AGREEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS BETWEEN VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DE SANTA MARIA BRAZIL

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and Universidade Federal de Santa Maria agree to cooperate on international exchange programs based on the principle of reciprocity.

This agreement expresses the interest of both parties in exchanging scholars, students, academic information and materials in the belief that the research and educational processes at both universities would be enhanced and that mutual understanding between their respective scholars and students would 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 scholars (professors, lecturers, or researchers).
   - Exchange of students (including both undergraduate and graduate students).
   - 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.
   - Other academic exchanges that both universities agree to.

2. The parties recognize that the implementation of any exchange program will depend 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. Such cooperative agreements are not intended to be legally binding documents. They are meant to describe the nature and suggest the guidelines of such cooperation. 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. This agreement will be in force for five years and is subject to revision or modification by mutual agreement. It is also understood that either institution may terminate the agreement at any time, although it is assumed that such action would only be taken after mutual consultation in order to avoid any possible inconvenience to the other institution.

5. This agreement shall become effective on the day when representatives of both universities affix their signatures and seal the agreement.

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