

An agreement proposal has been submitted. The data is outlined below:

College/Unit: College of Agriculture

Department:

Agreement Type: MOU

Proposed Partner Institution: Nanjing Institute of Agriculture Mechanization, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs

Institution Country: China

Proposal Type: Renewal

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International Travel for Auburn Faculty: No

International Travel for Auburn Students: No

International Travel for Partner Faculty: No

International Travel for Partner Students: No

Agreement Description: This MOU is due for a renew. The original MOU started by Dr. Bill Daniel's and Dr. Charles Chen's travel to Nanjing in 2017 for the signing ceremony at the Sino-US Laboratory of Peanut Production Engineering Technology. In the past five years, Nanjing held a total of 3 conferences/workshops & two in person events in 2017 and 2019, and one virtual in 2021 due to the epidemic. In the three international conferences, they invited famous peanut experts from Auburn University, National Peanut Research Laboratory, Asia, Africa, Australia and other countries to participate in the academic exchanges. Drs. Chen and Alvaro both traveled. We've also had scholar exchanges throughout the year. Both AU College of Agriculture and Nanjing see this as a very fruitful partnership and wish to continue.

Strategic Plan Perspective: It helps AU to increase its research reputation worldwide

Legal Review: No

Academic Credit: No

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INTERNATIONAL
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between

AUBURN UNIVERSITY
THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

and

NANJING INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION, MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, P.R. CHINA

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, Auburn, Alabama, USA, and NANJING INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, Nanjing, People's Republic of China, wishing to develop cooperative relations on the basis of established contacts and mutual understandings, especially to develop scientific and cultural interchange through mutual assistance in the areas of education and research, agree as follows:

PART I

Area of Cooperation

The area of cooperation includes, subject to mutual consent and appropriate conditions, peanut production engineering technology and related programs offered at either institution seen as desirable, feasible, and contributory to the fostering and development of the cooperative relationship between them.

PART II

Methods

All understandings and assistance shall be subject to availability of funds and the specific approval of the Dean of the College of Agriculture of AUBURN UNIVERSITY and of the Director of NANJING INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, through such activities or programs as:

1. Maintenance and strengthening construction of the Sino-US Laboratory of Peanut Production Engineering Technology (SLPPET)
2. Exchange of scientific and technical staff
3. Exchange of students and staff
4. Conduct joint research activities
5. Participation in seminars and meetings
6. Special short-term training programs
7. Cultural exchange activities
8. Degree training at Auburn and practical experience in China
9. Engage in consultancies
10. Other activities as deemed mutually appropriate.

The terms of such mutual assistance and necessary budget for each program and activity shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation of the particular activity or program. Furthermore it is understood that each institution will enter into specific program by program written agreements as required for compliance with the respective immigration regulations of the parties involved. Each institution will designate a Liaison/Contact Officer to develop specific activities or programs for approval by the respective institutions.

PART III
Effective Date and Length of Agreement

This agreement will remain in force for a period of five years subject to the availability of funds, and any amendment and/or modification of this agreement requires a written approval of the College of Agriculture at AUBURN UNIVERSITY and that of the Director of NANJING INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS and shall be appended hereto. After the initial five-year period, this agreement may be renewed by mutual written consent.

Either party reserves the right to terminate this agreement upon six (6) months written notice to the other. Any individual activities to be continued will be specifically identified and provided for at the time of termination.

Each party shall be responsible for assuring full compliance by its participants with applicable laws and regulations, including insurance, of the respective nations.

By signature below, Auburn University's College of Agriculture is affirming that it has evaluated this agreement in terms of its published mission and finds the agreement compatible with that mission. Before consenting to extensions from time to time in the future, the College of Agriculture will reevaluate this agreement in terms of its published mission.

Nothing contained herein or in the activities conducted hereunder shall constitute either party the agent, servant or employee of the other party, and each party shall be fully and solely responsible for its own actions and obligations.

This agreement shall take effect on the date of final signature indicated below and IN WITNESS WHEREOF; the parties hereto have offered their signatures:

AUBURN UNIVERSITY



Christopher B. Roberts

Date 12/16/2022

Nanjing Institute of Agricultural Mechanization

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS



Prof. Qiaomin Chen,

Director

Date 2022.12.13

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