

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
ON
THE FULBRIGHT ACADEMIC EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

The Government of the Republic of Lithuania and the Government of the United States of America (hereinafter jointly referred to as “the Participants” and in the singular as a “Participant”);

Noting and continuing successful cooperation in the area of education and science;

Considering the purposes set forth in the Agreement between the European Community and the United States of America Renewing a Programme of Cooperation in Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training, signed in Vienna on June 21, 2006;

Considering that the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania and the Public Diplomacy Section of the Embassy of the United States of America - the American Center - have carried out academic exchange programs pursuant to an arrangement signed in Vilnius on November 21, 2001;

Seeking to develop cooperation between education and science institutions and mutual understanding and friendship between the Republic of Lithuania and the United States of America in the area of education and science;

Have reached the following understanding:

Section 1

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to strengthen and develop ties between the Participants in the process of implementing the Fulbright Academic Exchange Program in education, science and studies based on circumstances that are mutually beneficial.

Section 2

The Participants intend to exchange information about each country’s education, higher education, and scientific institutions’ participants in the Fulbright Academic Exchange Program, determining the areas of educational, scientific, and research activities and their needs in order of priority.

Section 3

The Participants expect that their participation in the Fulbright Academic Exchange Program will stimulate the cooperation of education, scientific and research institutions in both countries and will encourage improvement in the qualifications of academic professionals, scholars, educators and students, and the promotion of common scientific research projects.

Section 4

The coordinator of this Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the Republic of Lithuania, the Ministry of Education and Science (or another designated Lithuanian representative) and, on behalf of the United States of America is the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Vilnius (or another designated United States Embassy representative).

Section 5

In carrying out this Memorandum of Understanding, the American Participant is to coordinate the execution of the Fulbright Academic Exchange Program in the Republic of Lithuania, organize the primary candidate selection for the Program and the development of scientific and pedagogical activities, and investigate the need for additional academic exchanges.

Section 6

The American Participant each year is to select and send students from Lithuanian higher education institutions to study in U.S. universities, and coordinate the sending of U.S. students to academic and educational institutions in the Republic of Lithuania, for 6-10 months of study, research, or academic internships.

Section 7

The American Participant each year is to select and send scholars from Lithuania to lecture/research in U.S. universities and scientific institutions, and coordinate the sending of U.S. scholars to academic and educational institutions in the Republic of Lithuania, for 3-10 months of research or lecturing.

Section 8

The American Participant is to coordinate the funding and implementation of the Fulbright Academic Exchange Program in the Republic of Lithuania and in the United States of America. The American Participant is to allocate stipends, living allowances,

travel costs, and provide health insurance to students, lecturers, and researchers participating in the program from educational, scientific and research institutions.

Section 9

The Lithuanian Participant, adhering to laws and other legal acts that are valid in the Republic of Lithuania, is to encourage education, higher education and scientific institutions to create the most favorable conditions for the implementation of the program in Lithuania. The Lithuanian Participant is to delegate one or two representatives to a bi-national committee that nominates Lithuanian candidates for selection to participate in the Fulbright Academic Exchange Program in the Republic of Lithuania.

The Lithuanian Participant is to encourage Lithuanian educational, scientific, and research institutions receiving participants in this program to undertake the following steps within the framework of their abilities and in accordance with the program implementation plan coordinated with the American Participant: to provide premises and work equipment needed for academic research; to assign advisers if needed; to grant the opportunity to access the libraries and archives of those institutions; and to allow participants to attend programs and courses of their choice.

Section 10

The Lithuanian Participant, in accordance with national legislation and in cooperation with the American Participant, is to select up to three Lithuanian Fulbright Program alumni who are lecturers or researchers at Lithuanian scientific and research institutions. The Lithuanian Participant is to finance short-term (up to one month) professional visits of these alumni to the United States. This financing is to take the form of funding travel, health insurance, visa fees, rent and living expenses.

Section 11

The Lithuanian Participant, in cooperation with Lithuanian scientific and research institutions, according to its capabilities, is to fund implementation of joint international research and other cooperative educational projects that are undertaken by Lithuanian Fulbright Program alumni in collaboration with the American Participant in the Republic of Lithuania. Projects to be funded are to be chosen on a competitive basis and evaluated in accordance with Fulbright Program criteria.

Section 12

The Participants intend to exchange information about the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding and to resolve problems that may arise by consensus.

Section 13

The Participants expect that the academic exchanges foreseen in this Memorandum of Understanding will be implemented in accordance with the valid laws and other legal acts of both countries.

Section 14

Participation under this Memorandum of Understanding is to commence upon its signing by both Participants and to continue for a period of five years. If neither Participant objects, it is to be automatically extended for another five-year period.

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual consent of the Participants through an exchange of notes between the Participants through the diplomatic channel which should be considered as integral to this Memorandum of Understanding.

Section 15

This Memorandum of Understanding may, at any time, be discontinued by one of the Participants. A Participant should inform the other Participant in writing at least six months in advance of its intent to discontinue its participation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding, in duplicate, in the Lithuanian and English languages.

DONE at Vilnius, in duplicate, thisday of 2008.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA



FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

