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Agreement on International Cooperation

between

The National Research and Innovation Agency of Uruguay

and

Lund University of Sweden

A. Participants in the Memorandum

This Memorandum is entered into between the National Research and Innovation Agency of Uruguay (ANII) and Lund University.

ANII is one of the official entities responsible for the implementation of the scholarships.

Lund University is a tertiary education and research institution based in Lund, Sweden

Both parties accept to be the “participating institutions” in this Agreement.

B. Purpose of the Memorandum

This document represents an agreement between both “participating institutions” aimed at cooperating, participating and following up the implementation of this Memorandum on Cooperation. Its purpose is to promote the training of students in PhD programs offered by Lund University in areas of specialization outlined in D.



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C. The Cooperation is Envisaged to Operate as Follows:

- 1) Students in Uruguay interested in pursuing a PhD programme at Lund University will seek admission following the usual application procedure, and meeting the standard admissions requirements (including formal English language tests) of Lund University.
- 2) The Scholarship selection process will be administrated by Lund University. Uruguayan students admitted by Lund University to a PhD programme will be evaluated and ranked by Lund University. Lund University will thereafter suggest the ranked candidate(s) for the scholarship to ANII.
- 3) In all cases the relationship between ANII, Lund University and the student will be finished with the PhD degree.

D. The defined areas of interest under this agreement are:

- Energy, including Renewable Energy
- Animal and Human Health (include Pharmaceutical)
- Agriculture, Livestock and Agro-industrial Production
- Environment and Biodiversity
- Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and Audio-visual Production
- Education and Social Development
- Logistics and Transport
- Tourism
- Biotechnology
- Nanotechnology
- Other knowledge areas defined by the parties.

E. Intent of Participants:

The intent of this Memorandum is to establish the following commitments for each of the parties subscribing to this Memorandum on International Cooperation:



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1. ANII will provide up to 3 scholarships in total per year for the following category; up to three years for a full PhD program were the period of time is mutually agreed between the participating institutions.
2. ANII will provide a scholarship up to 80.000 USD for a full PhD at Lund University. The scholarship will cover a round trip, subsistence allowance for the three first years and other costs related to the planned mobility.
3. Lund University will provide waiver of tuition and fees based on laws of the State of Sweden for ANII scholarship holders of a doctoral program.
4. Lund University will guarantee to pay the fourth year for PhD students awarded an ANII scholarship. A separate agreement between the student and the participating institutions will be signed before the mobility starts.
5. Lund University will ensure the health insurance "FAS" (Swedish Government Insurance). PhD students who are accepted for more than 12 months at Lund University will be covered by Swedish health care system with full access to medical centers, hospitals etc. Furthermore PhD students accepted for a full PhD will benefit from a labour insurance that covers any eventuality occurred during the study period.
6. Lund University will submit to ANII an annual report relative to the academic performance of the scholarship holders, including the student's most recent transcript and the student's academic standing. Lund University will also inform ANII when the student has satisfactorily completed his/her programme.
7. Lund University and ANII will provide prospective Uruguayan scholars with information on the PhD programmes and guidance on the application process.
8. Lund University will provide ANII with all the relevant promotional materials and brochures to encourage interest among prospective Uruguayan applicants.
9. Lund University will inform ANII of Uruguayan students that are admitted to PhD programs and if needed suggest the best students for an ANII scholarship.



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10. ANII will inform Lund University of successful applicants by sending the list of Uruguayan applicants selected as beneficiaries of the scholarship provided by ANII.
11. Both institutions will make the necessary financial arrangements for the confirmed scholars.
12. Both institutions will have the obligation to inform the other party of any change in the designated coordinator or signatory in charge of this agreement.
13. Scholarship holders will be subject to the rules and regulations of Lund University and ANII.
14. For PhD students, ANII will transfer scholarship funds for the three (3) academic years to students. Once the successful candidates have been notified about the scholarship award ANII will make one annual payment to the student at the beginning of the year. The receiving department/faculty at Lund University will be responsible to cover the fourth academic year to the admitted PhD student.
15. Lund University will explain how ANII can access e-PhD theses of Uruguayan students upon graduation. The intellectual property rights will be assigned following the rules of Lund University.

F. The designated coordinators for this joint scholarship program are:

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Both institutions will do their utmost to market and promote the agreement to prospective Uruguayan applicants.

G. Other Activities

ANII and Lund University, annually and in common, agree to discuss other forms of possibilities to collaboration within the framework of this agreement according to the available budget and resources of both parties and Uruguay bylaw. This will be done by exchange of letters.

H. Agreement Modification

Any modification, restriction, broadening or extension of this agreement must be done through mutual consensus in writing of the parts and must be formalized by Addendum which will become part of this agreement

I. Solution to Controversies

Any controversy, discrepancy or demand derived from this agreement, including the ones concerning its expiration, nullity, execution, compliance or interpretation shall be settled by Lund University and ANII through mutual consultation acting in good faith and in accordance to their common objectives.

J. Other Provisions

1. This agreement has been executed in English.



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- 2. This agreement states the intent of participating institutions. Any commitment other than those included herein shall not be binding upon the participating institutions.
- 3. This agreement shall be valid for 5 years from the date on which the domestic administrative procedures have been completed and approved by the authorities of each country, without affecting its validity for the students who are studying at Lund University until the end of the scholarship. The agreement may be extended for an additional 5-year period by a formal letter defining the prolongation between the participating institutions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have offered their signatures:

Signed for and on behalf of the National Research and Innovation Agency of Uruguay

by its duly authorized officer on

the 24 day of MAY, 2016.7

Fernando Brum
President

Signed for and on behalf of Lund University

by its duly authorized officer on

the 21 day of november, 2016.

Prof Eva Wiberg
Deputy Vice-Chancellor

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