

**Memorandum of Understanding  
High School Partnership Agreement between  
Hillside School  
and  
The University of Central Missouri**

**Hillside School**  
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**Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**  
**and**

**The University of Central Missouri**  
**International Student Services, Ward Edwards, Suite 1800**  
**Warrensburg, MO 64093 – USA**

In order to benefit both the University of Central Missouri (UCM) and Hillside School in the recruitment of international students, and to assist international students in their educational planning and in the completion of a baccalaureate degree, the University of Central Missouri and Hillside School wish to enter into a mutually beneficial institutional partnership agreement.

Under this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the University of Central Missouri will admit qualified and current Hillside School students into the University. The University of Central Missouri shall categorize qualified student Hillside School as individuals who meet the following criteria:

- Having either fulfilled senior high school degree requirements or being on track to complete these requirements within 12 months prior to enrollment at UCM.
- Attaining a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4-point scale.
- Meeting the minimum English proficiency criteria established by the University of Central Missouri.
- Presenting a declaration of financial support along with a valid bank statement.
- Submitting a thorough international undergraduate application, accompanied by all mandatory admission documents and the relevant admission application fee, by the stipulated admission deadline.

The University of Central Missouri and Hillside School agree that:

- Hillside School will inform prospective international students of this partnership;
- Hillside School will provide the University of Central Missouri with contact information and anticipated senior degree completion date of students who have identified UCM as their intended university destination;

UCM does hereby agree to offer a renewable Non-Resident Scholarship (also referred to as UCM's Global Part degree-seeking applicants from Hillside School who fulfill the following admission requirements:

- Students must submit in a timely manner all required documentation of UCM's international student application, to include application fee, English proficiency scores, official transcripts translated in English, satisfactory financial documentation and copy of passport.
- English language proficiency can be evidenced by the methods outlined in the accompanying chart:

| Test                                       | Undergraduate    | Graduate |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------|----------|
| TOEFL iBT                                  | 61               | 79       |
| IELTS Academic                             | 5.5              | 6.0      |
| Duolingo                                   | 95               | 120      |
| International Baccalaureate High School    |                  |          |
|                                            | English A SL: 5+ |          |
|                                            | English A HL: 5+ |          |
|                                            | English B SL: 6+ |          |
|                                            | English B HL: 5+ |          |
| Cambridge B2/C1                            | Minimum 162      |          |
| Graduated from WASC-accredited high school |                  |          |

- *Students who are citizens of, or can demonstrate residency in, an English-speaking nation, as acknowledged by UCM, may be exempted from submitting an English language proficiency score.*
- *Students not meeting the English proficiency requirement may participate in UCM's Intensive English Program leading to the bachelor's track.*
- Students must maintain a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.5 or a graduate GPA of a 3.0, or better, on a 4.0 scale.
- This scholarship is applicable to certain on-campus tuition codes, but does not include tuition for online courses.
- This contract is subject to UCM Policy and the current catalog, which may change from time to time.

UCM's Global Partner Award is a scholarship that encompasses approximately 50% of tuition costs for eligible students, aligning the remaining tuition obligation with the equivalent of in-state tuition rates for the state of Missouri. In addition, students will receive a 1 time award of \$1000 to be applied to the tuition costs of their first semester. This scholarship is renewable each semester if the student meets the GPA requirements and remains a degree-seeking student.

This MOU will be valid for a period of five (5) years when it is signed by both the University of Central Missouri Representative and the Hillside School Representative.

Signed by:

*Timothy R Crowley*

Dr Tim Crowley  
Interim-Provost, VP for Academic Affairs

Anteneh Assefa  
Principal

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August 29, 2024

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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