MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY
(Virginia Tech)
BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA, USA

AND

LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY
LEICESTERSHIRE, UK

Loughborough University and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) agree to implement this Memorandum of Understanding.

This agreement is based on the principle of reciprocity and expresses the interest of both parties in exchanging scholars, students, academic information and materials in the belief that the research and educational process at both the institutions will be enhanced and that mutual understanding between their respective scholars and students will be increased by the establishment of such exchange programs.

1. The universities agree to encourage the development of the following exchange programs based on their respective academic and educational needs:

   - Exchange of faculty
   - Exchange of students (undergraduate and/or graduate)
   - Joint supervision of M.S. and Ph.D. students
   - Exchange of academic information and materials
   - Exchange of periodicals and other publications
   - Organization of joint research programs
   - Organization of joint conferences
   - Organization of other academic exchanges agreeable to both universities

2. The parties recognize that the implementation of any exchange program will depend upon the academic interests and expertise of individual faculty members and upon the availability of financial resources. Accordingly, the implementation of each exchange program based on this agreement shall be separately negotiated and determined by both universities.

3. This agreement is not intended to be a legally binding document. It is meant to describe the nature and to suggest the guidelines of the cooperation described above. Nothing therefore
shall diminish the full autonomy of either institution, nor will any constraints be imposed by
either upon the other in carrying out the agreement.

4. The agreement shall become effective on the day representatives of both universities affix
their signatures and seals, will be in force for a period of five years, and is subject to revision
or modification by mutual written agreement. It is also understood that either institution may
terminate the agreement at any time, although is assumed that such action would only be
taken after mutual consultation in order to avoid any possible inconvenience to the other
institution.

5. Virginia Tech is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' 
Commission on Colleges to award bachelor, master and doctoral degrees. Loughborough
University is not accredited by the Commission on Colleges and the accreditation of Virginia 
Tech does not extend to or include Loughborough University or its students. Although Virginia 
Tech accepts certain course work in transfer toward a credential from Loughborough 
University, or collaborates in other ways for generation of course credits or program 
credentials, other colleges and universities may or may not accept this work in transfer, even 
if it appears on a transcript from Virginia Tech. This decision is made by the institution 
subsequently considering the possibility of accepting such credits."

Institutional Names on an Academic Credential. For undergraduate academic credentials,
students taking courses from participating institutions in a collaborative arrangement may be
awarded the academic credential from the SACSCOC-accredited institution when 25 percent
or more credits were earned through that institution's own direct instruction.

For graduate academic credentials, students taking courses from participating institutions in
a collaborative arrangement may be awarded the academic credential from the SACSCOC-
accredited institution where one-third or more of the credits were earned through that
institution's own direct instruction.

Use of the SACSCOC Logo. Neither Member nor Partner institutions may use the
SACSCOC logo. Its use is reserved exclusively for the Southern Association of Colleges and
Schools Commission on Colleges

6. For Virginia Tech Sue Ott Rowlands and for Loughborough University Arianna Maiorani shall
serve as liaison officers for this agreement.
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