An International Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is an overarching non-legally binding document indicating an intention to undertake collaboration with an international institution. There are 3 types of MOUs covering General, Teaching & Research collaboration.

1. A General MOU is to facilitate academic and educational cooperation between the institutions.

   1.1. A Student Agreement sets out the terms and conditions of any specific arrangements made between an international institution and UNSW. There are a range of Student Agreements that may be developed within the categories of student award or non-award and teaching.

2. A Teaching MOU sets out an intention to collaborate with an international institution regarding coursework degree related study. The Teaching Agreement may form an appendix to a Teaching MOU.

   2.1. A Teaching Agreement sets out the terms and conditions and key academic and administrative arrangements for a collaborative program of study that will lead to a coursework award or awards.

3. A Research MOU is to establish research links between the institutions and to strengthen research collaboration. For details see establishing a Research MOU.

All International MOUs and Student Agreements at UNSW need to adhere to the UNSW Policy and Procedure on MOU establishment.

Below is the procedure for establishing an International MOU or Student Agreement

**PROCEDURE:**

UNSW Academic Staff interested in establishing a MOU or Agreement should complete the Expression of Interest (EOI) form, seek support from the Dean of their Faculty and then email the completed form to internationalmous@unsw.edu.au

The form should include details on how the success of the partnership will be measured and what investment is being made to support and sustain the MOU or Agreement. An administrator from UNSW International will contact the proposer of the EOI if more information is required.
KEY CRITERIA:
The key criteria for all International MOUs or Student Agreements is that the proposed partner is a top tier institution, exemplified by a ranking in the Shanghai Jiao Tong top 200, Times Higher Education or QS World University rankings. Alternatively, a defined long term capacity building relationship with a selected partner where the relationship is clearly defined in a UNSW Faculty/School strategy is required.

The following additional criteria apply for:

General MOU
- Existing academic, teaching, mentoring and/or research connections with UNSW
- Existing relationships with other top tier institutions

Student Non-Award Agreement
- For reciprocal agreements sufficient UNSW student interest is required for the partner institution
- Designated Exchange or equivalent Office which provides support and advice to students on arrival and throughout their exchange and places emphasis on providing exchange students with a high quality exchange experience
- Excellent student support services
- High quality programs that have a natural synergy with UNSW programs

Teaching MOU and Agreements
- Rigorous admission and English language standards are required
- Students are studying high quality programs that have a natural synergy with UNSW programs
- Endorsement by Faculty Standing Committee and in certain circumstances Academic Board (E.g. New Program)
- Must result in increased student enrolment into UNSW programs from that institution
- Pathways from UNSW Global programs

APPROVAL:
The initial approval for General MOUs and Student Agreements is the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (International). The initial approval for Teaching MOUs and Agreements is the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Students). Final approval is by the Vice-President and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) as per UNSW Delegations of Authority.

All International MOUs and Student Agreements are executed by the signing and mutual exchange of an MOU or Student Agreement document. An administrator from the appropriate office will make arrangements for signing and exchange of the final document with the international institution.
Please Note: All International MOU and Agreement requests will be assessed in relation to Australian Sanctions Law; UN and Autonomous Sanctions & Defence Trade Controls

ENQUIRIES
All enquiries should be directed to internationalmous@unsw.edu.au. An administrator from UNSW International will answer your enquiry.