

AGREEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION

between

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This Memorandum of Understanding outlines a programme of cooperation between BLEKINGE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY and FEDERAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN SANTA CATARINA, recognizing the educational, research and cultural exchanges, which can be achieved between our two institutions, to facilitate joint international programmes.

1. DEFINITIONS

- a) For the purposes of this agreement "home" institution shall mean the institution at which a student intends to graduate, and "host" institution shall mean the institution, which has agreed to accept the student from the home institution.
- b) Semester or academic year shall normally refer to the period relevant to the host institution.
- c) Study Abroad students refer to fee paying students from 3-12 months. The hosting of study abroad students is optional depending on availability of space.
- d) Exchange students refer to non-fee paying under and post graduate students from 6-12 months.

2. OBJECTIVES

The general purpose of this agreement is to enable:

- a) Exchange-students to enrol in subjects 6-12 months at the host institution for credits, which will be applied towards their degree at their home institution.
- b) Study abroad students from the respective partners to enrol for a period of 3-12 months, for credits, which will be applied towards their degree – should space allow.
- c) Faculty members to exchange and promote collaborative research, other educational developments and to further mutual understanding.
- d) Specific educational relations and cooperation between the two participating institutions (research, projects, conferences, seminars etc) in order to promote academic linkages and to enrich the understanding of the culture of the two countries concerned.

3. STAFF

- a) **Staff qualifications:** Each institution will recommend staff who wants to obtain their post graduate degree or parts of their degree outside of the country to study at partner institutions.
- b) **Lecturer Exchanges:** Exchange staff for a lecturing period as agreed between the partners.
- c) **Research Exchanges:** Exchange staff for a research period as agreed between the partners.

4. STUDENTS

- a) **Undergraduate studies:** Sending and receiving students will mostly take place within undergraduate studies. The recommended number being 2 to 5 per semester or as facilities allow.
- b) **Postgraduate studies:** Each institution will recommend students who want to take their master degree or parts of their master degree outside of the country to study at partner institutions.

Students should ensure that applications reach the host institution at least 3 months before the semester commences.

- c) **Fee paying students:** As per mutual agreement, the number of fee-paying students must be determined per academic year. Tuition fee for each academic year will be pre-determined.
- d) **Exchange students:** Subject to the availability of suitable candidates, each party can send up to an agreed number of students each academic year, during the period of the agreement.
- e) **Tuition fees:** There will be no tuition fee for exchange students. However, some levies may be payable.
- f) **Accommodation:** It is agreed that:
 - Host will help to organise accommodation for the exchange as well as for study abroad students
 - All the students are liable for payment of accommodation fees.
- g) **Financial responsibilities:** Unless otherwise agreed, students will be financially responsible for:

- Travel to and from the host institution including travel documentation, visas, etc
- Books, stationery, etc
- Health coverage/insurance relevant to the exchange institution and country
- Personal travel within the host country
- Acquiring study materials
- Living expenses. The home institution shall satisfy itself that a candidate for exchange has the ability to meet all his or her financial responsibilities as detailed above.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF INSTITUTIONS

- a) **Marketing:** Both institutions are committed to give student and staff appropriate information about the opportunities given in this Agreement.
- b) **Application Procedures:** Host institution is committed to give home institution necessary information about application procedures, deadlines, visa issues and other practical information that student and staff need before departure.
- c) **Accommodation:** Every effort will be made to assist students to obtain accommodation within a reasonable distance from the campus. Students will be made aware that they are responsible for all costs associated with private accommodation, including utility accounts and rental deposit.
- d) **Exchange of staff:** The two institutions agree in principle to the possibility of exchanges by Academic and Technical staff members. The details of such arrangements will be negotiated at the appropriate time and will be governed by the institutional staffing rules and relevant approval processes. The participating institutions shall not be responsible for any private arrangements made by participating staff members concerning exchange of accommodation, vehicles, etc.
- e) **Insurance related to work placements:** Host institution is committed to inform home institution about insurance policies related to work placements, study and work permit application procedures.
- f) **Grants:** To ease the financial burden on the participants, information on the availability of grants will be made available.

6. DURATION AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

- a) This Agreement will come into effect from the date of signature by both parties, and will remain in force until both parties agree on terminating the contract. Any changes to this Agreement shall be subject to written consent of both parties.
- b) The Agreement may be terminated by either party following a 180-day written notice given to the other party.
- c) Copies of the legal document will be lodged with the registrar at the respective Institutions



7. CONTACT PERSONS.

The Deans at each institution will appoint a coordinator to implement and coordinate planned activities, manage correspondence and maintain communication between partners and disseminate relevant information.

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8. SIGNATURES

The following signatures are affixed as acknowledgement and notification of the terms of this agreement.

Date: 10/08/2010	Date: 27/09/2010
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