

***Administrative Memorandum of Understanding  
between  
The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education  
and  
The Rhineland-Palatinate Ministry for Education, Science, and Continuing  
Education***

**Whereas**, in September 1995 the State of South Carolina and the State of Rhineland-Palatinate entered into an Administrative Agreement of Understanding to facilitate cooperation in the areas of education, science, research, and economy, including the establishment of direct contacts between enterprises in the respective states; and,

**Whereas**, in May 1997 the State of South Carolina and the State of Rhineland-Palatinate entered into a State Partnership Agreement to focus and expand on efforts resulting from the 1995 Administrative Agreement of Understanding; and,

**Whereas**, the Administrative Agreement of Understanding and the State Partnership Agreement have resulted in the desire for numerous mutually beneficial activities related to higher education that are designed to contribute to our understanding of and participation in international issues as well-informed citizens; and,

**Whereas**, the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education and the Rhineland-Palatinate Ministry for Education, Science, and Continuing Education bear direct responsibility as mandated by the State Budget and Control Board in South Carolina and the State Chancellery in Rhineland-Palatinate for coordinating all issues related to higher education exchange between the two states.

**Therefore**, the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education and the Rhineland-Palatinate Ministry for Education, Science, and Continuing Education establish this Administrative Memorandum of Understanding in order to facilitate student, faculty, cultural, and informational exchanges between the colleges and universities in South Carolina and Rhineland-Palatinate.

**This Administrative Memorandum of Understanding** represents an agreement on the part of the two agencies charged with coordinating the higher education component of the State Partnership Agreement between South Carolina and Rhineland-Palatinate to develop goals and strategic plans for the implementation of the following exchange initiatives:

- ◆ formal academic study and internship opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students in both states

- ◆ short-term travel and study opportunities for persons from the business, law, education, and medical communities in South Carolina and Rhineland-Palatinate for the purposes of achieving continuing education at colleges and universities in the two states
- ◆ opportunities for developing language skills in German for South Carolina students and in English for Rhineland-Palatinate students
- ◆ institution-to-institution faculty exchanges, including artists in-residence
- ◆ distance education/telecommunications initiatives resulting in on-going dialogue between students, faculty, and/or policy-makers
- ◆ official state visits by higher education delegations from South Carolina and Rhineland-Palatinate

This Administrative Memorandum of Understanding will be presented to Mr. R. Austin Gilbert, Jr., Chairman of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, and Prof. Dr. E. Jurgen Zollner, Minister of the Rhineland-Palatinate Ministry for Education, Science, and Continuing Education, by July 15, 1998. The Memorandum will take effect on the date that this document is signed by both of these parties. In addition, reporting of progress made toward implementing the above activities should be provided annually to the chief administrative officers of the Commission and the Ministry.

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R. Austin Gilbert, Jr.  
Chairman  
South Carolina Commission on  
Higher Education

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Prof. Dr. E. Jurgen Zollner  
Minister  
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