

**Memorandum of Understanding
Partnership Agreement between
SAKAE Institute for Study Abroad
and
The University of Central Missouri**

SAKAE Institute for Study Abroad
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and

The University of Central Missouri
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In order to benefit both the University of Central Missouri (UCM) and SAKAE in the recruitment of international students, and to assist international students in their educational planning and in the completion of a baccalaureate degree, the University of Central Missouri and SAKAE wish to enter into a mutually beneficial institutional partnership agreement.

Under this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the University of Central Missouri will admit qualified and current SAKAE students into the University. The University of Central Missouri shall categorize qualified students from SAKAE 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 University of Central Missouri.
- 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.

The University of Central Missouri and SAKAE agree that:

- SAKAE will inform prospective international students of this partnership;
- SAKAE will provide the University of Central Missouri with contact information and anticipated senior high school degree completion date of students who have identified UCM as their intended university destination;

UCM does hereby agree to offer a renewable Global Partners Scholarship to students from SAKAE, waiving the non-resident portion of their tuition. Students taking all or some IEP classes will also have the non-resident portion of tuition waived.

Students must meet the following criteria to be eligible for this award:

- Students must submit in a timely manner all required documentation of UCM's international student online application, to include application fee, English proficiency scores, official transcripts translated in English, satisfactory financial documentation and copy of passport.
- English language proficiency can be evidenced by the methods outlined in the accompanying chart:


Test	<i>Undergraduate</i>	<i>Graduate</i>
TOEFL iBT	61	79
IELTS Academic	5.5	6.0
Duolingo	95	120
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.*
- Students must maintain a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.5 or a graduate GPA of a 3.0, or better, on a 4.0 scale.
- This scholarship is applicable to certain on-campus tuition codes, but does not include tuition for online courses.
- This contract is subject to UCM Policy and the current catalog, which may change from time to 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. The Global Partner scholarship is renewable each semester if the student meets the GPA requirements and remains a degree-seeking student. In addition, students will receive a 1 time award (not renewable) of \$1000 to be applied to the tuition costs of their first semester.

This MOU will be valid for a period of five (5) years when it is signed by both the University of Central Missouri Representative and the SAKAE Representative.

Signed by:


 Dr Timothy Crowley
 Provost, VP for Academic Affairs
 Date: January 2, 2025



 Ms. Yoko Sakae
 President
 Date: 12/02/24