

Memorandum of Agreement between Carleton University and the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA)

The following Memorandum of Agreement is a continuation of an expression of partnership between Carleton University and the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA), entered into December 13, 2001.

Carleton University is a modern, dynamic, and research-intensive institution of learning, with a tradition of anticipating and leading change. A national leader in the study of public affairs and management and the study of high technology, Carleton offers outstanding programs in both undergraduate and graduate studies in the major disciplines of the Arts and Social Sciences, and Science and Engineering. The University's faculty is renowned nationally and internationally for their scholarship and cutting-edge research.

CCSA was established in 1988 by an Act of Parliament as Canada's national non-governmental addictions agency. The Centre provides a focus for efforts to reduce health, social and economic harm associated with substance abuse and addictions. As a recognized leader in Canada and internationally, CCSA

- Promotes informed debate on substance abuse issues and encourages public participation in reducing the harm associated with drug abuse;
- Disseminates information on the nature, extent and consequences of substance abuse; and
- Supports and assists organizations involved in substance abuse treatment, prevention and educational programming.

☞ Carleton University and CCSA have identified an opportunity to enhance their respective roles and effectiveness through a cooperative arrangement that brings together the unique strengths of each organization. This agreement will provide a bridge between academic excellence and the field of addictions.

It is widely recognized that substance abuse and addictions have a negative impact on the social, health and economic well-being of Canadians and that effective partnerships between educational institutions and non-governmental organizations can promote the development of leading-edge research, policies and programs that reduce the harm associated with alcohol and other drugs.

In this regard, Carleton University and CCSA pledge to work together in a spirit of cooperation, learning and support in the following, *inter alia*, areas, and

- To implement practical means to bring the policy and research fields and University researchers closer together;
- To champion inter-sectoral and inter-faculty partnerships to maximize efforts and resources;
- To promote academic research and excellence in the field of addictions through the sharing of data, information, networks and resources;
- To provide a participatory forum that fosters innovation and creativity among faculty members, researchers and students in the field of addictions; and
- To jointly create opportunities to provide a long-term sustainable continuity of academic interest in the field of addictions and the practical application of learned social science skills.

This agreement is valid for a period of five years from December 13, 2003, and upon its expiry, can be renewed with the consent of both parties. In addition, this agreement may be amended as mutually agreed upon, or terminated by either party through written notification.

Carleton University and CCSA agree to meet annually to review the activities of the prior year and to hold a planning session for the upcoming period.

This agreement does not in any way bind either Carleton University or CCSA, nor does it supersede or affect other existing agreements held by either organization.

Signed on this date:

For Carleton University,
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