



COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Australian National University (ANU) And Charles Darwin University (CDU)¹

General

- 1 ANU and CDU agree to cooperate in their mutual interest for a range of higher education activities, including, but not limited to:
 - courses (units of study) planned and offered jointly or by one with staff involvement from the other
 - movement of students between particular courses (units) of the two universities with reciprocal credit and guaranteed enrolment
 - jointly organized recruitment and planning for study abroad students
 - jointly organized international student recruitment to the two universities
 - cooperative research projects
 - planning of research programs of interest to both.

- 2 The agreement is for the period July 2003 and June 2005, but is renewable for subsequent periods depending on the mutual consent of the CDU and ANU Vice-Chancellors.

- 3 ANU and CDU will each identify a senior officer of the status of DVC/PVC to be responsible for the implementation (including oversight of the use of funds) and further development of the co-operative relationship.

- 4 Following the May 2003 meeting already planned there will be half yearly meetings of the principal academics normally in February and July, alternating between Canberra and Darwin, to review the progress of existing arrangements and, where appropriate, develop new ones.

¹ Northern Territory University is in process of mergers and reorganisation including the passage of new legislation, which will result in the Charles Darwin University in approximately July 2003.

- 5 Senior staff members from each institution may work full-time in the other institution to organize and oversee collaborative programs without diminution of status and rights. Each university will facilitate the appointment of staff of the other university as adjuncts, at the same academic level, where staff are making a substantial contribution to the purposes of the Agreement. Each will use its best endeavours to provide office and communications services for staff from the other on the same terms as for its own staff.
- 6 There will be mutual recognition of degree / diploma credits and degrees
- 7 Students taking the majority of a program in one institution will graduate with the testamur of that institution; for those undertaking a genuinely joint course, the award of a jointly issued testamur will be explored by both institutions.
- 8 The two universities will jointly apply for, support and manage a series of research projects.
- 9 CDU and ANU will collaborate in seeking to provide self-contained staff accommodation of good quality for visiting staff initially in Darwin and, if possible, later in Alice Springs, to facilitate the implementation of exchanges and cooperation. It is recognised that suitable accommodation is already available in Canberra.
- 10 ANU and CDU will, before cooperating with other Australian universities in teaching and research activities, explore whether their partner under this Agreement has the interest or capacity to develop the activity within the framework of this Agreement.
- 11 ANU's Northern Australian Research Unit (NARU) will be nurtured as an important focus for face-to-face contact in joint collaborations, particularly with graduate students, research projects and industry involvements.

The cooperation program

- 1 *Seminars*
There will be an annual series of CDU/ANU/NT Government seminars under the general framework of the Charles Darwin Symposia following on from the initial series of four (three in Darwin and one in Alice Springs) in 2003. The general rubric of research and public policy, mapping of research applications to public policy and, conversely, areas of policy-making where new research is needed, will be continued. Public policy makers as well as academics and the general public will continue to be involved.

2 *Educational collaboration*

Three categories of collaboration will be recognized and pursued:

1. *Cross-accredited courses (units of study)*

Academics from both institutions will develop unit (course) offerings that students can pursue with credit at the other institution, with automatic credit.

- a) In 2004 the target is forty accredited units (courses)
- b) Targets for subsequent years will be twenty per year.

2. *Jointly developed units (that usually require students to move)*

a) Academics from both institutions will develop offerings that students can pursue with credit at either institution. No particular targets have been established.

3. *Jointly developed programs (degree programs)*

a) Academics from both institutions will develop entire degree programs that students can pursue through taking courses (units) offered by either or both institutions. Such programs would be expected to result in a joint testamur (General, 7 above).

3 *Student and staff exchanges*

The universities will develop appropriate targets for exchange of students and staff, and will support and encourage such academic mobility. Enrolled students can expect to move between the two institutions taking appropriate units (courses) towards degrees without additional enrolment formalities or fees.

4 *International collaboration*

1. *Collaboration in marketing and recruitment*

The two universities will collaborate to minimize their individual expenses and maximise international recruitment intakes. In 2003 at least one joint recruiting tour will be undertaken as a prelude to more frequent collaborations in 2004.

2. *Collaboration in offering courses (units) or degree programs offshore and courses/programs to international students on-shore*

The two universities will collaborate in joint recruitment and planning of the study experiences within Australia of foreign study abroad students in 2003 and subsequent years. Offshore offerings are yet to be determined.

5 *Research*

1. Research projects and consultancies

The two universities will jointly apply for, support and manage a series of research and consultancy projects. The two universities will facilitate the access of the staff of both institutions to suitable research field sites and topics.

2. Research training

The two universities will facilitate the offering of advanced courses (units of study)/seminars by visiting exchange or adjunct staff and foster cross-supervision as appropriate.

3. NT Institute of Advanced Studies

The two universities will collaborate as interests and finances allow, in the development of the Institute of Advanced Studies at CDU.

6 *Financial support and equipment sharing under this Agreement*

The two universities will contribute to the costs of closer collaboration on a project-by-project basis, and will share equipment, at internal cost, where appropriate for joint program purposes.

The schedules

A schedule of activities for each year will be developed and signed off by the two universities at their regular meetings.

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