MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

GROUP OF EIGHT
AUSTRALIA

Science Without Borders

Memorandum of Understanding on higher education and research between

The Brazilian Federal Agency for Support and Evaluation of Graduate Education (CAPES/MEC)

and

The Group of Eight Australian universities
A consortium of The University of Queensland, The University of Adelaide, The University of Melbourne, The Australian National University, The University of New South Wales, The University of Sydney, The University of Western Australia and Monash University.

(Hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”)

On behalf of the Go8

Dr Michael Spence
Vice-Chancellor and Principal
The University of Sydney

Date __________ / __________ / 2012

On behalf of CAPES/MEC

Dr. Jorge Almeida Guimarães
President of CAPES FOUNDATION
Appointed as President of Capes by the Decree 122 from the Civil House (Published in the Brazilian Official Press – DOU – 09th of February, 2004)

Date __________ / __________ / 2012
Considering the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Industry, Science and Resources of Australia and the Ministry of Science and Resources of Australia and the Ministry of Science and Technology of the Federative Republic of Brazil, signed in Brasilia on 13 February, 2001;

Considering the Memorandum of Understanding on Education and Training between the Ministry of Education, Science and Training of Australia, and the Ministry of Education of Brazil, signed in Brasilia, in April, 2005;

Considering the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil for the Establishment of an enhanced partnership, signed in New York, on 21st of September, 2010;

Considering the interest in deepening academic cooperation between Brazilian and Australian Institutions in order to promote development in the full range of scholarly disciplines in both countries;

The Parties agree to establish, by mutual agreement and in order to be mutually beneficial, this document:

ARTICLE I – OBJECT

1. This MoU establishes the CAPES/Group of Eight Programme, in order to deepen the cooperation among academics and researchers from Brazilian Institutions and from the Universities part of the Group of Eight.
2. The cooperation shall be promoted in areas that are mutually beneficial to the scholarly and scientific communities of both countries.
3. Specific areas of cooperation can be selected as agreed by the parties.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES OF THE AGREEMENT

The objectives of the agreement are to:

a. Promote opportunities for academic collaboration through seminars, workshops and conferences;
b. Foster new avenues for research collaboration and joint research projects;
c. Promote the exchange of scientists, scholars and staff in all disciplines, and particularly in education, teacher training and educational technologies; and
d. Explore opportunities for the mobility of students between Australia and Brazil;

Other forms of cooperation will be determined through mutual consultation.

Recognition of credit for completed units of study should be discussed by universities individually in specific agreements for this purpose.

ARTICLE III – FINANCE

Each Party will facilitate and fund the mentioned activities through their regular funding programmes taking into account any constraints of time, funding and other relevant resources.

PhD and Post-doctoral researchers taking part in activities under the scope of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be eligible for consideration for Scholarship funding.

Undergraduate students taking part in activities under the scope of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be eligible for consideration for Scholarship funding under the Science without Borders scholarship program.

Tuition fees will need to be agreed with each institution.

Students participating in activities under the scope of this MoU and who are in receipt of scholarship funding shall be eligible for consideration of application fee waivers.

ARTICLE IV – PRE-EXISTING AGREEMENTS

Australia’s Group of Eight universities are not precluded from negotiating individual agreements with other Brazilian government agencies and educational institutions.

This Agreement will not affect in any case pre-existing agreements between member institutions of the Parties and other Brazilian government agencies or universities.

ARTICLE V – LEGISLATION

This MoU will be subjected to the laws and regulations in force in Brazil and in Australia.

ARTICLE VI – REPRESENTATION

In order to coordinate the activities of the MoU, CAPES and the Group of Eight will nominate a principal and an alternate representative as the main points of contact for communication.
ARTICLE VII – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
Regarding Intellectual Property, this MoU will be implemented under relevant Australian and Brazilian laws.

ARTICLE VIII – VALIDITY
The MoU shall take effect on the date of its signature for a period of five years, at which time it may be renewed, formalized by a new document.

ARTICLE IX – MODIFICATIONS
The conditions established in this MoU may be modified at any time, by mutual agreement between the Parties and with proper justification, and any such proposed modification shall be presented, at least, 180 (one-hundred and eighty) days before the date that the changes should be implemented.

ARTICLE X – TERMINATION
The MoU may be discontinued by any of the parties, providing that the party formally notifies the other, at least 90 (ninety) days before the discontinuation is to come into effect. Any such termination shall not affect projects already underway, except when both Parties jointly agree otherwise.

ARTICLE XI – FINAL PROVISIONS
The parties shall not be responsible for non-fulfilment of commitments, in case of force majeure.
Issues not explicitly covered in text of the MoU will be resolved by the Parties.

For the purpose of processing student applications, The Group of Eight will be represented by Latino Australia Education (LAE). CAPES will recognise LAE as the Go8 representative for scholarship application purposes. LAE can be contacted at Rua Barao do Triunfo 550, Conj. 65/66 Brooklin Cep 04602 002 Sao Paulo Brazil and on +5511 5542 8787 www.latinoaustralia.com.br