

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

AND

**BAHIR DAR UNIVERSITY
ETHIOPIA**

The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, on behalf of its campus in Chicago, Illinois, United States of America, and Bahir Dar University, Ethiopia, wishing to establish cooperative relations between the two institutions, especially to develop the academic and cultural interchange through mutual assistance in the areas of education and research, agree as follows:

**PART I
SCOPE OF THE COOPERATION**

The areas of cooperation include, subject to mutual consent, any program offered at either institution as felt desirable and feasible on either side and that both sides feel contribute to the fostering and development of the cooperative relationship between the two institutions.

The assistance to be provided by each of the contracting parties will be teaching, research, exchange of faculty and students, and staff development, as deemed beneficial by the two institutions.

**PART II
GENERAL AREAS OF COOPERATION**

Collaboration will be undertaken, subject to availability of funds and the approval of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois and Bahir Dar University, through such activities or programs relating to:

1. Exchange of faculty members
2. Exchange of students
3. Joint research activities
4. Participation in seminars and academic meetings
5. Exchange of academic materials and other information
6. Special short-term academic programs

7. Professional Development Programs.

The terms of such mutual assistance and necessary budget for each program and activity that is implemented under the terms of this agreement shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation of the particular program or activity. Such programs and activities shall be annually reviewed by authorized individuals from each party and, if deemed necessary, approved by the respective boards or governing bodies of each party. Each institution shall designate a Liaison Officer to develop and coordinate specific activities or programs.

For purposes of this Memorandum of Agreement and all Addenda hereto encompassing specific programs between the University of Illinois at Chicago and Bahir Dar University, it is understood and agreed that neither party to this Memorandum of Agreement shall be liable for any negligent or wrongful acts, either of commission or omission, chargeable to the other, unless such liability is imposed by law. This Memorandum of Agreement shall not be construed as seeking to either enlarge or diminish any obligation or duty owed by one party to the other or to a third party.

**PART III
RENEWAL, TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT**

This agreement shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years from the date of the last signature, with the understanding that it may be terminated by either party giving ninety (90) days written notice to the partner institution.

This agreement may be amended with the consent of the two institutions through a written Addendum executed by authorized individuals of both institutions. Such addenda, once approved by both institutions, will become part of this Memorandum of Agreement.

The present agreement is signed in English, two (2) originals, all texts being equally valid.

This agreement shall be binding upon signing by authorized individuals of the University of Illinois and Bahir Dar University, and shall be effective as of the date last written below.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have offered their signatures:

FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

FOR BAHIR DAR UNIVERSITY

Stephen K. Rugg
Stephen K. Rugg
Comptroller

Mulugeta Kibrit
Mulugeta Kibrit
Dean of Education

4/11/06
Date

06/03/06
Date

Michele M. Thompson
Michele M. Thompson
Secretary

4/13/06
Date

