomination will specify the length of stay intended for each visitor and will outline the proposed program and objectives.

1.3. Exchange participants who are faculty researchers will be granted access without

charge to library materials necessary for academic pursuits, as well as archives and laboratories required to conduct research.

1.4 Travel arrangements and the cost of travel for exchange participants between Baroda and Buffalo are the responsibility of the participant.

1.5 The cost of lodging, meals, and incidental expenses is the responsibility of the exchange participant although both institutions will attempt to secure financial support for exchange participants.

1.6. Exchange participants should have sufficient language proficiency to ensure a productive experience. Each institution reserves the right to impose specific language proficiency requirements based on the proposed program and objectives.

1.7. Exchange participants must carry comprehensive health insurance valid in the host country. The host institution will assist participants in obtaining coverage when necessary. Exchange participants will be charged the prevailing contractual rate for such insurance.

2. Exchange of Students

UB and Baroda may nominate students (undergraduate, graduate, or a combination of both and its equivalent in Baroda) for programs of study normally extending up to one academic year. The receiving institution will consider these applications in accordance with its standard practice for admission of exchange students, although it will respect to the greatest extent possible the nominations of the sending institution.

2.1. UB and Baroda will exchange up to two students each academic year, or four students for one semester each.

2.2. Students will maintain registration at the sending institution and will be charged no entrance examination fee, admission fee, or tuition by the receiving institution.

2.3. Exchange students will be responsible for travel costs, living expenses, university fees, books, stationery, field trips, and incidental personal expenses.

2.4. Students in degree programs must satisfy language proficiency requirements of the host institution.

2.5. Baroda students who wish to study at UB for one academic year or less and who are not degree candidates must submit TOEFL scores of 500 (173 computer-based) or better. Students who submit TOEFL scores of less than 550 (213 computer-based) will be assigned to appropriate English as a Second Language courses and must restrict their academic load.

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2.6. Exchange students will be expected to abide by the laws and customs of the host country and by the policies and regulations of the receiving institution.

2.7. Exchange students who fail to maintain satisfactory academic performance and/or who violate the rules and regulations of the receiving institution may be subject to dismissal from the exchange. Every effort will be exercised to consult with appropriate officials of the sending institution prior to any sanction or disciplinary action.

2.8. Each institution will establish dates for receipt of nominations of students for enrollment in academic year programs. Admissions decisions will be made in a timely manner and the sending institution notified of the decision. Students will be expected to arrive at the host campus by the date designated for new international students.

2.9. Both Baroda and UB will arrange for exchange students to be housed in Residence Halls or appropriate University accommodations if applications are received for such accommodations in advance. Housing costs are the responsibility of the exchange student.

2.10. Minor illnesses may be treated at the receiving institution's student health center or its equivalent. However, hospital and other medical expenses are the sole responsibility of the student. Each student is required to have adequate medical insurance coverage while in the host country.

3. Other Considerations

3.1. This agreement is based on reciprocity, and equal numbers of participants should be exchanged over the five-year term of this agreement.

3.2 In the event that an exchange participant is involved in a serious accident, major illness, or other circumstance of a grave nature; or is subject to disciplinary action, the hosting institution will immediately notify the sending institution. If necessary, the immediate notification of said incidents or actions may be limited to a statement of the problem and a brief outline of intended plans of action. Detailed information should be forwarded to the home institution in a timely manner.

4. Term of Agreement and Renewal

This agreement shall be effective from the date of signing and shall remain in effect until substantially revised or terminated by either university. Notice of intent to terminate the agreement will be made to the other university at least six (6) months prior to the expiration of the agreement. In the event of major revision or termination of this agreement, the receiving university will provide current participants with the opportunity to complete their approved program.

In Witness Hereof, the duly authorized representative of each institution agrees to the provisions of this document.

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For the
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