



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

# 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 Lund (hereinafter referred to as LU.

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

Lund University is a Swedish public entity founded 1666 and is ranked among the world's top 100 universities. The university has 40.000 students and 8.160 staff based in Lund, Helsingborg and Malmö.

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 Masters programs (full or sandwich),) and mobility programs offered by LU 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 Master (full or sandwich) or in making a mobility at LU will seek





admission through the usual application procedure established by LU 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 LU and also selected by ANII, will be identified as ANII scholarship holders.
- D. ANII and LU will define the areas to be considered before the opening of every call, taking into consideration the following ones:
  - 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
  - Transport and Logistic
  - Tourism
  - Other areas defined by the Parties

## E. Intent of Participants:

The intent of this Memorandum is to establish the following:

- 1. ANII will contribute:
  - a. For full Master programs of 2 years long as maximum, up to USD 40.000 per student

    These total amounts shall be destined to cover tuition fees, and may include airline tickets
    between Uruguay and Sweden in economy class, as well as living expenses.





# b. For mobilities of up to 6 months long: up to USD 10.000 per student

These total amounts will be destined to cover airline tickets between Uruguay and Sweden in economy class, and living expenses, according to the conditions expressed in the Basis of the corresponding call.

- c. In case that the amount provided by ANII was not enough, Master and Mobility scholarship holders must have additional funding to cover all those costs that remain uncovered by the scholarship.
- d. All scholarships modalities are ruled by the Regulation of the National Scholarship System of ANII as well as the Basis of the corresponding call.

#### 2. LU will contribute:

- A yearly discount of 25 % for up to three scholarships in the international tuition fees for Masters Programs of up to 2 years long.
- b. Admitted students with a scholarship provided by ANII to a full master program are guaranteed housing.
- c. FAS+ health insurance through the Swedish state. The insurance applies during direct travel between the home country and Sweden, during the period of education according to the student registry in LADOK or a corresponding system, as well as two weeks before the start of study and two weeks after the end of study.
- d. Information for all prospective students on the agreement with ANII. LU will also instruct these students to submit an application to ANII as a next step in the application procedure.
- 3. LU 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. LU 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.

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

LU 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.





- 4. Both institutions will make the necessary financial arrangements for the confirmed scholars. All the costs related to the scholarship (including tuition fees in the case of Masters scholarships) will be transfer by ANII directly to the scholarship holder. Masters scholarship holders will pay the corresponding tuition fees directly to LU.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Scholarship holders will be subject to the rules and regulations of LU and the regulations of the National Scholarship System of ANII, as well as to the Basis of the corresponding call.
- Neither LU 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.
- 8. If the candidate is unable to complete his/her Master within the standard duration, the candidate will be responsible for any cost needed to complete the program in the additional time, including but not limited to: tuition, living costs, health insurance and visa costs.
- Tuition Fees for Masters at LU can be found in: https://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/international-admissions/why-study-lund-university
  - Tuition fees for scholarship holders will be verified by contact between the designated program coordinators.
- 10. LU will explain to ANII how to access e-PhD or Masters theses of Uruguayan students upon graduation. The intellectual property rights will be assigned following the LU's usual rules. The University agrees that the scholarship holder will undertake to deposit a digital copy of his thesis and all the work resulting from or related to the scholarship in the Digital Repository of Open Access of his institution of affiliation in Uruguay, or to deliver to his technical office a digital copy of them, in the case that it exists and it is available to do so. If it is not available to do it, he undertakes to deposit a copy in ANII's repository.
- F. The designated coordinators for this joint scholarship program are:

For LU





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

### G. Other Activities

ANII and LU 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.

## 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 LU 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. Cases of disputes regarding the interpretation and fulfillment of this MOU shall be settled by mutual agreement between "the Parties."
- 4. LU will provide to ANII the personal information about all the Masters and mobility applicants under this agreement (responsibility of the coordinator designated by LU.
- 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 LU 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 LU, both ANII and LU agree to fulfill their financial obligations to those students until the end of their studies. LU also agrees to fulfill its academic obligations to those students until they have completed their studies.
- 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 LU, LU shall transfer the amounts received to ANII. LU 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. In the eventuality that a scholarship holder waived his/her scholarship, ANII might redirect the funding that was granted to him/her in order to fund the following candidate in the ranking of the call. Such ranking is a product of the evaluation process carried out by ANII. This may imply that a scholarship is granted to a candidate that applied to pursue a postgraduate/mobility in an institution different than LU.
- 9. All obligations of ANII and LU 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

the 23 day of Suptember, 2021.

Flavio Caiafa President

Signed for and on behalf of Lund University by its duly authorized officer on

day of <u>Siptember</u>, 2021

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