

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

**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 Lincoln (hereinafter referred to as “UoL”).

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

The University of Lincoln is a higher education institution based in England, United Kingdom, offering programmes at PhD level.

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 PhD programs (full or sandwich) offered by UoL 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 (full or sandwich) at UoL will seek admission through the usual application procedure established by UoL 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 UoL 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
- Agriculture, Livestock and Agro-industrial Production
- Information and Communications Technology (ICT)
- Animal and Human Health (include Pharmaceutical)
- Environment and Biodiversity
- Biotechnology and Nanotechnology
- Climate Change Biology
- Evolution and Ecology
- Biomedicine
- Macroecology
- Molecular Biology and Genetics
- Molecular Nanotechnology
- Biophysics
- Clinical and Veterinary Animal Behaviour
- Animal Welfare
- Other areas defined by the Parties

**E. Intent of Participants:**

The intent of this Memorandum is to establish the following:

1. ANII will provide up to two scholarships per year.
2. ANII will contribute:
  - a. **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 United Kingdom in economy class, living expenses and health insurance.
  - b. **For 4 years long sandwich PhD programs: up to USD 80.000 per student.**  
**For 3 years long sandwich 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 United Kingdom in economy class (the number of tickets will depend on the specific PhD program), living expenses and health insurance.  
Stays in Uruguay are included in these total amounts and during those periods the student will receive from ANII the corresponding amount for a national PhD scholarship.
  - c. In case that the scholarship provided by ANII was not enough, PhD 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.
3. UoL will contribute:
  - a. A discount of 50% in the international tuition fees for years 1-4 of PhD Programs.
  - b. 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. UoL 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. UoL 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.

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

UoL 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. UoL will invoice ANII for payment of tuition fees in United States Dollars (USD).

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

The funds to be contributed by ANII to UoL for tuition fees related to the postgraduate program that may correspond in accordance to what is foreseen in this MOU, will be transferred by ANII to UoL in an annual basis, as indicated in the following:

- (i) Full PhD programs: The amount corresponding to the PhD scholarship provided by ANII will be paid to UoL in three or four installments depending of the duration of the PhD program (for three years long PhD programs there will be three installments, and for four years long PhDs 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 UoL at the beginning of the PhD academic program.
- (ii) Sandwich PhD programs: The amount corresponding to the PhD scholarship provided by ANII will be paid to UoL in three or four installments depending of the duration of the PhD program (for three years long PhD programs there will be three installments, and for four years long PhDs 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 UoL at the beginning of the PhD academic program.

ANII will transfer the corresponding amount to UoL at the beginning of every academic year, such amount will be calculated apportioned for the time that the student remains in UoL during that academic year. During stays in Uruguay, ANII

will pay directly to the scholarship holder the corresponding amount for a national PhD scholarship.

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 UoL and regulations of the National Scholarship System of ANII.
9. Neither UoL 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. In case that it corresponded, the reimbursement will be made following the guidelines indicated below:
  - Fees to be reimbursed for early termination:
    - Students withdrawing 0-4 weeks after enrolment are charged 0% of their fee
    - Students withdrawing after 5-10 weeks are charged 25%
    - Students withdrawing from 11 weeks onwards are charged 100% of their fee
  - Living allowance to be reimbursed for early termination:
    - All unused funds destined to living allowance shall be reimbursed to ANII.
10. If the candidate is unable to complete a PhD 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 PhD at UoL can be found in:  
<https://www.lincoln.ac.uk/home/studywithus/postgraduatestudy/>  
Fees for scholarship holders will be verified by contact between the designated program coordinators.
12. UoL will explain how ANII can access e-PhD theses of Uruguayan students upon graduation. The intellectual property rights will be assigned following the UoL's usual rules.  
UoL agrees 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.

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

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

**G. Other Activities**

ANII and UoL 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 UoL 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 the 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. UoL will provide to ANII the personal information about all the PhD applicants under this agreement (responsibility of the coordinator designated by the university). For this purpose, ANII and UoL will sign an Information Sharing Agreement.
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 UoL 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 UoL, both ANII and UoL agree to fulfill their financial obligations to those students until the end of their studies. The University also agrees to fulfill its academic obligations to those students until they have completed their postgraduate program.



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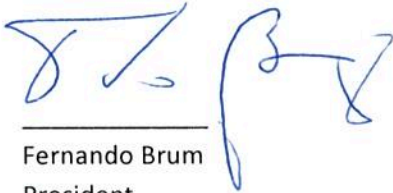


7. In the eventuality that a scholarship holder waived the scholarship that was granted to her/him, the Parties will analyze the reasons case by case and the scholarship holder will be entirely responsible for the reimbursement of all the costs associated to the postgraduate program that she/he chose. In case that the scholarship holder reimbursed the amounts corresponding to all the mentioned costs directly to UoL, UoL shall transfer the amounts received to ANII. UoL 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 UoL 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 30th day of December, 2019.



Fernando Brum  
President

Signed for and on behalf of the University of Lincoln by its duly authorized officer on

the 20th day of December, 2019.



Professor Libby John  
Pro Vice Chancellor