**Partner Agreement**

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| 1. **Partner**
 | [Company or Organisation Name] [ABN 11 digits or other Organisation number] [Address] |
| 1. **Partner Contact**
 | **Name**  | [Name], [Position] |
| **Email** | [email]  |
| **Phone** | [office phone], [mobile phone] |
| 1. **RMIT Contact**
 | Dr Simon Thornton, Co-operative Education Year Academic Lead, simon.thornton@rmit.edu.au |
| 1. **Start Date**
 | [Insert date]  |
| 1. **Location**
 | The Activity will take place in: [x]  Australia [ ]  Other country: [Set out other country or NA] |
| 1. **Activity**
 | [ ]  Placement / internship[ ]  Partnered project (including a sponsored project) [ ]  1 of the above, and/or other Activities as agreed between RMIT & the Partner |
| Sponsorship contribution: [Insert $ or other support or NA]  |
| 1. **Activity Details**
 | [Set out details here, OR See Student Undertaking for Details OR See attachment] |

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2. To the extent permitted by law, the Student consents to acts which would otherwise infringe their moral rights (eg right of attribution of authorship & integrity & right against misattribution) in relation to the assigned IP.
3. Subject to the Partner’s reasonable instructions to maintain confidentiality & privacy:
4. the Student may submit & publish their thesis; &
5. the Partner grants the Student a royalty-free, perpetual, non-exclusive licence to use & reproduce the assigned IP for the Student’s assessment (including projects, assignments, & reports), &, for use in the Student’s resumes or online folios.

The Partner’s instructions may include a reasonable time limit on publishing IP to the general public, or removing commercially sensitive or identifying information. |

1. **Activities**
	1. The Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, ABN 49 781 030 034 (**RMIT**) & the Partner agree to work together to provide RMIT Students with opportunities to undertake agreed Activities. Where RMIT & the Partner agree to provide an Activity, RMIT will provide a **Student Undertaking** which sets out the specific details of the Activity.
	2. This Agreement starts on the Start Date & continues on an ongoing basis; however, a party may terminate this Agreement by providing 60 days’ written notice to the other.
2. **Logos, branding & announcements**

Each party must obtain the other’s approval for the use of the other’s logo, name or other branding, and any announcements or publications about the Activities. Each party must stop using the other’s logo, name or branding on termination of the Agreement, or on request of the other party, including any reasonable take down period.

1. **RMIT responsibilities**

RMIT will:

* 1. facilitate Students undertaking the Activities, & provide appropriate academic support;
	2. ensure that any RMIT staff attending the Partner’s premises have the necessary approvals, registrations & checks; &
	3. for placements, notify the Partner if a Student ceases enrolment in the relevant program or is otherwise no longer able to complete the Activity.
1. **Partner responsibilities**

The Partner will:

* 1. provide Students with learning experiences & training commensurate with the Students’ skills & the experience & learning objectives provided by RMIT; & where requested, evaluate & provide feedback on Students;
	2. provide any Sponsorship contribution, as agreed. Where it includes a payment, the amount is GST inclusive, unless specifically stated otherwise; & is payable following receipt of a valid tax invoice from RMIT;
	3. where Students attend the Partner’s premises, including on placement, or where otherwise relevant to the Activities:
1. ensure qualified & experienced staff supervise Students, including providing instructions & training;
2. provide Students with orientation & induction on the Partner’s applicable policies & procedures, including any on confidentiality, privacy or social media;
3. provide Students with a safe & secure working environment, free from bullying or harassment; & comply with all applicable equal opportunity, anti-discrimination, anti-bullying & occupational health & safety laws & regulations;
4. notify RMIT immediately if a Student is injured or involved in an incident at the workplace;
5. where a Student is paid (including by way of salary or wage) for the Activity, the Partner must enter an agreement with the Student which complies with the relevant standards under all applicable laws. Subject to all applicable laws, minor stipends or incidental living allowances are not salaries or wages for the purposes of this Agreement. As between the Student & the Partner, that contract takes precedence over this Agreement to the extent of any inconsistency.
6. **Resolving issues**
	1. RMIT & the Partner must notify each other as soon as possible of any concerns, disputes or problems regarding an Activity, including a Student’s conduct, & will use reasonable endeavours to resolve such issues.
	2. RMIT may withdraw a Student from an Activity at any time, where it considers it necessary or appropriate.
	3. The Partner acknowledges that privacy laws prevent RMIT from disclosing a Student’s health or personal information (including the results of any police check), to the Partner without that Student’s written consent.
	4. The Partner acknowledges RMIT may need to change details of the Activity, including so as to comply with assessment requirements, or events or circumstances reasonably beyond RMIT’s control. Where changes are necessary, RMIT will notify the Partner as soon as possible to discuss alternatives, which may include a refund or different use of any Sponsorship contribution.
7. **Confidentiality & privacy**

**Confidential Information** means any information or data which is confidential to a party, except information already in the public domain other than by breach of this Agreement. Confidential Information includes Personal Information under any applicable privacy laws. RMIT & the Partner must keep all Confidential Information of each other absolutely confidential. Neither will communicate, publish, or release any Confidential Information, except as necessary for a party to perform its obligations under this Agreement or as permitted or required by law. These obligations continue after the end of the Agreement.

1. **Intellectual Property**

**Intellectual Property** (**IP**) includes intellectual property rights, inventions & improvements, trade marks, copyright materials, designs, & the right to apply for such or register such rights, & any materials, plans, drawings, models, prototypes, structures, products, specimens, software, reports, research projects, documents, publications or communications. To the extent it is inconsistent with RMIT’s IP Policy, this Agreement prevails.

1. **Insurance**
	1. RMIT will maintain an insurance policy in relation to damage to property or personal injury caused by or in association with RMIT’s activities, including actions taken by staff or Students.
	2. RMIT maintains Host Employer’s Liability insurance which offers cover for Partners for any increase in their workers’ compensation premium because of a claim for workers’ compensation by a Student for an injury during an Activity.
	3. If the Student undertakes the Activity in Australia & is deemed a “worker” under applicable workers compensation laws, the Partner must take out & maintain workers’ compensation insurance as required. For Vocational Education (**VE**) Students, the Victorian Government’s Department of Education & Training takes out & maintains workers compensation insurance to cover liability for workplace injuries involving VE Students doing work integrated learning or practical placements in Australia.
	4. If Activities take place at the Partner’s premises in Australia, the Partner must take out & maintain public liability insurance which provides a limit of liability of at least $10 million for any one claim. If the Activities take place outside Australia, the Partner must maintain appropriate insurance commensurate with standard business practice for its jurisdiction regarding injuries or death of workers, employees & the public.
2. **Agreement**
	1. This Agreement does not create a relationship of partnership, joint venture, agency, or employment between RMIT & the Partner; & they are independent contracting parties.
	2. This Agreement & the Student Undertaking are the entire agreement between the parties on their subject matter, & can only be modified in writing & signed by the parties. Any invalid part of this Agreement or the Student Undertaking will not affect the validity of the other parts.
	3. The termination of this Agreement or a Student Undertaking will not affect the continued obligations relating to confidentiality, privacy or IP. If the Agreement is terminated, any unfinished or ongoing Activity must still be allowed to be completed, unless agreed by all parties, including the Student.
	4. The parties consent to electronic signature or other confirmation as evidence of acceptance of this Agreement. The parties agree that where a representative of a party types their name in the signature block, & checks the corresponding checkbox, & the Agreement is received from that representative’s email address, this is sufficient nexus to identify them & that party’s acceptance of this Agreement.

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| **Signed for & on behalf of RMIT:** |
| [ ]  I have read & agree to the terms of this Agreement.  |
| Signature / type name  |  |
| Title |  |
| Date |  |

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| **Signed for & on behalf of the Partner:** |
| [ ]  I have read & agree to the terms of this Agreement.  |
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**Schedule - Student Undertaking**

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| 1. **Student Name**
 | [If multiple Students, See Attachment A] | **S-number** | [Or See Attachment A] |
| 1. **Partner**
 | [Company / Organisation name]  | **ABN** | [11 digit number] |
| 1. **Activity**
 | [Title of Activity or Project] |
| **Location**  | [Specific physical address where Activity will take place] |
| **Days / Hours** | [Insert] | **Est. total hours**  | [Insert] |
| **Activity Details**  | [Specific description of tasks – be as detailed as possible; or set out the tasks in a separate “Attachment” if you want to include a longer description. If so, include “See Attachment” in this section.] |
| **Supervision** | [Method & frequency of contact] |
| 1. **RMIT Contact**
 | [Name], [Position], [email], [office phone], [mobile phone] |
| 1. **Start Date**
 | [Start date of Activity] | **End Date** | [End of Activity] |
| **Year**  | [Insert] | **Semester** | [Insert] |
| 1. **Program Code**
 | [Insert] | **Course (Unit)/Cluster** | [Insert] | **Class No.** | [Insert] |

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This Undertaking is made by the Student/s in favour of RMIT & the Partner. The Student/s agree to:

1. undertake the Activity to the best of their abilities;
2. endeavour to obtain experience, training & skills in undertaking the Activity as a part of the Program;
3. comply with the Partner’s policies & rules, including on workplace behaviour, occupational health & safety, & client or staff confidentiality & privacy, & the Partner’s reasonable directions; as well as RMIT’s policies;
4. not communicate, publish or release any confidential information of the Partner or RMIT & will keep all such information strictly confidential. Confidential information includes personal information or health information. Obligations of privacy & confidentiality continue even after the Activities or the Agreement have ended;
5. return to the Partner all of its property & documents at the end of the Activity;
6. apply for & obtain any required approvals, licences, immunisations, police checks, working with children checks or registrations if they are necessary for the Activity or reasonably required by the Partner;
7. consider informing both RMIT & the Partner of any medical condition or disability that may affect work performance or require reasonable adjustments by the Partner & RMIT;
8. enter into an appropriate contract with the Partner if the Student is paid for the Activity;
9. if the Activity is located outside Australia, register & comply with the requirements of RMIT’s Global Experience Office;
10. acknowledge & accept that verification of their identity as the maker of this Undertaking is determined by reference to their email address; & the address used to electronically send this Undertaking provides the nexus to identify them.

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| **Signed sealed & delivered by the Student /See Annexure A** |
| [ ]  I have read & agree to this Student Undertaking.  |
| Signature / type name |  |
| Date |  |

**Annexure A**

Signed sealed & delivered by the following Students, who agree they have read & agree to the Agreement & Student Undertaking:

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|  | **Student Name & S-number** | **Signature** | **Date** |
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