AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN
CHINA UNIVERSITY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND LAW
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 Chinese students abroad. In order to implement the Program, CSC has signed contracts with 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 10 fellowships will be awarded to Chinese students, coming from the 14 targeted Universities by the UdeM, annually. There will be a maximum of 40 on-going doctoral students per year in the years to follow.

In this context, the UdeM propose the attached Agreement of Cooperation to develop research collaborations between China University of Political Science and Law (hereafter CUPL) and Université de Montréal (UdeM).

CUPL and 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 CUPL with the aim of developing research collaborations between UdeM and CUPL.

1. Program overview:

1.1 PhD degree programs

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

1.2 Visiting PhD research students

CSC and UdeM will jointly sponsor up to fifteen (15) selected visiting PhD research students from China each year to conduct studies and research for a maximum period of twelve (12) months at UdeM, facilitating continuing research collaboration between UdeM and their home institutions depending upon the availabilities of the supervisors. The visiting PhD research students will directly contact their prospective supervisor for an invitation letter.

2. General responsibilities of Parties in the implementation of the Scholarship Program:

CUPL will be responsible for the promotion of the Agreement of Cooperation, between CUPL and UdeM, with the students applying for the Ph.D. scholarships. The Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (FESP) 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 FESP will also be responsible for creating and maintaining a follow-up network with the CUPL 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:

3.1 PhD degree programs

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 French and English language requirements. Applicants who intend to apply for CSC scholarship under this Agreement of Cooperation 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 a Master’s degree;
c) Hold an letter of acceptance to a doctoral program at UdeM conditional to obtaining the CSC doctoral 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.
3.2 Visiting PhD research students
Candidates visiting research PhD will meet the normal selection criteria for visiting PhD research students of UdeM.

4. Application and Selection Procedures:

The application and selection procedures go as follows:

a) Applicants shall submit their admission applications directly to UdeM (including visiting PhD research students) before the application deadline set by UdeM and meanwhile submit to CUPL a copy of their admission applications. Candidates shall specify in their admission applications that they apply through the China Scholarship Council – Université de Montreal Joint Funding Program.

b) CUPL will send to UdeM a list of all applicants.

c) UdeM will process the applications as soon as possible, and make decisions at its own discretion. UdeM will provide to each qualified candidates for PhD degree programs a letter of acceptance. A copy of the letter of acceptance will be provided to CUPL and CSC.

d) Having received the letter of acceptance conditional to the obtention of a CSC doctoral Scholarship from FESP/UdeM, the students may apply through CUPL for the CSC Scholarship.

In the case of visiting PhD research students, the prospective supervisor will provide them with an invitation letter.

5. Fields of Cooperation:

The current collaborative program is not subject to specific fields of study.

6. Funding model:

6.1 PhD programs
For students recommended by CUPL who complied with the entry criteria and other requirements related to the PhD programs of UdeM, UdeM will provide a scholarship equivalent to the full tuition fee for up to forty-eight months (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.

6.2 Visiting PhD research students:
CSC will provide successful candidates for a living allowance as prescribed from time to time by the Chinese Government (which includes health insurance) for up to twelve (12) months, a return international airfare and visa application fees
7. Supervision of candidates:

UdeM will provide the academic advisors for candidates. Wherever possible, co-supervision between UdeM and CUPL will be encouraged. This is seen as a channel for the development of long-term research collaboration between UdeM and CUPL, which both institutions embrace as a long-term goal.

8. Best endeavors:

Both CUPL 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:

This Agreement of Cooperation 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 2015. It may be terminated by either party giving six months’ notice of its intention to do so. This Agreement of Cooperation will be reviewed during its third year of operation. If the parties have no objection to the Agreement of Cooperation, 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 Agreement of Cooperation can be modified and added to by the mutual consent of the 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.
The parties commit to resolving any disputes on the terms of this Agreement of Cooperation by seeking friendly, mutually acceptable resolutions.

This Agreement of Cooperation shall be written in English, with two officially duplicated copies.

Signed for:

China University of Political Science and Law

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