

URI Global International Partnership Concept Statement Form

The Office of International Partnerships at URI Global oversees the development of new international partnership agreements at the University of Rhode Island. Proposals for new international partnership agreements should be discussed at the outset with your Chairperson and your Dean. The next step is to complete and sign the Concept Statement Form (CSF) and send to Nancy Stricklin, Assistant to the Provost for Global Strategies and Academic Partnerships, at nancys@uri.edu or call 401-874-7113.

The Concept Statement Form (CSF) provides information about the purpose of the envisioned activities under the proposed international partnership. The CSF is an internal document and an integral part of the international partnership dossier. The CSF should be completed by the faculty member who is spearheading the relationship with the international partner. The completed CSF will provide motivation for the establishment of the partnership agreement and will trigger the university review process.

Key Characteristics of International Partnerships:

1. International partnership agreements are explicit and self-contained.
2. International partnership agreements should be based on active collaboration to be shaped and controlled for the mutual benefit of all partners.
3. Pre-existing or established concrete activity is essential for goal-oriented, successful agreement outcomes.
4. International partnership agreements must have the endorsement of a URI College Dean and Department Chair and be in alignment with their respective college's internationalization strategy.
5. International Partnerships achieve institutional aspirations and enhance its reputation.
6. International Partnerships serve the scholarly and educational interests of faculty and students.
7. International Partnerships permit the conduct of friendly and sustainable institutional diplomacy.
8. International Partnerships enable URI to reach its strategic goals for internationalization

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) vs. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) – Key Characteristics:

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)	Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expresses an intent to explore a closer relationship with an institution 2. Publicly records the mutual interest to collaborate 3. Provides a symbolic foundation for the institutional relationship 4. Serves as a promissory note with varying degrees of motivation 5. Contains no financial commitments 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carries out the strategic international goals of URI and provides diplomatic framework for institutional relationships 2. Codifies a partnership involving significant collaboration 3. Is a legally binding document 4. Specifies activities, resources, outcomes, obligations and limitations by each partner 5. Contains specific financial obligations 6. Includes Student Exchange Agreements and Cooperative Degree Programs

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International Partnership Agreement Information

Name of URI Initiating Faculty Member: _____

Name of URI Sponsoring Department: _____

College: _____

Name of the International Partner: _____

Country: _____ City: _____

In order to facilitate the review of the proposed agreement, please provide a brief response to each of the following:

1) Brief description of the history of the partnership.

2) Brief overview of the partner institution, including size, mission and distinctive characteristics.

3) Overall goals and vision for the partnership.

4) List of concrete activities planned as part of this partnership.

5) The significance of the collaboration with this partner institution. Describe how the partnership meets the “strategic interests” of the department/college (or colleges, if more than one).

6) Does the proposed partnership include plans for the establishment of a bilateral Student Exchange Program or the establishment of a different model that includes incoming international students enrolling or participating in other activities at URI?

Yes (complete 6a) No

6a) If yes, please estimate numbers of students (undergraduate and/or graduate) and provide details of activities.

7) Does the proposed partnership involve the exchange of visiting faculty?

Yes (complete 7a) No

7a) If yes, please estimate numbers of faculty and provide details of activities.

Please attach any additional, supporting documentation and include relevant documentation that addresses the points above.

Please provide signatures on next page.

Required Signatures

Through submission of this form and attachments to the Office of International Partnerships, the sponsoring department and college indicate their commitment to develop the international partnership agreement.

The **Concept Statement Form** must to be signed by the department chair and your college's dean.

Department Chair or designee (*required*):

Name: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

College Dean or designee (*required*):

Name: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please send a copy of the completed **Concept Statement Form** to: Nancy Stricklin at nancys@uri.edu.