



## Memorandum of Understanding



This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU” or “Agreement”) signifies a collaborative commitment between:

The University of Central Missouri, (“**UCM**”) a Public University with registration number EID 43-1181566, having its registered office at Warrensburg, MO, 64093 USA

AND

Aga Khan Education Services SA, (“**AKES**”), a company with registration number 100.119.624, having its registered office at 1-3 Avenue de la Paix, 1202 Geneva, Switzerland, and managing its global network of **Aga Khan Schools**.

### I. The Scope of This Agreement

This Agreement demonstrates a commitment to enrich the educational pathways of international students. The core objectives of this collaboration include the facilitation of comprehensive educational planning and the seamless completion of baccalaureate degrees. In accordance with their shared aspirations, the **UCM** and **AKES** are dedicated to establishing a robust and mutually advantageous partnership.

Under the provisions stipulated within this MOU, **UCM** undertakes the commitment to admit eligible and presently enrolled high school students who are affiliated with institutions falling under the **Aga Khan Schools** global umbrella. **UCM** shall categorize qualified students as individuals who meet the following criteria:

- Having either fulfilled senior high school degree requirements or being on track to complete these requirements within 12 months prior to enrollment at **UCM**.
- Attaining a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4-point scale.
- Meeting the minimum English proficiency criteria established by the **UCM**.
- Presenting a declaration of financial support along with a valid bank statement.
- Submitting a thorough international undergraduate application, accompanied by all mandatory admission support documents and the relevant admission application fee, by the stipulated admission deadline.

Both the **UCM** and **AKES** mutually affirm the following:

- **AKES** will actively disseminate information about this partnership to students, counselors, and member high schools within their network of the **Aga Khan Schools**.
- On an annual basis, **AKES** will furnish the **UCM** with a comprehensive list of the **Aga Khan Schools** under its umbrella..
- **AKES** will supply **UCM** with contact details and expected date of high school graduation for students from **Aga Khan Schools** who have designated **UCM** as their prospective university of choice.

**II. Non-Resident Scholarship – Global Partner Award**

**UCM** hereby commits to providing a renewable Non-Resident Scholarship (also referred to as **UCM’s** Global Partner Award) to degree-seeking applicants from schools under **AKES’ Aga Khan Schools** who satisfy the subsequent admission criteria:

- Submission of all mandatory documentation for **UCM's** international student online application in a punctual manner, including the application fee, English proficiency scores, official transcripts translated into English, satisfactory financial documentation, and a copy of the passport.
- English language proficiency can be evidenced by the methods outlined in the accompanying chart:

<i>Test</i>	<i>Minimum Scores</i>
TOEFL iBT	61
IELTS Academic	5.5
Duolingo	95
International Baccalaureate High School	
	English A SL: 5+
	English A HL: 5+
	English B SL: 6+
	English B HL: 5+
Cambridge B2/C1	Minimum 162
Graduated from WASC-accredited high school	

- *Students who are citizens of, or can demonstrate residency in, an English-speaking nation, as acknowledged by **UCM**, may be exempted from submitting an English language proficiency score.*
- *Students not meeting the English proficiency requirement may participate in **UCM’s** Intensive English Program leading to the bachelor’s track.*
- Maintenance of a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.5 or a graduate GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- The scholarship is applicable to specific on-campus tuition categories, excluding tuition for online courses.
- This Agreement adheres to **UCM** Policy and the prevailing catalog, which may undergo changes over time.

UCM’s Global Partner Award is a scholarship that encompasses approximately 50% of tuition costs for eligible students, aligning the remaining tuition obligation with the equivalent of in-state tuition rates for the state of Missouri. In addition, students will receive a 1 time award of \$1000 to be applied to the tuition costs of their first semester. This scholarship is renewable each semester if the student meets the GPA requirements and remains a degree-seeking student.

**III. Period of Agreement**

This Agreement will take effect upon the date of its final execution and will endure for a duration of five (5) years. The potential for renewal beyond the initial five years exists through mutual written agreement. Upon the expiration of the initial term of five (5) years, the Parties may choose to renew this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by executing a new term, which shall be documented in writing and may include any additional mutually agreed terms and conditions.

Moreover, either UCM or AKES reserves the right to terminate this agreement at any point, subject to a minimum of six months’ advance written notice of termination to the other party. The Parties agree that termination of this Agreement for whatever reason shall in no way impact that continued renewal of scholarship awards for students already enrolled in UCM’s Global Partner Award program as of the date of termination until the student graduates, provided the students otherwise meet the conditions set forth in the MOU.

**IV. Compliance with Laws**

Each Party confirms that it has the legal right and all necessary licenses and permissions to enter into this Agreement and commits to comply with all applicable laws and regulations, in particular those safeguarding the rights and security of the students and the reputation of the Parties.

**V. Communication**

Any formal communication relating to this MoU shall be in writing or email to the following addresses:

To UCM:


Name	Gregory Holz
Title	International Recruitment Officer
Address	PO Box 800, Warrensburg, MO, 64020 USA
Email	<a href="mailto:holz@ucmo.edu">holz@ucmo.edu</a>
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To AKES SA:

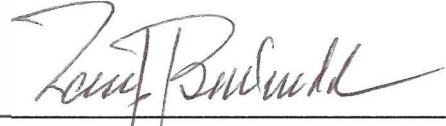
Name	Benoit Destouches
Title	Finance Director
Address	1-3 Avenue de la Paix, 1202 Geneva, Switzerland
Email	<a href="mailto:Benoit.destouches@akdn.org">Benoit.destouches@akdn.org</a>

**VI. Terms of the Agreement**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) shall come into effect and be deemed valid upon the formal endorsement and signatures of both the designated Representative of **UCM** and the Representative of **AKES**. In doing so the parties involved affirm their dedication to the principles, obligations, and collaborative initiatives outlined within this MOU to facilitate a meaningful collaboration between the **UCM** and **AKES** and its network of **Aga Khan Schools**.

Signed by:  
  
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Dr. Tim Crowley  
Interim-Provost, VP for Academic Affairs  
  
Date: August 29, 2024

  
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Jane Piacentini-Moore  
Director AKES SA  
Date: 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024

  
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Zarif Badruddin  
Director AKES SA  
Date: 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024