GUIDELINES FOR GRADUATE FOREIGN UNILATERAL, MULTILATERAL OR CONSORTIA AGREEMENTS

Oakland University values relations with universities and agencies in other countries involving academic exchanges, overseas studies, and development assistance programs (under unilateral, multilateral, and consortium agreements). The President of the University, acting through the Provost and Academic Deans, determines whether the University is to enter into and maintain such relationships.

All contracts or exchange or other agreements with foreign universities or other foreign scientific institutions or foreign governmental agencies, which commit Oakland University resources or support of a graduate program at this University, shall require approval in writing by the President of the University.

THE APPROVAL PROCESS

Proposals, for any type of foreign agreements, must be submitted to the Provost by the Academic Dean. The major criteria applied in evaluating proposals for new agreements are academic quality, cultural enrichment, institutional costs, impact on existing programs, administrative efficiency, financial solvency, length of agreement and student health and safety. An electronic draft copy of the proposal must also be submitted to Graduate Study & Lifelong Learning for a preliminary review on program organization, curriculum requirements, budgets, credits and university regulations. Their role is to help identify problems or ambiguities so that the proposal is clear and complete.

All proposals involving new graduate programs, must be approved by the academic unit and by the relevant college or school and be submitted to the Graduate Council for formal review. Proposals must include a budget that confirms the department, and/or college or school’s financial contribution to the program.

AFTER THE AGREEMENT IS APPROVED

Once the proposed agreement is approved, the Provost will notify the Academic Dean responsible for the negotiated international affiliation and initiate the process to finalize the agreement. This process will involve the Provost, the Academic Dean, General Counsel and the President. A copy of the finalized agreement will be sent to Graduate Study & Lifelong learning.

CONTINUING PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION

Renegotiation of the agreement must conform to the approval process described above.
IMPORTANT COMPONENTS

- Students from abroad must be officially admitted to an Oakland University academic program. The International Students and Scholars Office must issue proper visa documentation.

- Potential students must prove that they have access to sufficient financial resources to cover all expenses related to their stay in the United States. This includes medical expenses. The International Students and Scholars Office publishes a projected estimate of expenses for each academic year, along with brief descriptions of U.S. visa categories.

- **Enrollment of Students**

  Individuals admitted to the United States on student visas are required to maintain full-time enrollment status during all regular academic semesters. Typically this requirement cannot be satisfied through enrollment in audit hours.

- **Payment of Tuition**

  Oakland University does not permit the waiver of tuition. All registered students must pay (or have paid for them) tuition and all relevant fees. All students must comply with residency classification for admission and tuition purposes. For university purposes, “domicile” is defined as the place where an individual intends his/her true, fixed and permanent home and principal establishment to be, and to which the individual intends to return whenever away. Upon admission to the university, a student is classified either as a Michigan resident or a nonresident based upon information relating to the student's domicile. A determination of Michigan domicile is required for in-state rates to apply, except as stated below. (This is explained in detail in the Graduate Catalog.)

- **Application of in-state tuition rates in special circumstances**

  Regardless of domicile, in-state tuition rates apply to the following persons:

  - Graduate students who hold an assistantship or fellowship awarded through Oakland University;
  - Students employed in Michigan in full-time, permanent positions.