



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE NATIONAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION AGENCY OF URUGUAY (ANII) AND UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN FINLAND (UEF)

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 University of Eastern Finland (hereinafter referred to as “UEF”).

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

UEF is a globally renowned research University in Finland. UEF is an active member of the international scientific community, heading for the highest standards in both research and education.

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 Master’s programs, PhD programs and mobilities offered by UEF in areas of specialization outlined in D.

C. The Cooperation is Envisaged to Operate as Follows:

- 1) Uruguayan or foreign students resident in Uruguay for a period of at least two years who are interested either in pursuing a Master’s or a PhD degree at UEF, will seek admission



through the usual application procedure established by UEF, and fulfill the standard admission requirements (including English language proficiency). For mobilities at UEF, the researchers interested will be responsible for contacting a host research group and having their acceptance.

- 2) 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. UEF provides a tuition fee waiver and/or scholarship to Master's degree students who are required to pay for tuition and who apply, and are eligible to receive them. In order to apply to this benefit, students will follow the procedure indicated by UEF at: <https://www.uef.fi/en/tuition-fees-waivers-and-scholarships> , and accomplish all the requirements indicated.
- 3) Students academically admitted by UEF and also selected by ANII, will be identified as ANII scholarship holders.

D. ANII and UEF will define the areas to be considered before the opening of every call, taking into consideration the following ones:

- Forestry and Bioeconomy
- Health Sciences and Biomedicine
- Information and Communications Technology (ICT)
- Education, Teacher Training and Humanities
- Natural Sciences
- Social Sciences

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 (in the case that the student has not obtained a waiver from UEF), and may include airline tickets between Uruguay and Finland in economy class, living expenses and health insurance.



b. For 4 years long full PhD programs: up to USD 80.000 per student.

There are no tuition fees for PhD students in UEF. These total amounts shall be destined to cover airline tickets between Uruguay and the Finland in economy class, living expenses and health insurance.

c. 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 Finland. in economy class, and living expenses, according to the conditions expressed in the Basis of the corresponding call.

d. Sandwich programs: Master's and PhD

UEF is open to the possibility of supporting a pilot sandwich program for Master's and PhD students in partnership with ANII. The total amounts to be provided by ANII in these cases will be the following:

Sandwich Master's Program (2 years maximum): up to USD 40.000 per student

Sandwich PhD Program (4 years maximum): up to USD 80.000 per student

These amounts shall be destined to cover tuition fees during stays at UEF, and may include airline tickets between Uruguay and Finland in economy class (the number of tickets will depend on the specific Master's or PhD program and what is stipulated in the Basis of the call), visa related costs, living expenses and health insurance. Stays in Uruguay are included in these total amounts and during those periods the Master's or PhD candidate will receive from ANII the corresponding amount for a national Master's or PhD scholarship

e. In case that the amount provided by ANII was not enough, PhD, Master and Mobility scholarship holders should have own additional funding to cover additional costs that remain uncovered by the scholarship.

f. 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. UEF will provide:

- a. A tuition fee waiver and/or scholarship to Master's degree students who apply for them and are eligible to receive them. The percentage of the yearly tuition fee covered by the tuition fee waiver is determined by the University's decision on tuition fees valid at the time. The



size of the waiver/scholarships, the number of waivers/scholarships admitted, and the grounds on which the waivers/scholarship are admitted are subject to change.

- b. Erasmus Mundus program students with full or partial scholarships, provided the contractual stipulations of the Erasmus Mundus contract valid at the time allow for this. In all Erasmus Mundus and joint degree programmes, the provisions of the consortium contracts or separate contracts in effect at the time are adhered to.
- c. Prospective students with information on the agreement with ANII and a possibility to submit a separate application to ANII as the next step in the application process.

3. UEF 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. UEF 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. It is the responsibility of the ANII to ensure that the student knows that the ANII has the right to request ANII scholarship holders' personal information (listed above) from UEF.

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

UEF 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.

The funds to be contributed by ANII to UEF for tuition fees related to the postgraduate program that may correspond in accordance to what is foreseen in this MOU, will be transferred by ANII to UEF in an annual basis, as indicated in the following:

- (i) Full Masters programs: A first installment corresponding to the first academic year of the Masters program will be transferred by ANII to UEF at the beginning of the academic year. The second and last installment (in case of Masters programs of 2 years long), which corresponds to the second academic year of the Program, will be transferred by ANII to UEF at the beginning of the second academic year.

4. 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.



5. Scholarship holders will be subject to the rules and regulations of UEF and the regulations of the National Scholarship System of ANII, as well as to the Basis of the corresponding call.

6. Neither UEF 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.

7. If the candidate is unable to complete a Master within the standard duration, the candidate will be responsible for any cost needed to complete his/her postgraduate program in the additional time, including but not limited to: tuition, living costs, health insurance and visa costs.

8. UEF's tuition fees, waivers and scholarships, refund policy and monitoring of the completion of the required ECTS is presented here: <https://www.uef.fi/en/tuition-fees-and-waivers-for-masters-degree-programmes>.

UEF has a Student Agreement to all Master's degree students who are required to pay for tuition. Also, ANII scholarship holders' will be asked to sign the contract.

9. UEF will explain to ANII how to access PhD or Masters theses of Uruguayan students upon graduation. The intellectual property rights will be assigned following the UEF's usual rules. UEF 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:

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

G. Other Activities

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

Should the participating institutions fail to settle their differences, the matter in dispute shall be finally and exclusively settled by binding arbitration according to the Rules of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce ("ICC") with the composition of one arbitrator. The language of the arbitral proceedings shall be English.

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 Finnish law and the Parties agree to submit to the jurisdiction of Eastern Finland competent 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. UEF will submit to ANII an annual report about ANII scholarship holders' personal academic performances (responsibility of the coordinator designated by UEF).
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 UEF 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 UEF, both ANII and UEF agree to fulfill their financial obligations to those students until the end of their studies. UEF 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. UEF 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 UEF.
9. All obligations of ANII and UEF with the scholarship holders will be extinguished after the completion of the postgraduate program. The participating institutions' liability towards each other in connection with this Memorandum shall not extend to claims for indirect or consequential loss or



damage except to the extent that such liability should arise as a result of gross negligence, fraud or willful misconduct of a participating institution.

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

Flavio Caiafa
President
ANII

Signed for and on behalf of University of Eastern Finland

by its duly authorized officer on

Tapio Määttä
Academic Rector
University of Eastern Finland

Tämä dokumentti on allekirjoitettu sähköisesti UEF Sign-järjestelmällä
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