



DIRECT ADMISSION AGREEMENT BETWEEN BROOKLYN COLLEGE AND SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

The purpose of this Articulation Agreement (this “Agreement”) is to provide streamlined pipeline opportunities for certain students graduating from Brooklyn College in Brooklyn, NY (“Institution”) to earn direct admission to certain graduate programs in the Syracuse University (“SU”) College of Engineering and Computer Science in Syracuse, New York.

I. TERMS OF COLLABORATION

A. **Purpose and Scope.** Under this Agreement, SU and Institution undertake to promote the following objectives:

- 1) To attract qualified students from the BS or BA programs (the “Programs”) at Institution, with a streamlined admissions process to certain graduate programs offered by the Syracuse University College of Engineering and Computer Science (“ECS”) upon graduation from Institution with a Bachelor of Science degree in a program identified in Exhibit A.
- 2) To facilitate an efficient and smooth transition for graduates with BS degrees from Institution (“Pipeline Students”) into the ECS graduate Programs identified in Exhibit B (the “ECS MS Programs”), provided they meet the GPA and other requirements set forth in this agreement.
- 3) To encourage academic coordination, faculty and administrative interactions, and student engagement to encourage graduates of Institution to pursue admission to the ECS Graduate Programs as set forth herein.

B. **Term.** This Agreement shall commence on March 1, 2026, and shall continue in effect for five (5) years, and shall be automatically renewed from year to year thereafter unless (i) either party terminates this Agreement as of the anniversary date with at least 60 days prior written notices or (ii) terminated as provided in Section 4.

C. **Admissions and Responsibilities.**

- 1) To advance the purpose of this Agreement, Institution shall designate faculty and academic advisors knowledgeable about the Program and its admissions requirements, and knowledgeable about the required curriculum at Institution, to provide advisement to students interested in enrolling at Institution with the goal of pursuing a graduate program at Syracuse University.



- 2) ECS agrees to provide direct admission into an MS program listed in Exhibit B, upon a student's completion at Institution of a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree listed in Exhibit A, provided the graduate:
 - (a) Achieves a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or better at the Institution;
 - (b) Provides a positive letter of recommendation from the Chair of the student's major at the Institution; and
 - (c) Participates in a bridge program offered by Syracuse University (this requirement may be waived by the ECS Graduate Program Director for certain qualified students).
- 3) Admission to SU is contingent upon a continued record of good citizenship and character, as well as space availability in the desired program of study. Admissibility into the program of study is determined by ECS.
- 4) Both institutions shall recognize and promote this Agreement with prospective pipeline students provided that any written materials or public announcement concerning the other or this Agreement shall be subject to the prior written approval of the other institution, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

II. GENERAL TERMS

A. Termination.

(1) Either institution may terminate this Agreement as follows:

(a) as of July 1 in any year without necessity of demonstrating cause, upon notice to the other institution provided not later than October 1 of the preceding year.

(b) upon 30 days' prior written notice of a material breach by the other institution, unless the breaching institution cures the breach to the reasonable satisfaction of the non-breaching institution within such 30 day period.

(c) immediately upon written notice in the event that the other institution engages in conduct which is unethical, unlawful or adverse to the reputation of the terminating institution; provided, however, that such notice must state with sufficient detail the particular conduct giving rise to the notice of termination and the basis for attributing such conduct to the non-terminating institution.

(d) immediately upon notice to the other institution in the event that any governmental authority of competent jurisdiction, or the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (the "Middle States Commission"), determines that such institution may not participate in this Agreement or in agreements of this nature.

(e) immediately if it determines, in its sole discretion, that the health, safety or welfare of any students or faculty is in danger.

(2) Except to the extent (i) required by law or the Middle States Commission, or (ii) necessary to ensure the safety and wellbeing of participating students, termination of this Agreement shall not affect students already accepted by either institution under the terms of the exchange, who shall be allowed to complete the exchange under the terms outlined in this Agreement.

B. Force Majeure. Neither institution shall be liable for failure to perform any duty or obligation under this Agreement, other than an



obligation to pay money as and when due, if such failure is occasioned by any act of God, fire, labor dispute, inevitable accident, war, terrorist attack (or threat thereof), or any other cause outside the reasonable control of the institution that had the duty to perform; *provided*, however, that the non-performing institution shall resume performance in accordance with the otherwise applicable terms and conditions of this Agreement as soon as practicable following abatement of such cause.

C. Independent Contractors. SU and Institution shall be independent contractors and not partners, joint venturers, principal and agent, or any other similar relationship. Neither institution shall have, or hold itself out as having, the power or authority to bind or create liability for the other.

D. Indemnification. Each institution shall defend with competent counsel, indemnify and hold harmless the other institution and the other institution's trustees, officers, directors, employees, agents and representatives from and against all claims, demands, actions, suits and proceedings (whether civil, criminal or administrative), and all liability, loss, expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees), costs or damages, which are proximately caused by (i) such institution's breach of its obligations under this Agreement, or (ii) the intentional or negligent act or omission of such institution or any of its trustees, officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives or contractors.

E. Insurance. Each institution shall procure and maintain insurance as it may deem necessary with respect to this Agreement, including without limitation any insurance it may deem necessary to cover the contractual liability created in Section II(D).

F. Confidentiality. In the course of the activities contemplated by this Agreement, SU and Institution may exchange (orally or in writing)

information that is identified as confidential or is of such a nature that a reasonable person would understand such information to be confidential ("Confidential Information"); provided that "Confidential Information" shall not include information (a) generally known to the public, (b) already known, through legal means, to the institution receiving the information, or (c) legally obtained from a third party. Confidential Information shall be deemed to include the non-public personal financial information, student education records, and other protected information relating to students in accordance with the Gramm-Leach Bliley Act (and the Federal Trade Commission's implementing regulations) and the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. Each institution agrees to use the other party's Confidential Information solely for the purpose of the activities contemplated by this Agreement, and not to disclose such Confidential Information to any person or entity other than its own trustees, officers, employees, agents, advisors and representatives who have a reasonable need to know the information for purposes of fulfilling their obligations to their institution. In the event that either institution is required to disclose the other institution's Confidential Information pursuant to applicable law or a judicial or government order, or seeks to disclose Confidential Information in connection with any litigation, alternative dispute resolution proceeding or regulatory proceeding, it may make such disclosure, but will notify the other institution in advance, so as to allow the other institution an opportunity to obtain a protective order or similar relief.

G. Notices. Any notice or other communication required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and in the English language, and shall be given by personal delivery or overnight delivery service, or by email



transmission, to the Notice addresses set forth below the signatures on the last page. Notices shall be effective (1) if personally or overnight service delivered, upon delivery, or (2) if emailed, on the date of transmission with acknowledgement of receipt. Either institution may change its designee or address for notices from time to time in accordance with this section.

H. Publicity. Each institution shall be free to publicize in an accurate manner the existence of this Agreement and the arrangements and programs contemplated by this Agreement; provided that (1) any press release or similar public announcement shall be subject to the prior written approval of the other institution, not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed, and (2) neither institution shall publicize, advertise, promote, or admit students into any program covered by this Agreement until all applicable requirements of the Middle States Commission have been met.

I. Entire Agreement; Modification. This Agreement represents the entire understanding of the parties with respect to its subject matter, and it supersedes all prior agreements, understandings or representations, whether oral or written, by either institution. No amendment or modification of this Agreement shall be valid or enforceable unless made in writing and signed by both parties.

J. Waiver. A waiver of any provision or breach of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by the institution making the waiver in order to be effective and binding. The waiver of any term, condition, or breach of this Agreement by either institution shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any subsequent term, condition or breach.

K. Assignment; Binding Effect. This Agreement may not be assigned by either institution without the prior written consent of the other institution, and any purported assignment without such consent shall be void.

Subject to the preceding sentence, this Agreement shall be binding upon and shall benefit both institutions and their respective successors and assigns.

L. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain in force and effect, unless to do so would contravene the present valid and legal intent of the parties.

M. Compliance. In performing their respective activities contemplated by this Agreement, SU and Institution shall comply with all applicable laws, treaties, rules and regulations, including without limitation United States export control laws, rules and regulations. In addition, this Agreement shall be subject to all applicable requirements of the Middle States Commission, and each institution agrees to take such actions as are necessary to cause the programs contemplated by this Agreement to be operated in full compliance with such standards (including without limitation (i) the facilitation of appropriate oversight for such programs in accordance with the Middle States Commission's policy "International Programs Offered by Accredited Institutions", if and to the extent applicable, and (ii) the provision of records pertaining to such programs to the Middle States Commission upon request). This Agreement does not imply or extend Middle States Commission accredited status to either institution that is not otherwise so accredited. All activities and/or transactions contemplated or hereby agreed to within this Agreement shall be strictly predicated on full compliance with all U.S. and international export control regulations including but not limited to restricted party prohibitions; export license requirements; and compliance with all U.S. OFAC license requirements and sanctions.



N. No Third-Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement is not intended to benefit any third party, nor shall any person who is not a party hereto be entitled to enforce any of the rights or obligations of a party under this Agreement.

O. Execution. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be an original but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. Facsimile, .pdf and electronic signatures shall be deemed originals.

P. Applicable Law; Jurisdiction; Venue. This Agreement shall be governed by, and

construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of New York State, without regard to principles of conflicts of law. The venue of any proceeding to resolve a dispute with respect to this Agreement shall be a state or federal court with appropriate subject matter jurisdiction located in Onondaga County, New York, USA, and both institutions hereby submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of such court.

Q. Survival. The following provisions shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement: Section II(A)(2), and Sections II(C), (D), (G), (H), (K), (L), (M), (N), and (P).

The parties' assent to this Agreement is established by the following signatures:

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

BROOKLYN COLLEGE

Lois Agnew
Vice Chancellor and Provost

[Name] April Bedford
[Title] Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date: 7/8/26

Date: 7/5/2026

ADDRESSES FOR NOTICES:

If to SU:

If to Institution:

With a copy to:

Office of University Counsel
Syracuse University
Crouse-Hinds Hall, Suite 100-117
900 South Crouse Avenue
Syracuse, New York 13244
USA
Email: univcouns@syr.edu



Exhibit A - Bachelor of Science Degree or Bachelor of Arts Degree Programs

Biology
Chemistry
Computer Science
Earth and Environmental Science
Mathematics
Physics
Neuroscience

Exhibit B - Master of Science Programs

Biomedical Engineering
Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Computer Engineering
Computer Science
Cybersecurity
Electrical Engineering
Engineering Management
Environmental Engineering
Environmental Engineering Science
Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
Operations Research and System Analytics