

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Between

**HOCHSCHULE MÜNCHEN
UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES – MUNICH, GERMANY**

And

UNIVERSIDAD DE CUENCA, ECUADOR

In the interests of expanding educational opportunities, the Hochschule München and the Universidad de Cuenca agree to promote cooperation under the following provisions:

1. Faculty and Staff Exchanges

The exchange of academic and other staff will be encouraged by this agreement. The teaching assignment could be for a full semester or a limited period, e.g. in a summer school. The details of such arrangements will be negotiated at the appropriate time. Furthermore, both institutions will strive to develop linkages between faculty that will lead to the sharing of ideas and, where feasible, research collaboration.

2. Exchange Coordinator

Each party to the agreement will appoint and advise the counterpart institution of an officer who will be responsible for the coordination and administration of the exchange, including the selection and counseling of the exchange participants.

3. Number of Students to be Exchanged and Duration

It has been agreed that each calendar year, 5 exchange students for a period of 1 semester each may be sent from either institution.

Only students undertaking undergraduate study are eligible for exchange.

4. Student Exchange Program Fees

Exchange students will not pay tuition to the host institution.

All housing and meal costs will be the responsibility of the exchange student. The host institution agrees to provide reasonable assistance in helping to arrange accommodation.

All travel costs as well as insurance will be the responsibility of the individual student. Miscellaneous fees such as special course fees, fieldwork courses, key deposits, books, etc. will be paid directly by each participant. At Hochschule München exchange students must pay Euro 42 per semester (subject to change) to the institution "Studentenwerk" which provides eating

and accommodation facilities to all students in Munich. This fee is obligatory for all students in Munich.

Neither institution will charge students an application fee.

5. Balancing the Exchange

Parity in numbers of exchange students is the objective of the agreement. Each party should be prepared to consider a disparity in any given semester or year during the period agreement. If the disparity becomes too great over a 5 semester period, the receiving institution may suspend receiving students on Exchange until balance is restored. In such a case, notice is to be given 3 months prior to the deadline for exchange applications.

6. Study Abroad Students

Study Abroad students are full fee-paying students. Once the maximum number of exchanges has been reached in any given year, any further students will become Study Abroad students and will pay tuition and all fees that apply to international students at the host campus. All other academic and non-academic rules and regulations that govern exchange students will also apply to Study Abroad students.

7. Academic Status

All students will remain enrolled as regular degree candidates at the home institution and will not be enrolled as candidates for degrees at the host institution. Students are expected to maintain full-time status at the host institution.

8. Student Eligibility

The Exchange Coordinator at each institution will be responsible for the selection of suitable nominees for exchange. It is understood that the Coordinator will nominate students who are both academically and personally suitable for exchange abroad and that details of academic background as well as references will be provided to the host institution. It is hoped that the host institution will not reject a nominated student unless he/she does not meet established admission requirements for international students, or unless the host institution cannot guarantee availability of required courses.

Students will need to satisfy the language entry requirements of each institution prior to being accepted for an exchange place.

9. Transcripts

Both institutions agree to provide a transcript at the end of the period of study, giving details of the courses studied and grades and credits awarded.

10. Vacation Periods

The individual student will be responsible for his or her own housing and meal arrangements and costs during vacation periods.

11. Insurance

Each participant will provide his or her own health and accident insurance. Where necessary, proof of adequate insurance coverage must be provided to the international office of each institution before registering for courses.

12. Dependents

The obligations of each institution under this agreement are limited to the exchange of students and do not extend to partners or dependents. Expenses of accompanying partners and dependents are the responsibility of the exchange student.

13. Visa Requirements

The host institution will provide reasonable information regarding visa requirements, however the participants will be required to complete visa applications and processes as well as meeting any visa requirements that pertain to studying in the host country.

14. Effective Date and Termination of Agreement

This agreement shall be in effect for five years from the date of its signing. At the anniversary of the agreement, each institution will exchange a brief report indicating any imbalances of student numbers and/or other issues or problems.

This agreement may be amended during the five years or extended by mutual consent of both institutions.

Either party may terminate this agreement by serving written notice to the other party. In this case, if either party desires to balance the numbers before termination, the other party will cooperate in that effort. Otherwise, termination will take effect six months from the date of the written notice.

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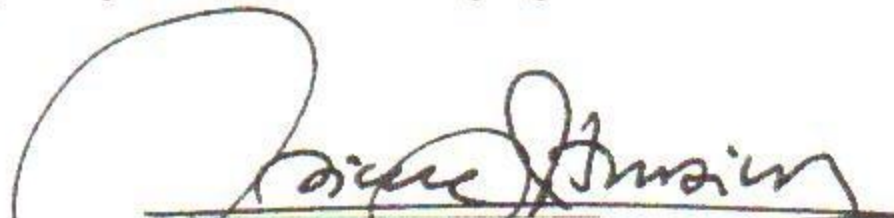
In agreement with the above terms of participation, the following signatures are affixed:



Dr. Bruno Gross

Chancellor

Hochschule München



Dr. Jaime Astudillo Romero

Rector

Universidad de Cuenca

21.05.09
Date

21/05/2009
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