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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL
CONTRACT APPROVAL REQUEST FORM

This form must be completed in its entirety or it will be returned to the requesting party. Two copies of the completed form, along with not less than two copies of the proposed contract, should be submitted to the Office of General Counsel, which is located in Room 109, Osborne Administration Building, for review. Please allow 14 days for contracts to be processed and signed; however, contracts with a cost/value of \$650,000 or more cannot be processed for signature until approved by the Board of Trustees at a regularly scheduled meeting. The Office of General Counsel is available to assist you if you have questions. Office phone: 803-777-7854

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I. USC PARTY REQUESTING CONTRACT APPROVAL

Name of College/Department/Unit: College of Education / Department of Leadership, Learning Design, and Inquiry
Contact Person: Lucas Lima de Vasconcelos Title: Associate Professor
Address/Office Location: 820 Main St. Columbia, SC 29208. Wardlaw College of Education, Office 142.
Phone Number: (803) 777-4462 Email Address: limadel@mailbox.sc.edu

II. CONTRACTOR/VENDOR

Company Name: Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte
Company Address: Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte, no number. Lagoa Nova. ZIP: 59078970. Natal, Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil
Contact Person: Dennys Leite Maia Title: Adjunct Professor 4
Phone Number: (843) 342-2216 Email Address: dennys.maia@ufrn.br

III. CONTRACT TERMS

Start Date: 7/1/2026 End Date: 7/1/2031
If this is a Contract Amendment/Renewal/Extension, Insert Original Contract #: _____
Contract Cost/Value (expenditure or revenue):

- Annual Cost/Value: _____
- Maximum Cost/Value Over Full Term of Contract: _____

Description of Services: Future collaboration that might involve research partnerships, faculty mobility, and exchange program

IV. CONTRACT CHECKLIST/CONFIRMATION - Requesting party confirms the following (check each box):

☐ **Procurement:** USC Purchasing Office has been consulted regarding the purchase of goods and services being acquired and has confirmed that all applicable procurement rules and regulations have been followed.

☐ **Software:** If contract is for the purchase or license of software, the USC Division of Information Technology has been consulted and has approved the use of the software.

☒ **Conflict of Interest:** Requesting Party has disclosed to USC any conflict of interest regarding contractor/vendor in accordance with USC Policy BTRU 1.18, Conflict of Interest.



Comments by Requesting Party: Please provide any information you wish Office of General Counsel to be aware of or consider in its review of the contract: Please send a copy of the signed MOU to Lucas Vasconcelos

V. CERTIFICATION OF REQUESTING PARTY

I have read this contract in its entirety and recommend its approval by the University of South Carolina. I certify that all provisions in this contract are acceptable. I further certify that the budget for which I am responsible has sufficient funds to pay the costs associated with this contract.

Division Head/Director/Dean/Vice President:

Amanda Tuk on Behalf of Brytnee Reichert

Name

Signature

6/2/2026

Date

VI. CONTRACT REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Office of General Counsel:

Attorney Name: Elizabeth Hutto

Signature:

Date:

6-17-26

Board of Trustees (if applicable):

Governance Committee: Date:

Full Board of Trustees: Date:

Note: Approval by Office of General Counsel confirms that this contract is not objectionable on legal grounds. Responsibility for business terms rests solely with the requesting party.

International Agreement Review Form

USC Department/College: Department of Leadership, Learning Design, and Inquiry / College of Education

Contact Person: Lucas Lima de Vasconcelos

Type of Agreement (Please Select): ☐ Undergraduate Exchange ☐ Graduate Exchange ☐ Direct Enroll
☒ Memorandum of Understanding ☐ Joint/Dual Degree

Date Sent for Review: _____ Dates of Agreement: 7/1/2026 through 7/1/2031

Partner Institution (Name, Location): Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte, RN, Brazil

For all international agreements:

1. Will this agreement be university-wide or college/department specific?

This will be a department-wide agreement.

2. If this is a renewal, what activity has occurred under the agreement since its original signing? (If this is not a renewal, write N/A.)

N/A

3. Do you know of other U.S. institutions that have existing agreements with this university?

No.

4. Any other information to share?

This MOU is a first step toward future partnerships that might involve research, faculty mobility, and/or an exchange program.

For exchange/direct agreements and joint/dual degree agreements:

5. How many students do you anticipate participating or historically have participated in this program each academic year?

N/A

6. Are incoming students (i.e., students from the partner university who will study at USC) able to meet USC's admission requirements related to English language ability? Will they be able to show proof of funds to meet the U.S. immigration requirements (estimate \$10,000 per semester; \$20,000 per year)? (If this is a direct enroll agreement, write N/A.)

N/A



7. What are the health and safety risks that students may need to navigate in the host university's city/country?

N/A

8. What are the housing options for students studying at the host university? What resources are available to find housing?

N/A

9. What student support services are available for students at the host university (e.g., mental health, medical, academic support, etc.)?

N/A

10. At the host university, which departments offer courses in English and what percentage of classes are taught in English? Will there be restrictions regarding area of study for USC students at the host university?

N/A

11. What is the accrediting body of the host university?

N/A

12. What plans or strategies has your department developed to support the recruitment of students to participate in this exchange, direct, or joint/dual degree program?

N/A

Department Head Approval (If Applicable):

Date: 5/29/2026

Dean Approval:

Date: 5/29/2026

Global Carolina Approval:

Date: 6/8/24

Office of the Provost Approval:

Date:





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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

MEMORANDO DE ENTENDIMENTO

BETWEEN

ENTRE

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND
FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF RIO GRANDE
DO NORTE**

**A UNIVERSIDADE DA CAROLINA DO SUL
E A UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DO RIO
GRANDE DO NORTE**

In order to promote educational excellence,
academic ties and international cooperation,

A fim de promover a excelência educacional,
os laços acadêmicos e a cooperação
internacional,

The University of South Carolina, hereinafter
referred to as USC, a public institution, linked
to the State of South Carolina, in this act
represented by its General Council, Terry
Parham, located at 109 Osborne
Administration Building, Columbia, South
Carolina, ZIP 29208, United States.

a Universidade da Carolina do Sul, doravante
designada USC, instituição pública, vinculada
ao estado da Carolina do Sul, e neste ato
representada pelo Consultor Geral, Terry
Parham, localizado no 109 Osborne
Administration Building, na cidade de
Columbia, estado da Carolina do Sul, CEP
29208, Estados Unidos.

and THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF RIO
GRANDE DO NORTE, hereinafter referred to

e A UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DO RIO
GRANDE DO NORTE, doravante designada
UFRN, Instituição pública, vinculada ao
Ministério da Educação (MEC). Registrada no

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as UFRN, a public institution, linked to the Ministry of Education (MEC). Registered into the National Register of Legal Entities (CNPJ) under No. 24.365.710/0001-83, located at Avenida Senador Salgado Filho, 3000, Campus Universitário, Lagoa Nova, Natal, State of Rio Grande do Norte, ZIP code (CEP): 59.078-970, Brazil, in this act represented by its President, Professor JOSÉ DANIEL DINIZ MELO, PhD, reappointed to the position of President of UFRN by the State Minister of Education, in view of the provisions of article 13, of Law 8112, of December 11, 1990, for a 4-year term (2023-2027), through Decree of May 24, 2023, published in the Federal Official Gazette (DOU) on May 25, 2023, Issue 99, Section 2, page 1

agree to establish academic and scholarly collaboration in areas of mutual interest.

A. COOPERATION

1. The institutions seek to promote activities which may include:

Collaborative research, lectures, symposia

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concordam em estabelecer colaboração acadêmica e de conhecimento em áreas de interesse mútuo.

A. COOPERAÇÃO

1. As instituições procurarão promover atividades que podem incluir:

Pesquisas colaborativas, palestras,

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and cooperation in training projects for specific areas of interest,

Faculty and scholar exchange between the two universities,

Exchange of undergraduate and/or graduate students;

Encouragement of units to explore initiatives such as student, faculty and research scholar exchanges to promote cross-cultural learning and research;

Exploration of topics for joint proposals for international funding;

Initiation of discussion for cooperative development of courses and academic programs.

2. The institutions shall decide, through consultation, the specific areas and details of cooperation within the framework of this agreement. The specific projects or obligations will be established through specific instruments.

simpósios, e cooperação em projetos de treinamento para áreas de interesse específicas;

Intercâmbio de professores e pesquisadores entre as duas universidades;

Intercâmbio de estudantes de graduação e/ou pós-graduação;

Encorajamento às unidades para explorar iniciativas como intercâmbio de estudantes, professores e pesquisadores para promover aprendizagem e pesquisa transcultural;

Exploração de temas para propostas conjuntas de financiamento internacional;

Iniciação de discussão para desenvolvimento cooperativo de disciplinas e programas acadêmicos.

2. As instituições decidirão, mediante consulta, as áreas específicas e os detalhes da cooperação no âmbito deste acordo. O estabelecimento de projetos ou obrigações específicas se darão por intermédio de instrumentos específicos.

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3. Some areas may need additional consultation with faculty and academic units to explore potential mutually beneficial collaborative research projects and require additional agreements.

B. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective upon approval and signature by both parties. The Memorandum shall remain in effect for five years unless terminated earlier pursuant to the process described in Paragraphs A. 2 or B. 10. After the five-year period, the parties may determine to enter into a new Memorandum.

2. Termination may occur by mutual agreement or at the request of one party with 6 months written notice.

If no activity or additional agreements as described materialize within 5 years, the agreement will be considered terminated.

The ongoing activities, due to projects

3. Algumas áreas podem precisar de consultas adicionais com o corpo docente e unidades acadêmicas para explorar possíveis projetos de pesquisa colaborativa mutuamente benéficos e exigir acordos adicionais.

B. TERMOS E CONDIÇÕES

1. Este Memorando de Entendimento entrará em vigor após a aprovação e assinatura por ambas as partes. O Memorando permanecerá em vigor por cinco anos, salvo se rescindido anteriormente conforme o processo descrito nos Parágrafos A. 2 ou B. 10. Após o período de cinco anos, as partes poderão decidir assinar um novo Memorando.

2. A rescisão pode ocorrer por acordo mútuo ou a pedido de uma das partes com aviso prévio de 6 meses.

Se nenhuma atividade ou acordo adicional se materializar no prazo de 5 anos, o acordo será considerado rescindido.

As atividades em andamento, por força de projetos previamente aprovados e cobertos

previously approved and covered by Addenda, will not be compromised, and must therefore be completed even if one of the parties expresses its wish to terminate and not renew the agreement.

3. Some collaborative initiatives may require additional written agreements executed by signed mutual consent.

4. This agreement is written in English and Portuguese.

5. The parties agree to consult periodically concerning the status of these explorations and other relevant matters.

6. It will be UFRN's responsibility to arrange for the publication of the extract of this Cooperation Agreement in the official press.

7. In the event of disputes arising from this Memorandum of Understanding, including with regard to its interpretation, implementation or non-implementation, the PARTIES undertake to constitute a joint commission with members of all the PARTIES involved to, through direct negotiation or by exchange of correspondence, obtain a

por Termos Aditivos, não serão prejudicadas, devendo, conseqüentemente, ser concluídas ainda que ocorra denúncia por uma das partes.

3. Algumas iniciativas de colaboração podem exigir acordos adicionais por escrito celebrados mediante consentimento mútuo assinado.

4. Este acordo está redigido em inglês e português.

5. As partes concordam em consultar-se periodicamente sobre o status dessas explorações e outros assuntos relevantes.

6. Caberá à UFRN as providências para a publicação do extrato do presente Acordo de Cooperação na imprensa oficial.

7. Na hipótese de surgirem controvérsias e/ou litígios originários do presente Memorando de Entendimento, inclusive no que se refere à sua interpretação, execução ou inexecução, os PARTÍCIPIES comprometem-se a constituir uma comissão conjunta com integrantes de todas as PARTES envolvidas para, mediante negociação direta ou por troca de

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definitive solution to the dispute. Any disputes arising from this Agreement, which cannot be resolved amicably, will be resolved with the parties being allowed to resort to the competent authorities and/or Powers of their countries, in compliance with the jurisdiction rules in force in each legal system.

8. There will be no transfer of funds or donation of assets between the parties as a result of the formalization of this Memorandum of Understanding. Equally, this instrument does not create any legal, financial, or other rights or obligations under international law for any of the parties.

9. Any publicity resulting from the acts, programs, projects, services, and campaigns arising from this Memorandum of Understanding must be educational, informative, or socially oriented in nature; it may not include names, symbols, or images that constitute personal promotion of public officials or civil servants, pursuant to Article 37, paragraph 1, of the Brazilian Federal Constitution.

correspondência, obter solução definitiva da controvérsia. Eventuais controvérsias decorrentes do presente Acordo, que não possam ser resolvidas amigavelmente, serão dirimidas facultando-se às partes recorrer às autoridades e/ou Poderes competentes de seus países, com observância das regras jurídicas de competência vigentes em cada país.

8. Não haverá transferência de recursos financeiros ou doação de bens entre os partícipes em virtude da formalização deste Memorando de Entendimento. De igual modo, este instrumento não cria quaisquer direitos ou obrigações legais, financeiras ou outras reguladas pelo direito internacional para qualquer um dos Participantes.

9. A publicidade decorrente dos atos, programas, obras, serviços e campanhas, procedentes deste Memorando de Entendimento, deverá possuir caráter educativo, informativo, ou de orientação social, dela não podendo constar nomes, símbolos ou imagens que caracterizem promoção pessoal de autoridades ou servidores públicos, nos termos do art. 37, §1º, da Constituição Federal brasileira.

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10. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be terminated:

- a) upon the expiration of its term, unless the parties have entered into an amendment to renew it by that time;
- b) upon notice from any of the parties, pursuant to Paragraph A. 2, if it no longer has an interest in maintaining the partnership; or
- c) by mutual agreement of the parties prior to the expiration of its term, which must be duly formalized.

11. Any situations not provided for in this instrument shall be resolved by mutual agreement between the parties, with the aim of ensuring the full implementation of the agreement.

12. There will be no change of employment relationship with respect to the human resources used by any of the PARTIES in connection with the activities inherent to this Agreement, nor will they cause any burden to the other Party. The participation of administrative, teaching, or student staff from the institutions in exchange activities shall in no way imply a change in or functional and/or academic affiliation with the other participating

10. O presente Memorando de Entendimento será extinto:

- a) por advento do termo final, sem que os partícipes tenham até então firmado aditivo para renová-lo;
- b) por comunicação de qualquer dos partícipes, nos termos do parágrafo A. 2, se não tiver mais interesse na manutenção da parceria; ou
- c) por consenso dos partícipes antes do advento do termo final de vigência, devendo ser devidamente formalizado.

11. As situações não previstas no presente instrumento serão solucionadas de comum acordo entre os partícipes, cujo direcionamento deve visar à execução integral do objeto.

12. Os recursos humanos utilizados por quaisquer das PARTES, em decorrência das atividades inerentes ao presente Memorando de Entendimento, não sofrerão alteração na sua vinculação nem acarretarão quaisquer ônus ao outro Partícipe. A participação de pessoal administrativo, docente ou discente das instituições nas atividades de intercâmbio não implicará de qualquer modo em alteração

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institution; furthermore, participation in such activities shall not imply the transfer of staff members, who may be assigned solely to perform specific tasks outlined in this agreement and for a fixed term.

While no specific commitment is made by either party, we support and sign this Memorandum of Understanding in recognition of our mutual interests.

Date / Data: JUN 24 2026

Michael D. Amiridis

President / Presidente

University of South Carolina (USC)
Universidade da Carolina do Sul

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e/ou vinculação funcional e/ou acadêmica com a outra instituição partícipe, bem como que a participação nas atividades não implicará cessão de servidores, que poderão ser designados apenas para o desempenho de ação específica prevista neste instrumento e por prazo determinado.

Enquanto nenhum compromisso específico seja assumido por nenhuma das partes, apoiamos e assinamos este Memorando de Entendimento em reconhecimento aos nossos interesses mútuos.

Data / Date:

ASSINADO DIGITALMENTE
JOSE DANIEL DINIZ MELO

DATA
14/06/2026

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Prof. Dr. José Daniel Diniz Melo

Reitor / Rector

Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte
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