



Tuesday Tips is a new outreach effort by OGCA. The idea behind *Tuesday Tips* is to convey tips, tricks and other helpful information around the area of research administration. Our goal is to post on (almost every) Tuesdays. If there is something you would like to see covered on *Tuesday Tips*, email: UAF-GCReATE@alaska.edu. For more Tips visit [OGCA website](#).

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) versus Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

MOU declares an intent to explore opportunities to collaborate in areas that would be mutually beneficial to each institution. MOUs may lead to more specific activities and goals, which could then be expressed in the form of a MOA.

- Expresses an intent to explore a closer relationship with an institution
- Publicly records the mutual interest to collaborate
- Provides a symbolic foundation for the institutional relationship
- Contains no financial commitments

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

MOA provides a strategic advantage to UAF as umbrella agreements for concrete and specific activities of importance.

- Carries out the strategic international goals of UAF and provides diplomatic framework for institutional relationships
- Codifies a partnership involving significant collaboration and is a legally binding document
- Specifies activities, resources, outcomes, obligations and limitations by each partner
- Contains specific financial obligations (specifically on the part of the UAF partner)
- Includes Student Exchange Agreements and Cooperative Degree Programs

For additional information:

- <https://www.uaf.edu/mou-moa/step-by-step-process/index.php>
- [OGCA Website: Types of Sponsored Agreements](#)