



# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE NATIONAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION AGENCY OF URUGUAY (ANII) AND THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

### A. Participants in the Memorandum

This Memorandum is entered into between the National Research and Innovation Agency of Uruguay (hereinafter referred to as "ANII") and the University of Glasgow (hereinafter referred to as "UoG").

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

The University of Glasgow is a Higher education institution based in Scotland, United Kingdom offering programmes at Masters and PhD level.

Both parties accept to be the "participating institutions" in this Memorandum of Understanding.

# B. Purpose of the Memorandum

This document represents an understanding between both "participating institutions" aimed at cooperating for the purpose of promoting the training of students in full Masters programs and PhD programs (full or sandwich) offered by UoG in areas of specialization outlined in D.

# C. The Cooperation is Envisaged to Operate as Follows:

Uruguayan or foreign students resident in Uruguay for a period of at least two years who
are interested in pursuing a PhD (full or sandwich) or a full Master at UoG will seek
admission through the usual application procedure established by UoG, and fulfill the
standard admission requirements (including English language proficiency).





- The students will apply for a scholarship at ANII, following the application procedure established by ANII for that purpose and accomplishing all the standard requirements settled by ANII.
- Students academically admitted by UoG and also selected by ANII, will be identified as ANII scholarship holders.

## 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)
- Audio-visual Production
- Education and Social Development
- Biotechnology and Nanotechnology
- Other areas defined by the Parties

# E. Intent of Participants:

The intent of this Memorandum is to establish the following:

- 1. ANII will provide up to 3 scholarships per year.
- 2. ANII will contribute:
  - a. Up to USD 40 000 per student for Master programs.

These total amounts shall be destined to cover tuition fees, and may include airline tickets between Uruguay and the United Kingdom in economy class, living expenses and health insurance.

b. For 4 years long full PhD programs: up to USD (\$) 80.000 per student. For 3 years long full PhD programs: up to USD (\$) 60.000 per student.

These total amounts shall be destined to cover tuition fees and may include airline tickets between Uruguay and the United Kingdom in economy class, living expenses and health insurance.





- c. For 4 years long sandwich PhD programs: up to USD (\$) 80.000 per student.
  For 3 years long sandwich PhD programs: up to USD (\$) 60.000 per student.
  These total amounts shall be destined to cover tuition fees, and may include airline tickets between Uruguay and the United Kingdom in economy class (the number of tickets will depend on the specific PhD program), living expenses and health insurance.
  Stays in Uruguay are included in these total amounts and during those periods the student will receive from ANII the corresponding amount for a national PhD scholarship.
  - d. In case that the scholarship provided by ANII was not enough, PhD and/or Master students must have additional funding to cover all those costs that remain uncovered.
  - e. All scholarships modalities are ruled by the Regulation of the National Scholarship System of ANII.

### 3. UoG will contribute:

- A discount of 15% in the international tuition fees for Masters Programs.
- b. A discount of 15% in the international tuition fees for years 1-4 of PhD Programs.
- c. Provide all prospective Uruguayan students with information on the agreement with ANII and will instruct these students to submit an application to ANII as a next step in the application procedure.
- 4. UoG will submit to ANII an annual report relative to the academic performance of the scholarship holders, including the student's most recent academic transcript and the student's academic standing. UoG will also inform ANII when the student has satisfactorily completed his/her program, or if there is any kind of inconvenient with the postgraduate program.

UoG and ANII will jointly provide prospective Uruguayan scholars with information on the PhD or Master Program and guidance on the application process.

UoG will provide ANII with all the relevant promotional materials and brochures to encourage interest among prospective Uruguayan applicants. Each Party will ensure that any marketing and/or publicity is accurate and not misleading and does not contain the branding or logo of the other party without that other party's prior written consent.





- 5. Both institutions will make the necessary financial arrangements for the confirmed scholars.
- 6. UoG will invoice ANII for payment of fees in United States Dollars (USD).

All other costs that do not correspond to tuition fees will be transfer by ANII directly to the scholarship holder.

The funds to be contributed by ANII to UoG for tuition fees related to the postgraduate program that may correspond in accordance to what is foreseen in this MOU (either for Masters programs or PhD programs), will be transferred by ANII to UoG in an annual basis, as indicated in the following:

- (i) <u>Full Masters programs</u>: the installment corresponding to the first academic year of the Master program will be transferred by ANII to UoG at the beginning of the academic year.
- (ii) Full PhD programs: The amount provided by ANII will be paid to UoG in four or three installments depending of the duration of the PhD program (for three years long PhD programs there will three installments, and for four years long PhD there will be four installments). Regardless of the length of the PhD program, there will be one installment per year. The first one will be transferred by ANII to UoG at the beginning of the PhD academic program.
- (iii) <u>Sandwich PhD programs</u>: ANII will transfer to UoG at the beginning of every academic year, calculated according to the time that the student will remain there during that year. During stays in Uruguay, ANII will pay directly to the scholarship holder.
- 7. 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.
- 8. Scholarship holders will be subject to the rules and regulations of UoG and regulations of the National Scholarship System of ANII.
- Neither The University nor ANII shall be obligated to continue financial support with respect
  to any student who does not maintain satisfactory progress during each year of
  their course. Depending on every case, it will be analyzed if a reimbursement of funds shall
  correspond.





- 10. If the candidate is unable to complete a PhD or Master within the standard duration, the candidate will be responsible for any continued funding, including but not limited to tuition, living costs, health insurance and visa costs.
- 11. Tuition Fees for Master and PhD at UoG can be found in: https://www.gla.ac.uk/study/fees/

Fees for scholarship holders will be verified by contact between the designated program coordinators.

12. UoG will explain how ANII can access e-PhD or Masters theses of Uruguayan students upon graduation. The intellectual property rights will be assigned following the UoG's usual rules.

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

For The University:

Ms Jo Power

International Recruitment Manager

International Recruitment and Partnerships, External Relations, 1 The Square, University of Glasgow, Glasgow G12 8QQ, United Kingdom

For ANII:

Secretario Ejecutivo Av. Italia 6201, "Los Nogales" Building Montevideo, Uruguay

Both institutions will do their outmost to promote the agreement to prospective Uruguayan applicants.

### G. Other Activities

ANII and UoG will aim to implement other programs of mutual interest by celebrating specific agreements, according to the available budget and resources of both parties, as well as their corresponding regulations.

### 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.

### 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 UoG and ANII through negotiation acting in good faith and in accordance to their common objectives.

### J. Other Provisions

- 1. This Memorandum has been executed in English.
- 2. This Memorandum states the intent of participating institutions. Any commitment other than those included herein shall not be binding upon the participating institutions.
- 3. This Memorandum shall be governed by the Scotland law and the Parties agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the Glasgow courts. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties expressly state that they understand and accept that ANII will comply in all its terms with the legal provisions in force in Uruguay, as well as those ordered by resolutions of competent authorities, and that what ANII does in that regard will not, in any case, be considered a breach of the agreement in this document and will not generate any responsibility whatsoever.
- 4. UoG will provide to ANII the personal information about all the MSc and PhD applicants under this agreement (responsibility of the coordinator designated by the University).
- 5. This Memorandum shall be valid for 5 (five) 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 still studying at UoG until the end of the scholarship. The Memorandum may be extended for an additional five-year period, subject to this Section J, Clause 6, by agreement between the participating institutions.
- 6. Either participating institution may terminate this agreement by giving sixty (60) days' notice in writing by one to the other. Where recipients of ANII funding are still studying at UoG, both ANII





and UoG agree to fulfill their financial obligations to those students until the end of their studies. The University also agrees to fulfill its academic obligations to those students until they have completed their postgraduate program.

- 7. In the eventuality that a scholarship holder waived the scholarship that was granted to her/him, the Parties will analyze the reasons case by case and the scholarship holder will be entirely responsible for the reimbursement of all the costs associated to the postgraduate program that she/he chose. In case that the scholarship holder reimbursed the amounts corresponding to all the mentioned costs directly to UoG, UoG shall transfer the amounts received to ANII. UoG will not put any objection for ANII to carry out the necessary procedures to collect those sums directly, forcing itself to formalize this authorization in case that this was required by ANII.
- 8. All obligations of ANII and UoG with the scholarship holders will be extinguished after the completion of the postgraduate program.

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

Fernando Brum

President

Signed for and on behalf of the University of Glasgow

by its duly authorized officer on

the 12th day of Jecewser, 2018.

Proféssor Jim Conroy

Vice-Principal Internationalisation

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