



Memorandum of Understanding on International Cooperation

Deakin University (**Deakin**)

National Research and Innovation Agency of Uruguay (**ANII**)



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Parties

Deakin University

ABN 56 721 584 203

a body politic and corporate established pursuant to the *Deakin University Act 2009* (Vic)
of 1 Gheringhap Street, Geelong, Victoria, 3220
(Deakin)

National Research and Innovation Agency of Uruguay

of Avda. Italia 6201
Edificio "Los Nogales"
Montevideo, Uruguay
(ANII)

each a **Participating Institution** and collectively the **Participating Institutions**

Background

- A. Deakin University is a tertiary education and research institution based in the State of Victoria, Australia.
- B. The National Research and Innovation Agency of Uruguay is an agency of the Uruguayan government, created to foster and support research and the application of knowledge for the benefit of the people of Uruguay.
- C. ANII and Deakin signed an academic cooperation agreement on 9 May 2016 (**2016 Agreement**) for the provision of scholarships and supports to Uruguayan students undertaking a Deakin Masters Programme. which will expire in May 2021.
- D. The parties now enter into this Agreement to set out the provisions they agree upon for the provision of scholarships and supports to Uruguayan students undertaking the Deakin **Masters Programme**.

Agreement

1. Purpose of the Memorandum

This document represents an agreement between both "Participating Institutions" aimed at cooperating, participating and following up the implementation of this Memorandum on Cooperation. Its purpose is to promote the training of students in Deakin's Masters Programme.

2. Operation of the Cooperation

2.1 The cooperation is envisaged to operate as follows:

- (a) students in Uruguay interested in pursuing the Masters programme at Deakin will seek admission following the usual application procedure, and meeting Deakin's standard admissions requirements (including requirements for English language proficiency).

- (b) at the same time that students submit their application to Deakin they will also submit a scholarship application to ANII, following ANII's application procedure and matching the standard requirements of ANII.
 - (c) Deakin will review the applications received and will rank the applications based on its standard admission requirements. Deakin may make conditional offers of admission to students, which will become final offers on the student meeting Deakin's English language requirements.
 - (d) Deakin will provide the results of the ranking to ANII and ANII will select from the results the students who will receive the scholarships from ANII;
 - (e) students who are academically admitted to a full-time Masters Programme at Deakin, and who are also selected as beneficiaries of the scholarship provided by ANII, will be eligible for a tuition fee discount (detailed in **clause 3.6(b)(i)** below).
- 2.2 The defined areas of interest under this Agreement are:
- (a) Master of Sustainability;
 - (b) such other areas of interest as the parties may agree upon in writing.

3. Intent of Participating Institutions

- 3.1 The intent of this Memorandum is to establish the following commitments for each of the parties subscribing to this Memorandum on International Cooperation.

Students enrolled under 2016 Agreement

- 3.2 ANII and Deakin confirm their intention that clause 5.4 of the 2016 Agreement will apply to students enrolled in the Masters Programme at the date of expiry of the 2016 Agreement.

Obligations of ANII

- 3.3 ANII will provide scholarships each year under the "Maestrias en el Exterio¹" programme starting in 2022.
- 3.4 Each scholarship will be for \$USD 40,000.00 (**Scholarship Funds**) and will be sufficient to cover the cost of
- (a) round-trip economy class flights between Montevideo and Melbourne Tullamarine Airport (up to USD1,600);
 - (b) overseas health insurance cover (**OSHC**) while in Australia; students coming to Australia are required to fulfil Australian Government regulations by purchasing overseas student health cover before applying for an Australian visa (up to USD1,000).
 - (c) accommodation and reasonable living expenses while in Australia (Up to USD 9,000) during the 9 months students will be attending classes at Deakin University;
 - (d) the Uruguayan National Scholarship System during the 12 months the students will be carrying out their research in Uruguay (up to USD8,000)
 - (e) tuition fees for the Masters Programme at Deakin (up to USD20,400). It is understood that the Masters Programme is a two-year program in which a student in receipt of an ANII scholarship will undertake the second year of study in Uruguay with co-supervision provided by a Uruguayan university. The Uruguayan university may charge tuition fees.

¹ Masters Abroad.

3.5 ANII will

- (a) inform Deakin of successful applicants by sending the list of Uruguayan applicants selected as beneficiaries of the scholarship provided by ANII;
- (b) transfer to Deakin in advance scholarship funds of \$USD 32,000.00 per successful candidate (less the costs of OSHC paid pursuant to clause 3.3b) to be applied for the first year of the Master's Programme. Once the successful candidates have been notified about the scholarship award, Deakin will make one annual payment to the student at the beginning of the year and it will then be the responsibility of the student to pay tuition fees and bench fees from this money or from other funds. Nonpayment of fees will be taken up directly with students, not with ANII.
- (c) in the second year of the Masters Programme, when the student returns to Uruguay to complete their thesis under co-supervision of a Uruguayan university, ANII will pay to the student a scholarship through the Uruguayan National Scholarship System.
- (d) The scholarship shall be governed by the National Scholarship System rules.

Obligations Deakin

3.6 To support the scholarship programme, Deakin will:

- (a) to enable ANII to attend to the timely administration of its procedures, provide conditional offers to students meeting Deakin's admission requirements, provided that such students must meet Deakin's English language requirements prior to the commencement of the first year of study at Deakin in order to be accepted into the Master's Programme;
- (b) provide support to the student by:
 - (i) contributing a scholarship equivalent to a discount of at least 25% off the international tuition fees in the first year of the two-year Masters Programme; and
 - (ii) providing a waiver of tuition fees payable to Deakin during the second year of the student's academic program
- (c) pay for the costs of the Deakin supervisor of the student's thesis to travel to Uruguay during the second year of the student's academic program for one site visit if required (to be agreed between Deakin, ANII, and student).
- (d) submit to ANII an annual report relative to the academic performance of the scholarship holders, including the student's most recent transcript and the student's academic standing. Deakin will also inform ANII when the student has satisfactorily completed his/her programme.
- (e) provide ANII with all the relevant promotional materials and brochures to encourage interest among prospective Uruguayan applicants.
- (f) explain how ANII can access e-Masters theses of Uruguayan students upon graduation. The intellectual property rights will be assigned following Deakin's usual rules, which provide that students own intellectual property rights in their work.

3.7 In the second year of the course the parties will provide to students the following support:

- (a) Deakin: a fee waiver (**clause 3.6(b)(ii)**) and travel expenses for the Deakin supervisor to travel to Uruguay (**clause 3.5(c)**), subject always to travel restrictions imposed by the Australian government or Uruguayan government as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) ANII: National Scholarship (**clause 3.5(c)**);

and all other costs will be the responsibility of the student (**clause 3.9**).

3.8 Deakin and ANII will jointly:

- (a) provide prospective Uruguayan scholars with information on the Masters Programme and guidance on the application process.
- (b) make the necessary financial arrangements for the confirmed scholars.
- (c) have the obligation to inform the other party of any change in the designated coordinator or signatory in charge of this Agreement.

3.9 The parties acknowledge and agree that, while undertaking the Masters Programme in Uruguay, the student will be responsible for all costs of the second year of the Masters Programme, including field-work and research-related travel, materials, tuition, facilities, accommodation and personal expenses, subject to any agreement by Deakin or the Uruguayan co-supervising university to contribute to or waive such costs.

3.10 The designated coordinators for this joint scholarship program are:

For Deakin:

John Molony
Pro Vice-Chancellor (International)
Deakin University, Australia

For ANII:

Executive Secretary
Avda. Italia 6201
Edificio "Los Nogales"
Montevideo, Uruguay

3.11 Both institutions will diligently market and promote the agreement to prospective Uruguayan applicants.

4. Other Activities

ANII and Deakin, annually and in common, may agree to implement other programmes according to the available budget and resources of both parties and subject to all required internal approvals.

5. Other Provisions

5.1 This Memorandum has been executed in English.

5.2 This Memorandum states the intent of the Participating Institutions. Any commitment other than those included herein shall not be binding upon the Participating Institutions.

5.3 This Memorandum comes into effect on and from 7 July 2021 and shall be valid for 5 (five) years, without affecting its validity for the students who are studying at Deakin until the end of the scholarship. The Memorandum may be extended for an additional five-year period by written agreement between the participating institutions.

5.4 This Memorandum may be terminated by either participating institution, giving notice 90 days prior to the intended date of termination. Students enrolled in the Masters Programme at the date of termination or expiry of this Agreement will be permitted to complete the Masters Programme, and the obligations of a party in respect of such students as specified in this Agreement will continue until the Student has completed the Masters Programme, withdrawn from the Masters Programme or been excluded from the Masters Programme.

- 5.5 The Parties set the domicile of the agreement in the state of Victoria, Australia and submit to the competence of its courts of law.

Execution of Separate Documents

- 5.6 This Agreement is properly executed when;
- (a) each party executes this document; or
 - (b) if the parties execute separate but identical documents, when those separately executed documents are exchanged between the parties, including by mail, facsimile transmission or electronically.
- 5.7 If this Agreement is executed in counterparts, the date of this Agreement is the date on which it is signed by the last party.

COVID-19 Acknowledgement


- 5.8 The parties acknowledge that at the time of entering into this Agreement, issues in relation to the COVID19 pandemic may arise which are outside of the parties' control and which may adversely impact or prevent a party's ability to perform its obligations within reasonable timeframes or in a location specified in this Agreement. The parties will in good faith negotiate variations to this Agreement as required from time to time to maintain the integrity of Deakin's Masters Programme and minimise disruption to students, which may include conducting activities electronically.

Execution and Date

Executed as an agreement.

Date:

Signed for and on behalf of **Deakin University**
by its duly authorised officer in the presence of:

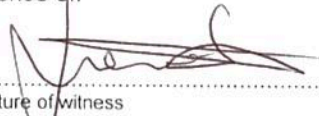

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Signature of witness

GARY K SMITH
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Name of witness (please print)

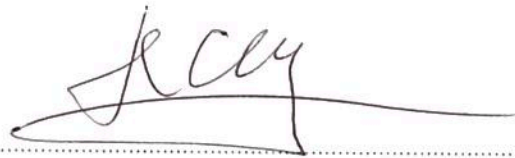
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Professor Iain Martin
Vice-Chancellor

Date: 7 July 2021

Signed for and on behalf of **National
Research and Innovation Agency of
Uruguay** by its duly authorised officer in the
presence of:


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Signature of witness

LAURA DI PAOLA
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Name of witness (please print)

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Flavio Caiafa
President ANII

Date: 6/8/2021