

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
between  
ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY  
Bristol, Rhode Island  
and  
THE URBAN ASSEMBLY NEW YORK HARBOR SCHOOL  
Governors Island, New York

This document defines the mutually agreed upon terms through which students enrolled in the Aquaculture and Marine Biology Research Programs of Study at The Urban Assembly New York Harbor School (NYHS) can transition to the Roger Williams University (RWU) Marine and Natural Sciences Program.

- Faculty of RWU's Marine and Natural Science Program agree to provide on-going scientific expertise and support to the NYHS Faculty in the form of periodic NYHS program reviews, membership on the NYHS Professional Advisory Committee, and/or other avenues of exchange as mutually agreed upon.
- The following applies to NYHS students enrolled in the three-year NYHS Aquaculture or Marine Biology Research Programs of Study:
  - a) Annually, two senior-level NYHS students in the Aquaculture Program of Study and two senior-level NYHS students in the Marine Biology Research Program of Study will be invited to formally present their senior projects to students and faculty in the RWU Aquaculture and Marine Biology Programs. This will provide NYHS students with a forum to discuss their research efforts and to exchange ideas with RWU faculty and students. Unless otherwise stipulated, these presentations will be web-based and scheduled to coincide with RWU undergraduate research presentations that are held on a regular basis. The NYHS students will be selected by representatives from both NYHS and RWU.
  - b) Annually, one outstanding junior-level NYHS student in the Aquaculture or Marine Biology Research Program of Study will be invited to participate in RWU's Marine Biology camp held each summer at the RWU Bristol campus. The NYHS student will be selected by representatives from both NYHS and RWU. The fee to attend the summer camp program will be waived for the selected participant. This provision is subject to RWU conducting the Marine Biology camp in any given summer.
  - c) NYHS students attending RWU and enrolled in RWU's Marine and Natural Science Program that have successfully completed the three year NYHS Aquaculture Program of Study will be eligible to challenge select RWU Aquaculture and Aquarium Science courses (BIO 345 - Aquaculture; AQS 262 - Aquarium System Design) via a RWU challenge exam and receive the corresponding college credits for that course upon satisfactory completion of the exam. The challenge exam will include a portfolio presentation and the exam fee will be waived for NYHS students.
  - d) NYHS students attending RWU and enrolled in RWU's Marine and Natural Science Program that have successfully completed the three year NYHS Marine Biology Research Program of Study will be eligible to challenge select RWU Environmental Science and Marine Biology courses (NATSC 204 - Principles of Oceanography; BIO 204 - Introduction to Marine Biology) via a RWU challenge exam and receive the corresponding college credits for that course upon satisfactory completion of the exam. The challenge exam will include a portfolio presentation and the exam fee will be waived for NYHS students.
  - e) Outstanding students completing the NYHS Aquaculture or Marine Biology Research Program of Study who have been admitted to RWU will be considered for a number of RWU scholarships.

This Memorandum will be periodically evaluated and reviewed by RWU and NYHS for the purpose of making any necessary refinements and modifications.

RWU's and NYHS's relationship to each other shall be that of independent contractors. Nothing contained in this Memorandum shall make the employees of one party the employees of the other. Each party shall be responsible for managing the affairs of its own respective entity, and in the conduct of their business and in the performance of their respective obligations under this Memorandum each party shall comply with all applicable statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations and licensing requirements of any and all federal, state, and municipal authorities. In addition, each party shall maintain customary, appropriate and, if necessary by law, required levels of insurance (general liability; property & automobile; workers' compensation) during the term of this Memorandum.

The parties shall perform their respective obligations hereunder without regard to the race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, veteran status, or any other legally protected basis of any employee, student or representative.

This Memorandum shall become effective October 1, 2012 and shall be applicable to the NYHS graduating class of 2013 and subsequent classes. This Memorandum may be terminated at any time: a) upon the mutual agreement of both parties; or, b) by either party upon sixty (60) days prior written notice to the other party. Unless otherwise agreed upon, and if notice of termination is provided during either the Fall or Spring RWU academic semesters, the effective date of the termination shall be the last day of such Fall or Spring RWU academic semester.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, both parties have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed by their respective, duly authorized representatives.

**THE URBAN ASSEMBLY NEW YORK  
HARBOR SCHOOL**

By: Edward Biedermann

Name: Edward Biedermann

Title: Principal

Date: 9/21/2012

By: Peter Malinowski

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Title: Aquaculture Program Director

Date: 9/21/12

By: Mauricio Gonzalez

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Title: Marine Biology Research Program Director

Date: 09.21.2012

**ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY**

By: Andrew A. Workman, Ph.D.

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Title: Provost and Senior Vice President

Date: 10/2/12

By: Lonnie J. Guralnick

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Title: Interim Dean

Date: 10/2/12

By: Lynn M. Fawthrop

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Title: SVP of Enrollment Management & Retention

Date: 10/5/12

