

# Letter of Intent

## **Euro League for Life Sciences and North American Universities, ELLSNA**

Whereas the following institutions promise to explore the possibilities for strengthening and expanding the transatlantic working relationships between the Euro League for Life Sciences universities and leading universities in the US and Canada to the mutual benefit of all partners.

### **Euro League for Life Sciences Universities**

Wageningen University  
BOKU University of Natural Resources  
and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna  
University of Hohenheim  
The Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University  
Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

### **North American Universities**

Michigan State University  
University of California, Davis  
Cornell University  
University of Wisconsin  
Purdue University  
University of Illinois  
University of Guelph

### **Areas of cooperation**

The ELLSNA institutions will cooperate within the fields of Natural Resource Management, Agricultural and Forestry Sciences, Life Sciences, Veterinary Sciences, Food Sciences and Environmental Sciences.

### **Types of activities**

- Student mobility
  - Exchange of information on study possibilities
  - Facilitating exchanges, student counselling and orientation
- Faculty/staff interaction and mobility
  - Exchange of faculty and administrative staff
- Organizing thematic meetings and conferences
  - Workshops, virtual meetings
- Joint development of teaching materials
  - Cases and textbook projects, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) materials
- Development of transatlantic study programmes
  - BSc and MSc courses and programmes
  - Intensive summer programmes
- Information and Communication Technology projects
  - Exchange of experiences
  - Development of joint programmes
- Quality assurance
  - Benchmarking and quality enhancement

### **Model of cooperation**

The cooperation will be based on bilateral agreements between the individual ELLS and North American universities. The bilateral agreements will stipulate the type of cooperative activity, scope and duration. Each university will appoint academic and administrative contact persons to actively disseminate information and promote and support ELLSNA activities within their institution.

SIGNATURES

Wageningen University  
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Michigan State University  
*Dr. Jeff Armstrong, Ph.D.*, Dean of the  
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*Susan A. Henry, Ph.D.*, The Ronald P. Lynch  
Dean of Agriculture and Life Sciences

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*John D. Wiley, Ph.D.*, Chancellor

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