GENERAL COLLABORATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITÉ DE MONTRÉAL
AND
FUDAN UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS Université de Montréal (Canada) and Fudan University (China) have signed, on April 22, 1985, a Collaboration Agreement based on their willingness to develop academic exchange and cooperation in education and research;

WHEREAS universities are precisely institutions bound by their very essence, their purpose and their goals to establish channels of communication allowing the exchange of scientific and cultural knowledge;

WHEREAS the two institutions are united by a community of interests and goals in the academic and cultural fields;

The Université de Montréal (Canada), represented by its Rector, Prof. Luc VINET, and Fudan University (China), represented by its President, Prof. YANG Yuliang

Hereby decide to establish formal ties between them based on the following provisions:

Article 1 GOAL

Enhance the quality of each partner's research and training activities by benefiting from their convergence of interests.

Article 2 COMMUNICATIONS

The two parties shall exchange information and offer one another reciprocal support on academic, cultural and administrative matters through exchanges of publications and other appropriate actions.

The two parties shall consult one another whenever they deem necessary, and specifically to jointly assess the development of teaching and research actions and to draw up a record of actions already achieved or currently underway.
Article 3  

COOPERATION

This Agreement aims to further the launch of collaborative efforts in three areas:
  a) The two universities intend to develop joint research projects;
  b) They also intend to exchange faculty members;
  c) Lastly, they will create a student exchange program.

Article 4  

JOINT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

The parties will see to the development of joint research activities in fields of common interest.

Article 5  

EXCHANGE OF FACULTY MEMBERS

The two parties shall promote, within the current regulatory framework:
  • The exchange of personnel for periods that may range from a few days to several months;
  • Mutual participation in conferences, seminars and internships organized by one of the universities.

Article 6  

TERMS OF THE STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

a) Program Liaison for Student Exchange

Each party will designate by name and individual to act as program liaison for their own students involved in the exchange program. The program liaison will also act as an advisor to the student in academic and logistical matters and serve as the contact person for the partner university. Information about the exchange, including deadlines and obligations, shall be communicated through this person.

b) Number of Students to be Exchanged

Each university may exchange two (2) year-long or four (4) semester-long, full-time, non-degree seeking or non-graduating students each year during the duration of the agreement. The number of students to be exchange shall be balanced over the term of the agreement, with imbalances to be corrected in the following year, unless otherwise agreed upon. The exchange student allotments above are only open to students affiliated with departments at Fudan and Université de Montreal.

c) Selection of the Exchange Students or Candidate

  • Students will be selected on the basis of merit and other non-discriminatory eligibility criteria, and will be registered as a full-time undergraduate students at the home university.
  • Fudan University students will have successfully completed at least one year of study at the home university prior to departure, with TOEFL score or equivalent English Competence scores be waived, instead, interview will be conducted to exam the student’s English Competence.
• The host institution will retain the right to final judgement on the admissibility of each student nominated for the exchange. The exchange student must abide by all rules and regulations of the host university, as well as the laws of the host country.

d) Financial Responsibilities

All exchange students shall be exempt from paying tuition fees to the host university. The exchange student shall bear all other costs associated with his/her exchange, including international travel, accommodation, living expenses, and personal liability insurance for the duration of the exchange. For the students, these exchanges will result in an academic transcript issued by the host institution making it possible to validate this training by the home institution.

Article 7  FUNDING

The financial agreements pertaining to the execution of projects will be established through consultations between the two universities in accordance with each cooperation program.

For the achievement of cooperation activities, the two universities shall take appropriate steps with likely granting bodies.

Any subsidy granted for cooperation activities shall be administered by the institution which initiated the request.

Article 8  MODIFICATIONS

The present Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement at the request of one of the parties. Said amendments shall come into effect as of the date set by both institutions.

Article 9  DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT

The present Agreement will come into effect on the date of its signing by the authorities and will remain in force for a period of five years. It will automatically be renewed at regular intervals for the same period, however each party may move, in writing and with six months’ notice to this effect, to amend or terminate the Agreement.

On behalf of Université de Montréal

[Signature]
Prof. Luc VINET
Rector

12.5.2010
Date

On behalf of Fudan University

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Prof. YANG Yuliang
President

May 12. 2010
Date