COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
RENMING UNIVERSITY OF CHINA
AND
UNIVERSITÉ de MONTRÉAL
CONCERNING CANDIDATES AT THE DOCTORAL LEVEL

Preamble

The Chinese Scholarship Council (hereafter CSC) has launched a Ph.D. Scholarship Program in 2007, planning to send 6,000 Chinese students abroad from 2007-2011. In order to implement the Program, CSC has signed contracts with 49 top Chinese Universities, allotting a scholarship quota to each of them. The CSC Scholarships will be granted to the Ph.D. students whose admission application has been accepted at the University de Montréal (UdeM). Applicants to the Scholarship program are supposed to apply individually to the UdeM, and when getting formal admissions with full tuition waiver, they can apply through their home institutions for CSC’s Scholarship.

The Chinese Universities will be responsible for the implementation and the announcement of the Scholarship Program as well as for the creation and distribution of all documents related to Program.

The ultimate aim of this program is to encourage cooperation and exchange between Chinese Universities and foreign institutions. A maximum of 20 fellowships will be awarded to Chinese students, coming from the 13 targeted Universities by the UdeM, annually in the first three years of the Program. There will be a maximum of 60 on-going doctoral students per year in the years to follow.

In this context, the UdeM propose the attached Cooperation Agreement to develop research collaborations between Renmin University and UdeM.

RENMING UNIVERSITY OF CHINA (hereafter RUC) and UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTRÉAL (UdeM) in accordance with the principles of equality and mutual benefit and through friendly negotiation, hereby agree to establish a collaborative arrangement for the purposes of providing high quality research training to qualified students from RUC with the aim of developing research collaborations between UdeM and RUC.

1. Program overview: The program is offered to excellent candidates who will undertake doctoral programs. Selected Chinese students from RUC will enroll in a designated program at UdeM and undertake study. If the selected Chinese students successfully
complete the requirements of the designated program and defend their dissertation, they will be conferred the PhD degree by UdeM.

2. **General responsibilities of Parties in the implementation of the Scholarship Program:** RUC will be responsible for the promotion of the Cooperation Agreement, between RUC and UdeM with the students applying for the Ph.D. scholarships. The Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (FGPS) of the UdeM will serve as a coordinating body for the implementation of the Fellowship Program and its follow-up in relationship with the academic units at the UdeM. The FGPS will also be responsible for creating and maintaining a follow-up network with the RUC and the CSC to ensure that students registered at the UdeM are achieving their goals in relation to the program.

3. **Entry criteria and Conditions of Eligibility:** Students are expected to be exceptional in every respect; they will meet the selection criteria for the doctoral programs at UdeM, including academic performance and English language requirements. Applicants who intend to apply for CSC scholarship under this Cooperation Agreement should:

   a) Be proficient in either English or French to the point where he/she is able to follow academic activities in either English or French at UdeM
   b) Hold an admission letter to a doctoral program at UdeM
   c) Hold a letter from the FGPS certifying that he/she has obtained a full tuition waiver Scholarship
   d) Be citizens and permanent residents of PR China and study or work in Mainland China at the time of application
   e) Complete the CSC application form and employer reference form
   f) Sign with CSC an “Agreement for Study Abroad for CSC Sponsored Chinese Citizens,” wherein the applicants promise to return to China upon completion of their research within the set time.

4. **Selection Procedures:** The application and selection procedures go as follows:

   a) Applicants will submit their applications directly to UdeM before the application deadline and meanwhile submit to RUC a copy of their applications.
   b) RUC will send to UdeM a list of all applicants.
   c) UdeM will process the applications as soon as possible. When all applications have been processed, UdeM will inform the student and RUC of the admission status of all applicants that UdeM considers a match with the Cooperation Agreement.
   d) Having received the Admission and Scholarship letters from FGPS/UdeM, the students may apply through RUC for the CSC Scholarship.

5. **Fields of Cooperation:** UdeM and RUC undertake to collaborate in the following:
a) Information Technology  
b) Humanities and Social Sciences  
c) Environment and Natural Resources  
d) International Studies  
e) Labor and Human Resources  
f) Chemistry  
g) Physics  
h) Journalism  
i) Law  

6. **Funding model:** For students recommended by RU who complied with the entry criteria and other requirements related to the Ph.D. programs of UdeM, UdeM will waive their tuition fees (excluding fees related to Registration, e.g. Admission fee or student association fees) and CSC will grant the scholarship covering the living allowance as prescribed from time to time by the Chinese Government (which includes Student Health Cover), a return airfare to Canada by the most economical route, and visa application fees.

7. **Supervision of candidates:** UdeM will provide the chief academic advisors for candidates. Wherever possible, co-supervision between UdeM and RU will be encouraged. This is seen as a channel for the development of long-term research collaboration between UdeM and RU, which the two institutions embrace as a long-term goal.

8. **Best endeavors:** Both RU and UdeM commit to making every administrative and faculty effort to ensure the success of this collaboration. Based on the successful running of the initial program both parties will actively pursue the possibility of strengthening collaborative ties more broadly across disciplinary fields and institutional partnerships and developing additional programs in the future. At both sides a coordinator has been nominated.

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9. **Agreement duration and review:** The Cooperation Agreement shall become effective for 3 years in the first instance, commencing from the date of the signatures. The
proposed date of the first intake of students is September 2013. It may be terminated by 
either party giving six months notice of its intention to do so. The Cooperation 
Agreement will be reviewed during its third year of operation. If the parties have no 
objection to the Cooperation Agreement, it will be automatically prolonged for a further 3 
years. In the event the program is discontinued, students admitted under the program 
will continue to receive support at the different levels and for the time periods stipulated 
above.

10. **Additional Activity and Dispute Resolution:** This Cooperation Agreement can be 
modified and added to by the mutual consent of the parties. Matters not included in the 
Cooperation Agreement, but directly related to it, may be addressed by the mutual 
agreement of the parties. Any such agreement must be appended to this Cooperation 
Agreement and become valid upon the date of signing.

The parties commit to resolving any disputes on the terms of this Cooperation 
Agreement by seeking friendly, mutually acceptable resolutions.

This Cooperation Agreement shall be written in English, with three officially duplicated 
copies. The English version is legally binding.

Signed for:

**Renmin University of China**

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Professor CHEN Yulu

President

Date: 22/10/2012

**Université de Montréal**

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Date: 22/08/2012