

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE NATIONAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION
AGENCY OF URUGUAY (ANII)
AND
LEUPHANA UNIVERSITY LÜNEBURG**

A. Participants in the Memorandum

This Memorandum is entered into between the National Research and Innovation Agency of Uruguay (hereinafter referred to as “ANII”) and Leuphana University Lüneburg (hereinafter referred to as “Leuphana University”).

ANII is one of the official entities responsible for the implementation of scholarships.

Leuphana University is a public University entitled to award academic degrees, including Master’s degrees and Doctoral Degrees. Research and education include Sustainability Sciences, Business and Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Educational Sciences.

Both parties accept to be the “participating institutions” in this Memorandum of Understanding.

B. Purpose of the Memorandum

This document represents an understanding between both “participating institutions” aimed at cooperating for the purpose of promoting the training of students in masters, doctoral programs, mobility programs and the Professional Master in Sustainable Chemistry offered by Leuphana University.

C. The Cooperation is Envisaged to Operate as Follows:

- 1) Uruguayan or foreign students resident in Uruguay for a period of at least two years who are interested either in pursuing a master and doctoral program or in making a mobility at Leuphana University will seek admission through the usual application procedure established by Leuphana University, and fulfill the standard admission requirements (including English language proficiency).
- 2) ANII and Leuphana will jointly define the subject areas to be considered before the opening of every call, taking into consideration but not limited to Energy, (including Renewable Energy), Environment and Biodiversity, Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and Education and Social Development.
- 3) The students will apply for a scholarship at ANII, following the application procedure established by ANII for that purpose and accomplishing all the standard requirements settled by ANII.
- 4) Students academically admitted by Leuphana University and also selected by ANII, will be identified as ANII scholarship holders.

D. Intent of Participants

The intent of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish the following:

1. ANII will contribute:
 - a. **For full Master programs of 2 years long as maximum, up to USD 40.000 per student.** These total amounts shall be destined to cover accommodation, living expenses, service fees, health insurance, and may include airline tickets between Uruguay and Germany in economy class.
 - b. **For the MSc in Sustainable Chemistry, up to USD 40.000 per student.** These total amounts may be destined to cover tuition fees, accommodation, living expenses and health insurance while the student is in Germany, and may include airline tickets between Uruguay and Germany in economy class.

c. For 4-year long full doctoral programs: up to USD 80.000 per student.

For 3-year long full doctoral programs: up to USD 60.000 per student.

These total amounts shall be destined to cover accommodation, living expenses, service fees, health insurance, and may include airline tickets between Uruguay and Germany in economy class.

d. For mobilities of up to 6 months long: up to USD 10.000 per student.

These total amounts will be destined to cover airline tickets between Uruguay and Germany in economy class, and living expenses, according to the conditions expressed in the Basis of the corresponding call. Service fees will be covered by the student.

In case that the amount provided by ANII was not enough, scholarship holders must have additional funding to cover all those costs that remain uncovered by the scholarship.

All scholarship modalities are ruled by the Regulation of the National Scholarship System of ANII as well as the basis of the corresponding call.

2. Leuphana University will contribute:

- a. According to the law, Leuphana does not charge tuition fees for graduate and doctoral courses offered by Leuphana Graduate School, only extra occupational courses (e.g. MSc. Sustainable Chemistry) hosted by Leuphana's professional school.
- b. Leuphana will offer a discount of 300 € per student on the professional Master in Sustainable Chemistry.
- c. Leuphana will provide information for all prospective students on the agreement with ANII and will instruct these students to submit an application to ANII as a next step in the application procedure.
- d. Leuphana will provide assistance to the scholarships holders in all matters related to a stay in Germany, such as visa, insurance, search for accommodation, etc.
- e. Leuphana will support the scholarship holders during their stay at Leuphana University

- f. Leuphana University will consult with ANII if there is any kind of inconvenient with the postgraduate program
3. Both institutions will do their utmost to promote the agreement to prospective Uruguayan applicants. Leuphana University and ANII will jointly provide prospective Uruguayan scholars with information on the Master, Doctoral or Mobility Programs and guidance on the application process.
- Leuphana University will provide ANII with all the relevant promotional materials and brochures to encourage interest among prospective Uruguayan applicants. Each Party will ensure that any marketing and/or publicity is accurate and not misleading and does not contain the branding or logo of the other party without that other party's prior written consent.
4. ANII will transfer the full amount of a scholarship to the scholarship holders, with the exception of the MSc on Sustainable Chemistry where ANII will pay tuition directly to the University.
5. Both institutions will have the obligation to inform the other party of any change in the designated coordinator or signatory in charge of this agreement.
6. Scholarship holders will be subject to the rules and regulations of Leuphana University and the regulations of the National Scholarship System of ANII, as well as to the basis of the corresponding call.
7. ANII shall not be obligated to continue financial support with respect to any student who does not maintain satisfactory progress during each year of their course.
8. If the student is unable to complete a PhD, Master or mobility within the standard duration, the student will be responsible for any cost needed to complete his/her postgraduate program in the additional time, including but not limited to living costs, services fees, health insurance and visa costs.

9. Leuphana University will explain to ANII how to access e-PhD and Master theses of Uruguayan students upon graduation. The intellectual property rights will be allocated to the student.
10. Leuphana University acknowledges that the scholarship holder will undertake to deposit a digital copy of his thesis and all the work resulting from or related to the scholarship in the Digital Repository of Open Access of his institution of affiliation in Uruguay, or to deliver to his technical office a digital copy of them, in the case that it exists and it is available to do so. If it is not available to do it, he undertakes to deposit a copy in ANII's repository.

E. The designated coordinators for this joint scholarship program are:

For Leuphana:

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F. Other Activities

ANII and Leuphana University will aim to implement other programs of mutual interest by celebrating specific agreements, according to the available budget and resources of both parties, as well as their corresponding regulations.

G. Agreement Modification

Any modification, restriction, broadening or extension of this agreement must be done through mutual consensus in writing of the parts and must be formalized by Addendum which will become part of this agreement.

H. Solution to Controversies

Any controversy, discrepancy or demand derived from this agreement, including the ones concerning its expiration, nullity, execution, compliance or interpretation shall be settled by

Leuphana University and ANII through negotiation acting in good faith and in accordance to their common objectives.

I. Other Provisions

1. This Memorandum has been executed in English.
2. This Memorandum states the intent of participating institutions. Any commitment other than those included herein shall not be binding upon the participating institutions.
3. This Memorandum shall be governed by the German law and the Parties agree to submit to the jurisdiction of Lüneburg courts. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties expressly state that they understand and accept that ANII will comply in all its terms with the legal provisions in force in Uruguay, as well as those ordered by resolutions of competent authorities, and that what ANII does in that regard will not, in any case, be considered a breach of the agreement in this document and will not generate any responsibility whatsoever.
4. This Memorandum shall be valid for 5 (five) years from the date on which the domestic administrative procedures have been completed and approved by the authorities of each country, without affecting its validity for the students who are still studying at Leuphana University until the end of the scholarship. The Memorandum may be extended for an additional five-year period, subject to this Section J, Clause 6, by agreement between the participating institutions.
5. Either participating institution may terminate this agreement by giving sixty (60) days' notice in writing by one to the other. Where recipients of ANII funding are still studying at Leuphana University, ANII agrees to fulfill their financial obligations to those students until the end of their scholarship, as described in section D.1.. Leuphana University also agrees to fulfill its academic (and financial in the case of the MSc in Sustainable Chemistry) obligations to those students for the same period of time.
6. In the eventuality that a scholarship holder waived the scholarship that was granted to her/him, the Parties will analyze the reasons case by case.
7. In the eventuality that a scholarship holder waived his/her scholarship, ANII might redirect the funding that was granted to him/her in order to fund the following candidate in the ranking of the call. Such ranking is a product of the evaluation process carried out by ANII, it is based on academic merit only and involves applications for several universities. ANII cannot guarantee

that the following candidate in the ranking has applied to Leuphana University, therefore the scholarship may be granted to a candidate that applied to pursue a postgraduate/mobility in a different institution.

8. All obligations of ANII and Leuphana University with the scholarship holders will be extinguished after the completion of the postgraduate program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have offered their signatures:

Signed for and on behalf of the National Research and Innovation Agency of Uruguay by its duly authorized officer on the 11th day of December, 2020.

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Director

Signed for and on behalf of Leuphana University by its duly authorized officer on
the 22nd day of December, 2020.



Sascha Spoun
President


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