AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTRÉAL,
ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE DE MONTRÉAL
AND
THE CHINA SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL

The China Scholarship Council (hereafter CSC) and The Université de Montréal (hereafter UdeM) and École Polytechnique de Montréal (hereafter EPM), 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 and postdoctoral fellows from Chinese universities with the aim of developing research collaborations between UdeM, EPM and Chinese universities.

1. **Program overview:** CSC, UdeM and EPM agree to collaborate on the following two categories of programs which are offered to excellent candidates:

1.1 **Graduate Programs** Selected Chinese students will enroll in a designated doctoral (PhD) program at UdeM or EPM and undertake study. A maximum of 30 fellowships (20 UdeM, 10 EPM) will be awarded annually in the first three years of the Program. There will be a maximum of 90 (60 UdeM, 30 EPM) on-going doctoral students per year in the years to follow. If the selected Chinese students successfully complete the requirements of the designated program and defend their dissertation, they will be conferred degrees by UdeM or UdeM/EPM.

1.2 **Postdoctoral Fellows** Selected Chinese postdoctoral fellows can be accepted to UdeM or EPM programs for postdoctoral training. The trainees will directly contact their prospective supervisor for admission.

N.B. Applicants undertaking doctoral programs will be prioritized.

2. **Fields of Cooperation:** CSC, UdeM and EPM will support the following areas of study with priority: Energy, Resources, Environment, Information Technology, Life Science, Biomedical Sciences and Public Health, Space Study, Nanotechnology, New Materials, Food and Land Resources, Humanities and Applied Social Sciences.
3. **Entry criteria and conditions of eligibility:** Students are expected to be exceptional in every respect; they will meet the selection criteria for the programs at UdeM or EPM, including academic performance and English or French language requirements. Applicants who intend to apply for CSC scholarship under the scholarship program should:

a. Candidates will be citizens and permanent residents of the People’s Republic of China at the time of application;

b. Candidates must not be currently working or studying abroad;

c. Successful candidates must return to China upon completion of their studies and/or research;

d. Be proficient in English and/or French to the point where he/she is able to follow academic activities in either English or French at UdeM or EPM;

e. Candidates must hold an unconditional offer letter to a graduate or postdoctoral research program at UdeM or EPM. They must therefore fulfill the relevant academic entry requirements set by UdeM or EPM, including a high level of English or French language proficiency;

f. Candidates should be intending to pursue study/research in one of the priority academic areas identified by UdeM or EPM and CSC. However, applicants to other study/research areas will also be considered. The support academic areas are also subject to the availability of relevant programs of study at UdeM or EPM;

g. Candidate should satisfy the selection criteria set out by CSC by completing the CSC Application Form and the CSC Employer Reference Form at [http://apply.csc.edu.cn/](http://apply.csc.edu.cn/).

4. **Application and selection procedures:**

a. Candidates should directly apply for admission to UdeM or EPM before the application deadline set by UdeM or EPM. Candidate should specify in their application that they apply for the UdeM and EPM/CSC joint scholarship scheme;
b. UdeM or EPM will evaluate the candidates, and decide which candidates are admissible to its programs. By March 20th each year, UdeM or EPM will provide CSC and each qualified candidate with a copy of an offer letter. Offer letters should be unconditional in terms of academic performance and English or French language capability. For doctoral candidates, the offer should also clarify that UdeM or EPM will offer each candidate a fellowship (which could include TA, RA or others) equivalent to tuition fee, under the condition that the CSC’s support is secured;

c. After receiving an offer letter from UdeM or EPM, candidates must also apply to CSC for funding by completing an application for funding and employer reference (forms are available online at http://apply.csc.edu.cn). A hard copy of the signed CSC Application Form along the completed CSC Employer Reference Form, a copy of the full application to UdeM or EPM (including other supporting documents such as communications with the supervisor), and a copy of an unconditional offer letter (in terms of academic performance and English or French language capability) from UdeM or EPM must be submitted to CSC through CSC’s application agencies by March 20th each year.

d. CSC will evaluate the candidates according to CSC requirements and priorities, and provide UdeM or EPM with a final list of scholarship recipients and inform the successful candidates. The chosen candidates must then register as UdeM or EPM doctoral student or postdoctoral researcher.

5. Funding model:

5.1 For doctoral students, UdeM or EPM will consider applicants for a fellowship (which could include TA, RA or others) equivalent to the tuition fee and CSC will consider applicants for an annual living allowance (which includes Overseas Student Health Cover), a roundtrip airfare between Canada and China by the most economical route, and visa application fees. The annual living allowance for each student from CSC is prescribed from time to time by the Chinese Government to a minimum of CAD 14,000 per year—CSC will entrust the Education Office of the Consulate General of P.R. China in Canada to distribute the living allowance to each student. The funding for each doctoral candidate will be up to 48 months.
5.2 For postdoctoral fellows, CSC will provide the postdoctoral award as prescribed from time to time by the Chinese Government (which includes Overseas Student Health Cover), a roundtrip airfare between Canada and China by the most economical route, and visa application fees. In addition to CSC’s award, UdeM or EPM postdoctoral supervisors will provide matching funds (minimum 15 000 CAD per year) for each postdoctoral trainee. UdeM or EPM reserves the right to top-up stipends to postdoctoral fellows in accordance with granting agency practice. The funding for each postdoctoral fellow will be for 12 months.

6. **Supervision of candidates**: UdeM or EPM will provide graduate and postdoctoral supervisors for candidates. Wherever possible, co-supervision between UdeM or EPM and the Chinese universities from which the candidates come will be encouraged. This is seen as a channel for the development of long-term research collaboration between UdeM, EPM and Chinese Universities, which CSC, UdeM and EPM embrace as a long-term goal.

7. **Best endeavors**: CSC, UdeM and EPM commit to making every administrative and faculty effort to ensure the success of this collaboration. Based on the successful running of the initial program, the parties will actively pursue the possibility of strengthening collaborative ties more broadly across disciplines and institutional partnerships and developing additional programs in the future.

8. **Agreement duration and review**: The Agreement of Cooperation shall become effective for 3 years in the first instance, commencing from the date of the signing of this agreement. The proposed date of the first intake of students and postdoctoral fellows is September 2009. It may be terminated by either party giving six months notice of its intention to do so. The Agreement of Cooperation will be reviewed during its third year of operation. If all sides concur, it will be renewed for a further 3 years. In the event the program is discontinued, students and postdoctoral fellows admitted under the program will continue to receive support at the levels and for the time periods stipulated above.

9. **Additional activity and dispute resolution**: This Agreement of Cooperation can be modified and added to by the mutual consent of the all parties. Matters not included in the Agreement of Cooperation, but directly related to it, may be addressed by the mutual agreement of the parties. Any such agreement must be appended to this Agreement of Cooperation and become valid upon the date of signing. All parties
commit to resolving any disputes on the terms of this Agreement of Cooperation by seeking friendly, mutually acceptable resolutions.

All modification or revocation of the present Agreement of Cooperation should be addressed in writing to:

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