

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**Between**

**VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY**

**and**

**SAINT PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY**

The Rector of Saint Petersburg State University and the President of Virginia Commonwealth University, for the purpose of strengthening and extending ties between their respective institutions, hereby affirm their intent to explore international collaboration and academic interactions of mutual benefit to their respective organizations. Examples of academic interactions are considered here to include but not be limited to the following:

1. Facilitation of scholarly activities including academic training of students at the undergraduate and graduate levels and placement of students in programs of advanced study and collaborative research.
2. Facilitation of academic/research enhancement visits to the respective Universities by faculty members.
3. Coordination through the appropriate offices of the respective institutions: organization of student and faculty exchanges, promotion and coordination of each institution's relevant summer study programs and identification of joint or collaborative research projects.
4. Coordination, as appropriate, of the continued exchange of documentation and research material of mutual interest.

Specific details concerning the implementation of particular cooperative activities shall be negotiated in agreements between the two organizations and shall be subject to approval by the authorized official of each institution.

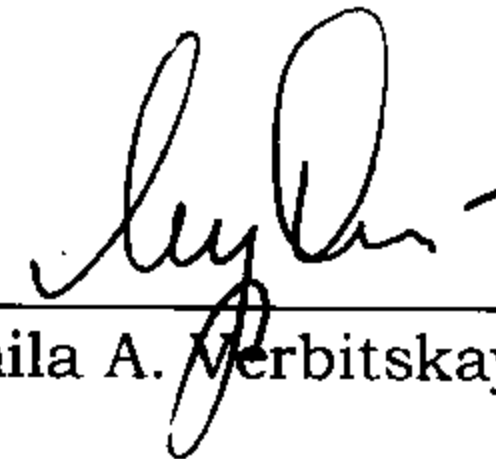
This exploration of means to promote academic interaction and cooperation is subject to revision, renewal, or cancellation by mutual consent and becomes effective on signature.

On behalf of VCU

On behalf of SPSU



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