

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

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 The University of Sheffield (hereinafter referred to as "TUOS").

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

TUOS is the degree-awarding Higher Education Institution, based in Sheffield in the UK, responsible for the education of the scholars and co-funding of the scholarships.

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 programs offered by TUOS in areas of specialization outlined in D.

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 in pursuing a PhD or a Master at TUOS will seek admission through the

usual application procedure established by TUOS, and fulfill the standard admission requirements (including English language proficiency).

- 2) 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.
- 3) Students academically admitted by TUOS and also selected by ANII, will be identified as ANII scholarship holders.

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

- Energy, including Renewable Energy
- Human Health
- Agriculture and Sustainable Food
- Animal and Plant Sciences
- Environment and Biodiversity
- Information and Communications Technology (ICT)
- Education and Social Development
- Biotechnology and Nanotechnology
- Logistics and Transport
- Tourism
- Other areas defined by the Parties

E. Intent of Participants:

The intent of this Memorandum is to establish the following:

1. ANII will contribute:

a. Up to USD 40 000 per student for full Master programs.

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



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- b. **For 4 years long full PhD programs: up to USD 80.000 per student.**
For 3 years long full PhD programs: up to USD 60.000 per student.

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

- c. In case that the scholarship provided by ANII was not enough, PhD and/or Master students must have additional funding to cover all those costs that remain uncovered.
- d. All scholarships modalities are ruled by the Regulation of the National Scholarship System of ANII.

2. TUOS will contribute:

- a. A discount of 10% in the international tuition fees for Masters Programs.
 - b. A discount of 15% in the international tuition fees for all years of a PhD where full tuition fees are charged (as stated in the offer letter).
 - 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.
3. TUOS 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. TUOS will also inform ANII when the student has satisfactorily completed his/her program, or if there is any kind of inconvenient with the postgraduate program.

TUOS and ANII will jointly provide prospective Uruguayan scholars with information on the PhD or Master Program and guidance on the application process.

TUOS 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.
- 6. TUOS will invoice ANII for payment of fees in Great British Pounds (GBP £).



All other costs that do not correspond to tuition fees will be transfer by ANII directly to the scholarship holder.

The funds to be contributed by ANII to TUOS for tuition fees related to the postgraduate program that may correspond in accordance to what is foreseen in this MOU (either for Masters programs or PhD programs), will be transferred by ANII to TUOS in an annual basis, as indicated in the following:

- (i) Full Masters programs: the installment corresponding to the first academic year of the Master program will be transferred by ANII to TUOS at the beginning of the academic year.
 - (ii) Full PhD programs: The amount provided by ANII will be paid to TUOS in four or three installments depending of the duration of the PhD program (for three years long PhD programs there will three installments, and for four years long PhD there will be four installments). Regardless of the length of the PhD program, there will be one installment per year. The first one will be transferred by ANII to TUOS at the beginning of the PhD academic program.
7. 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.
 8. Scholarship holders will be subject to the rules and regulations of TUOS and regulations of the National Scholarship System of ANII.
 9. Neither TUOS 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. Depending on every case, it will be analyzed if a reimbursement of funds shall correspond.
 10. 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.
 11. Tuition Fees for Master and PhD at TUOS can be found in the following web pages and will be confirmed in the student's offer letter:
 - Master's: <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/ssid/fees/pgt/lookup>
 - PhD: <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/ssid/fees/pgr>



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Fees for scholarship holders will be verified by contact between the designated program coordinators.

12. TUOS will explain how ANII can access e-PhD or Masters theses of Uruguayan students upon graduation (if available). The intellectual property rights will be assigned following the University's usual rules.

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

For TUOS:

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For ANII:

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

G. Other Activities

ANII and TUOS 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.

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 TUOS and ANII through negotiation 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 the English law and the Parties agree to submit to the jurisdiction of English 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. TUOS will provide to ANII the personal information about all the MSc and PhD applicants under this agreement (responsibility of the coordinator designated by TUOS) and subject to consent given by the applicant.
5. 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 TUOS 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.
6. 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 TUOS both ANII and TUOS agree to fulfill their financial obligations to those students until the end of their studies. TUOS also agrees to fulfill its academic obligations to those students until they have completed their postgraduate program.



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7. 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 and the scholarship holder will be entirely responsible for the reimbursement of all the costs associated to the postgraduate program that she/he chose. In case that the scholarship holder reimbursed the amounts corresponding to all the mentioned costs directly to TUOS, TUOS shall transfer the amounts received to ANII. TUOS will not put any objection for ANII to carry out the necessary procedures to collect those sums directly, forcing itself to formalize this authorization in case that this was required by ANII.
8. All obligations of ANII and TUOS 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 8 day of August, 2019.



Fernando Brum
President

Signed for and on behalf of TUOS

by its duly authorized officer on

the 17 day of July, 2019.



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