



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**KOREA INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**AND**  
**NATIONAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION AGENCY**  
**FOR EXCHANGE STUDENT PROGRAM AND UST-KIST/ANII SCHOLARSHIP**

Korea Institute of Science and Technology (hereinafter KIST) in Korea and National Research and Innovation Agency (hereinafter ANII) in Uruguay recognize the importance of fostering scientific and technological cooperation and strengthening the partnership between the two institutes through the provision of financial support for the talented Uruguayan applicants admitted to PhD program and postgraduate internship at KIST.

The following conditions are understood and agreed upon by KIST and ANII.

1. Candidate eligibility requirement, application and selection processes

- An Uruguayan student who is interested in pursuing PhD degree at KIST must seek admission through the University of Science and Technology (hereinafter UST) application process, and must meet the UST standard admission requirements (which include minimal English competency) as well as the standard requirements of ANII.

KIST and UST will review the applications received and will rank the applications based on its standard admission requirements.

KIST will provide the results of the ranking to ANII and ANII will approve the scholarships.

The 32 government-funded research institutes including KIST built UST to develop an R&D school with the focus on on-site student research participation in big-scale national projects in basic, original and public technology sectors. Applications are accepted twice a year in March and September. The interested candidate must apply through UST and select KIST as the campus for study.

- A postgraduate in Uruguay interested in the internship program must seek admission through KIST. The intern selection process starts with initial screening of applicants to KIST internship program based on the general selection criteria determined by ANII and KIST, which includes the grade point average that is higher than 4.0/5.0 scale, the acceptable grade in standard English testing, such as TOEFL score of CBT 213 or higher, or acceptable score in IELTS or TOEIC.

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KIST will select intern, in accordance with its internal needs and preference, and decide which division/department is suitable for each intern while taking into consideration the applicant's interests, abilities, and experience. Upon selecting an intern, KIST will obtain a proof of commitment of participation in the internship from the selected candidate. The exact period of internship shall be determined by KIST in consultation with ANII and may vary depending on the selected intern's preference and circumstance. In general, the period of internship shall be for at least 1 month, up to six months.

- A student who is selected through the KIST-ANII process will have the scholarship describe below:

## 2. Terms

- The present MOU is effective from 2017 academic year for which the UST application process opens in .....and will continue in effect for each semester. If an institute seeks any changes, including amendment, extension or termination, to the present MOU, it must submit a request for changes in writing prior to April 30th of the academic year to which MOU is in effect.

## 3. Maximum number of annual scholarships availability per person

- A maximum scholarship number of 2 for a PhD student and 2 for intern will be available per academic year under this MOU. There is no implicit undertaking that the maximum number of scholarships will be taken up. The number of scholarships taken up in each academic year will be contingent on the relevant criteria and objectives for the scholarships being met.

## 4. Scholarship

- Each PhD student will be provided with:

- Academic tuition for each semester
- Monthly stipend including housing allowance; and
- Return airfare (economy class) to cover travel to and from the country of residence. The travel route must be approved by ANII

- Each intern will be provided with:

- Monthly stipend including housing allowance; and
- Return airfare (economy class) to cover travel to and from the country of residence. The travel route must be approved by ANII

- The total ANII scholarship amounts for PhD is USD 60.000 per student for the three years, and scholarship for intern is USD 10.000 per student, including travel costs and accommodation. The amounts are calculated to provide support for food and lodging while studying/working at KIST. However, a student will need an independent funding for extraneous spending.

- ANII will be responsible for:

- Providing academic tuition and monthly stipend for initial 3 years for the PhD students;
- Providing monthly stipend in for interns (according to ANII's criteria), and



- Providing return airfare (economy class) to cover travel to and from the country of residence. (according to ANII's criteria).

- KIST will be responsible for:

- Arranging accommodation at KIST dorm for the PhD students at cost for the initial three years of study and for interns at cost for staying period;
- Providing academic tuition and monthly stipend for the PhD students after ANII's maximum three year scholarship program ends;
- Providing administrative support for the PhD students and interns; and
- Distributing ANII awarded scholarship to the PhD students for the first three years—the ANII scholarship period and for interns on a monthly basis.
- Send an annual report describing the student academic situation.
- Send to ANII additional information about applicants at the end of the call:
  - Name
  - ID number
  - Gender
  - Age
  - information about the academic program
  - Year of application
  - Type of scholarship
  - Area of knowledge
  - Core opportunity field
  - Technological area

#### 5. Majors for PhD Program

- PhD scholarship is available to a respective student candidate seeking PhD degree in one of the following majors:

- Biological Chemistry
- Biomedical Engineering
- Clean Energy and Chemical Engineering
- Energy and Environmental Engineering
- HCI and Robotics
- Nanomaterials Science and Engineering
- Neuroscience

- Scholarship offer is conditional upon acceptance to an approved PhD course.

#### 6. Administration

- KIST and ANII will provide prospective Uruguayan scholars all the information necessary to apply for a PhD programs or an internship program, and provide guidance during the application process.

- KIST will provide ANII with the relevant booklets, etc. to better introduce KIST and UST to prospective Uruguayan applicants.

- KIST will provide guidance to all Uruguayan students accepted to PhD program how to submit application to ANII as the next step in the application process.
- ANII will provide KIST with the list of applicants who qualified to receive ANII scholarship(s).
- Both institutes will provide necessary financial arrangements for the selected scholars.
- ANII shall deposit, on a yearly basis, the agreed upon total scholarship amount to KIST account for KIST to distribute it to the awarded students on a monthly basis.
- Both KIST and ANII must inform each other should there be any changes to the present agreement.

This agreement becomes effective on the date of signing by the representatives of both institutes and is valid for the period of five years. The agreement must be reviewed not less than six months prior to the natural termination date and then, may be extended or renewed in mutual accordance. At any time, the terms of this agreement may be amended provided that there is a written notice and mutual agreement.

The agreement may be terminated by either institute with a six-month notice. No applications shall be considered after the notice; however, both institutes will continue to fulfill their obligations with to the scholars already accepted until the completion of their study.

The agreement should be concluded in two original documents, both written in English language and being equally authentic.

Date: Oct. 17, 2016



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Date: 26/9/2016



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