



WORLD
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

(herein referred to as the "MoU")

between

**the World Meteorological Organization
(WMO)**

and

**the Federal University of Santa Maria
(UFSM)**

May 2024

The World Meteorological Organization, hereinafter referred to as "WMO", an intergovernmental Organization having its seat at Geneva, Switzerland,

and

The Federal University of Santa Maria hereinafter referred to as "UFSM" having its seat at (headquarter of partner) Santa Maria (Rio Grande do Sul), Brazil,

jointly and individually hereinafter referred to as "the Parties" and "Party", respectively,

CONSIDERING

The Convention of the World Meteorological Organization dated 11 October 1947;

That WMO is a specialized agency of the United Nations since 1951, first established in 1950, having originated from the International Meteorological Organization founded in 1873;

That WMO is the United Nations system's authoritative voice on the state and behaviour of the Earth's atmosphere, its interaction with the oceans, the climate it produces and the resulting distribution of water resources;

That the UFSM was the first federal university created in the interior of Brazil, outside of the Brazilian capital, created by Law no. 3,834-C, of December 14, 1960. It is headquartered in Av. Roraima No. 1000, University City, Camobi Neighborhood, Santa Maria – RS, ZIP Code: 97105-900, phone +55 (55) 3220-8003, UFSM President's office at Building 47 A - Main Campus 5th floor - room 509, e-mail: gabinetereitor@ufsm.br

In the Cidade Universitária Prof. José Mariano da Rocha Filho, where most of his academic and administrative activities take place.

That UFSM is intended to promote, inseparably, teaching, research and extension; Promote technological, scientific, philosophical, literary, artistic and sporting development; Train higher-level professionals and specialists; Train secondary and professional basic education professionals at different levels and modalities linked to national development; Prepare qualified human resources through postgraduate courses. The Federal University of Santa Maria aims to promote comprehensive education; develop teaching for the training and improvement of high-level professionals, technicians and researchers; stimulate pure or applied research; encourage cultural creation and the development of the scientific spirit and reflective thinking; develop professional education at different levels: basic, technical and technological; promote extension, open to the participation of the population, aiming to disseminate the achievements and benefits resulting from cultural creation and scientific and technological research generated at the Institution; disseminate the cultural, scientific and technical knowledge that constitutes a heritage of humanity; and transmit knowledge through teaching, publications and/or other forms of communication.

The foregoing highlight of respective mandates of WMO and UFSM, promotion of appropriate policy and technical knowledge through support to capacity development has been identified as an area of common interest to UFSM and WMO;

The Parties highlight the strong need for enhancing human capacity in science in the least developed and developing countries to overcome the challenge in meeting their education needs in meteorology and related sciences;

That some of the activities carried out by one Party in pursuing its objectives may be of interest to the other Party, or benefit from a contribution by the other Party;

The interest of the Parties in, and the results of the cooperation under, this Memorandum of Understanding will be made available to the Member States and Territories and to the international community at large;

The desire of the Parties to create a framework to ensure, on a long-term basis, the consultation, exchange of information and coordination required for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter "MoU") constitutes the framework within which the Parties shall, on the basis of reciprocity, develop cooperation in fields related to their mandates to establish cooperation in advertising, selection, and sponsorship of selected fellows and experts from among WMO Members.
2. The Parties shall, within the framework of their respective activities under the scholarship program, cooperate in the promotion, selection, and sponsorship of scholarship holders and selected specialists for advanced studies, at the full-time Master's and Doctoral level, in the field of meteorology and science-related issues, routinely exchanging information about the UFSM meteorology postgraduate program, status of the level of financial support for fellows and any other new developments in cooperation within the courses and educational programs occurring at UFSM, in the area of meteorology.
3. WMO shall provide annual fellowships within the available budget and limitations to selected candidates from least developed and developing countries and Small Islands Developing States to pursue full-time MSc and PhD programmes. The available number of fellowships shall be communicated to WMO on an annual basis no later than late February each year to allow WMO sufficient time to solicit applications.
4. The application and selection process shall be as follows:
 - a) WMO publishes yearly the UFSM education offer in the Compendium of WMO Fellowships according to this MoU.
 - b) UFSM/WMO fellowship applicants will first apply to UFSM with all the required application documents. UFSM will make an admission provision for qualified applicants who meet the requirements for studies leading to a postgraduate degree. UFSM shall issue an academic admission letter for qualified candidates.
 - c) Candidates who have an academic admission letter may then apply for a WMO fellowship.
 - d) Based on the information provided by UFSM regarding eligibility according to the university's criteria, WMO will make the final selection of candidates in accordance with the WMO Executive Board Criteria for Scholarships and send the list of scholarships awarded to the UFSM within the period foreseen for the enrolment of

new students each semester, following the UFSM annual calendar published at the end of each year and publishing the schedule for the following year.

5. The Parties agree that the fellowships will be awarded under the following terms:
 - a) UFSM shall provide WMO with information about the estimated total expenses that should be covered for an international fellow for the duration of the studies.
 - b) UFSM shall assist the fellows in securing student visas and an appropriate place of residence for the duration of the programme.
 - c) Tuition fees: Currently grad and undergrad courses at UFSM are free of tuition fees, but UFSM must inform six months in advance if any changes to this criterion occur.
 - d) WMO fellowships shall cover the monthly stipend, the cost of residence permit and medical insurance, and others according to the cost indication provided by UFSM each year. In principle, the cost of travel to and from UFSM should be covered by the fellow.
 - e) The costs associated with any research that may be carried out by the fellows are not included in the fellowship.
 - f) Other expenses shall be borne by the fellows.
6. UFSM shall provide reports to WMO on the academic performance of every fellow, at the end of each academic year or at WMO's request and also make copies of any thesis prepared by the fellow in the course of the programme available to WMO. WMO may catalogue the fellow's thesis in its library and make it accessible online.
7. The Parties shall maintain and strengthen existing channels of cooperation and communication that permit further the exchange of training materials and information; they shall keep each other informed about programmes of work, relevant projects, activities, and publications of mutual interest.
8. The Parties shall make suitable arrangements for their representatives to meet, as occasion demands, to review the progress of cooperative work currently underway and to discuss future cooperation plans.
9. The Parties shall periodically monitor and review the implementation of this MoU, and raise relevant issues for mutual consideration, as appropriate.
10. Nothing contained in this MoU shall constitute or be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by WMO as a specialized agency of the United Nations.
11. In the event of research collaboration leading to patent rights, copyrights, or other intellectual property rights, a further agreement must be negotiated in each case in accordance with the respective policies of both Parties on intellectual property.
12. Each Party will appoint a Representative who will coordinate relations with the other Party, including between technical experts of the Parties, and who will keep the head of their organization informed. Any change of Representative will be communicated in writing to the other Party.

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13. Any use by either Party of the other Party's name, emblem or logo will only be made with the prior written approval of that other Party.
14. All activities under this MoU will be subject to the availability of funding of the Parties and are not intended to be legally binding. The activities are to be conducted on a no-exchange of funds basis, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties in writing.
15. The Parties will settle any question of interpretation or difference concerning this MoU between them.
16. Nothing contained in this MoU will constitute or be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by WMO or by UFSM.
17. This MoU will enter into force on the date of its signature by the Parties, it is understood that where it is subject to approval or ratification, it will enter into force on the date on which the Party concerned has given written notification to the other Party that approval or ratification has taken place.
18. This MoU may be amended at any time. Any such amendment will be agreed upon by mutual consent and effected by an exchange of letters.
19. This MoU may be terminated by either Party with three (3) months' written notice to the other Party.
20. This MoU will remain in force for an initial period of four (4) years and will thereafter be renewed automatically, each time for a new period of four (4) years, unless a written notice of termination is given by one of the Parties to the other at least six (6) months prior to the renewal date, or the Parties have agreed on its termination or on its renewal by another period.

Done in duplicate in English language at Geneva and Santa Maria on

Signed on behalf of
The World Meteorological Organization

(WMO)


Prof. Celeste Saulo
Secretary-General
World Meteorological Organization

Date: 15 May 2024

Signed on behalf of
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(UFSM)



Prof. Dr. Luciano Schuch
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Date: 14/AGOSTO/2024