

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE NATIONAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION AGENCY OF URUGUAY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

### A. Participants in the Memorandum

This Memorandum is entered into between the National Research and Innovation Agency of Uruguay (ANII) and The University of Bristol (hereinafter referred to as "The University").

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

The University is a tertiary education and research institution based in Bristol, United Kingdom.

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 and PhD full and sandwich programs offered by The University in areas of specialisation outlined in D., ANII is interested in promoting short training visits or courses and on-line courses.

### C. The Cooperation is Envisaged to Operate as Follows:

Students in Uruguay interested in pursuing a PhD full/sandwich or Master Degree at The University
will seek admission through the usual application procedure, and fulfil the standard admission
requirements (including English language proficiency).



# D. The defined areas of interest under this agreement are:

- Energy, including Renewable Energy
- Animal and Human Health (include Pharmaceutical)
- Agriculture, Livestock and Agro-industrial Production
- Environment and Biodiversity
- Information and Communications Technology (ICT)
- Audio-visual Production
- Education and Social Development
- Biotechnology and Nanotechnology
- Transport and Logistics
- Other areas defined by the Parties

# E. Intent of Participants:

The intent of this Memorandum is to establish the following:

- 1. ANII will provide an unlimited amount of scholarships per year.
- 2. ANII will contribute:
- a. Up to USD (\$) 40 000 per student for a Master programs. These total amounts will include tuition fees, and may include airline tickets between Uruguay and The United Kingdom, accommodation and health insurance.
- b. 4 year full PhD program: up to USD (\$) 80 000 per student.
  3 year full PhD program: up to USD (\$) 60.000 per student.
  These total amounts will include tuition fees and may include airline tickets between Uruguay and The United Kingdom, accommodation and health insurance.
- 4 years sandwich PhD program: up to USD (\$) 80 000 per student.
   3 years sandwich PhD program: up to USD (\$) 60.000 per student
  - These total amounts will include tuition fees and may include airline tickets between Uruguay and The United Kingdom, accommodation and health insurance.
  - Stays in Uruguay are included in these total amounts and it will be financed according to the regulations of the National Scholarship System.
- d. PhD and Master students will need to have funding in place to cover the residual cost for their chosen programme.



# 3. The University will contribute:

- a. A scholarship equivalent to a discount of 15% off the international tuition fees for one-year Masters Programmes.
- b. A scholarship equivalent to a discount of 15% off the international tuition fees for years 1-4 of PhD Programmes.
- c. Provide all prospective Uruguayan students with information on the agreement with ANII and will instruct these students to submit an application to ANII as a next step in the application procedure.
- 4. The University will submit to ANII an annual report relative to the academic performance of the scholarship holders, including the student's most recent academic transcript and the student's academic standing. The University will also inform ANII when the student has satisfactorily completed his/her programme.

The University and ANII will jointly provide prospective Uruguayan scholars with information on the PhD or Master Programmes and guidance on the application process.

The 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.

- 5. Both institutions will make the necessary financial arrangements for the confirmed scholars. The University will invoice ANII for payment of fees in GBP (£).
- 6. 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.
- 7. Scholarship holders will be subject to the rules and regulations of the University and regulations of the National Scholarship System of ANII.
- Neither The University nor ANII shall be obligated to continue financial support with respect to any student who does not maintain satisfactory progress during each year of their course.



- If the candidate is unable to complete a PhD or Master within the standard duration, the candidate will be responsible for any continued funding, including but not limited to tuition, living costs, health insurance and visa costs.
- Tuition Fees for Master and PhD can be found at http://www.bristol.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/fees-and-funding/ Fees for scholarship holders will be verified by contact between the designated program coordinators.
- 11. The University will explain how ANII can access e-PhD theses or Master thesis of Uruguayan students upon graduation. The intellectual property rights will be assigned following The University's usual rules.

# F. The designated coordinators for this joint scholarship program are:

For The University:

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For ANII:

Executive Secretary

Av. Italia 6201, "Los Nogales" Building

Montevideo, Uruguay

Both institutions will do their outmost to market and promote the agreement to prospective Uruguayan applicants.



### G. Other Activities

ANII and The University will aim to implement other programmes according to the available budget and resources of both parties and Uruguay bylaw. This will be done by exchange of letters.

### H. 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.

### I. 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 The University and ANII through mutual consultation acting in good faith and in accordance to their common objectives.

### J. 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 English law and the parties agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the English courts.
- 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 studying at The University until the end of the scholarship. The Memorandum may be extended for an additional five-year period, subject to this Section J, Clause 4, 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 the University,



both ANII and the University agree to fulfil their financial obligations to those students until the end of their studies.

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 30 day of JANVARY, 2021. 2018

Fernando Brum

President

Signed for and on behalf of University of Bristol

by its duly authorized officer on

Erik Lithander

Pro-Vice Chancellor, International