

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE NATIONAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION
AGENCY OF URUGUAY
AND
MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY**

A. Participants in the Memorandum

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

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

Macquarie University is a tertiary education and research institution based in Sydney, Australia.

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 Macquarie 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:

- 1) Students in Uruguay interested in pursuing a PhD or Master of Research Degree at Macquarie University will seek admission through the Macquarie University application procedure, and fulfil the standard admission requirements (including English language proficiency) of Macquarie University.

- 2) Macquarie University will have two application rounds. The first round will end March 31st, and the second round September 30th. Approximately 8 weeks after each of the deadlines, Macquarie University will send a list of candidates who meet the criteria for Macquarie candidature and scholarship to ANII. ANII will select candidates from this list to be recipients of a scholarship according to the standard requirements of ANII. Details of the scholarship are listed in Section E below.

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

- Geosciences
- Energy, including Renewable Energy
- Animal and Human Health (include Pharmaceutical)
- Environmental Science
- Biological Sciences and Biodiversity
- Climate Science
- Marine Science
- Information and Communications Technology (ICT)
- Audio-visual Production
- Education and Social Development
- Biotechnology
- Nanotechnology
- Engineering
- Advanced Medicine
- Cognitive Science
- 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 initially up to 5 scholarships per year for a total initial period of four years:
 - a. Up to 5 scholarships starting in the academic year 2016/2017 up to 5 scholarships starting in the academic year 2019/2020.

2. ANII will contribute:
 - a. Up to USD 40 000 per student for a Master of Research Program and up to USD 80 000 per student for PhD programs. These total amounts will include airline tickets between Uruguay and Australia and the Australian government approved Overseas Health Cover.
3. Macquarie University will contribute:
 - a. Two scholarship payments of \$11000AUD in the 1st Year of the Master of Research program. The first payment of \$11 000AUD will be in the first semester, and the second \$11 000AUD payment will be in the second semester and subject to satisfactory completion in the first semester.
 - b. A living stipend for the duration of the PhD or 2nd Year Master of Research program. This will be at the relevant Australian Postgraduate Award.
 - c. A 'top up scholarship' for the difference between the tuition fee amount and the scholarship amount provided by ANII as listed above in Section E, Clause 2.
 - d. Students will need to satisfy the eligibility criteria for the award of a scholarship. Continued award of scholarship, would be subject to satisfactory academic progress and governed by the scholarship's Conditions of Award.
 - e. 50% Tuition Fee Scholarship for programs offered by the Macquarie University English Language Centre.
4. Macquarie 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. Macquarie University will also inform ANII when the student has satisfactorily completed his/her programme.

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

Macquarie 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. Macquarie University will send ANII a list of eligible applicants twice a year, at approximately the end of May and end of November. ANII will choose the scholarship recipients from this list and notify Macquarie University accordingly.
 6. Both institutions will make the necessary financial arrangements for the confirmed scholars.
 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 Macquarie University and regulations of the National Scholarship System of ANII
 9. For PhD students and Master of Research Students, ANII will transfer USD\$20 000 per student to Macquarie University at the start of each candidature year for the duration of the selected students program for up to 4 years.
 10. Macquarie University will, if applicable, arrange for a 'top up' tuition fee scholarship for the selected students program.
 11. Neither Macquarie 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.
 12. If the candidate is unable to complete a PhD or Master of Research 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.
 13. Tuition Fees for Master of Research and PhD can be found at http://www.hdr.mq.edu.au/information_about/fees. Fees for scholarship holders will be verified by contact between the designated program coordinators.
 14. Macquarie University will explain how ANII can access e-PhD theses or Master of Research thesis of Uruguayan students upon graduation. The intellectual property rights will be assigned following Macquarie University's usual rules.

15. Both MQ and ANII will:

- a) ensure that the student's personal information and health information ("**Student Information**") as set out in the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998, NSW* and the *Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002, NSW* is protected against loss and unauthorised access, use, modification and disclosure and other misuses; and
- b) not use or disclose the Student Information, other than for the purposes of this Agreement, without the prior written consent of the Applicant unless required or authorised by law.

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

For Macquarie University:

Director, Higher Degree Research Office
Research Hub
Level 3, C5C Building East
Macquarie University, Sydney
Australia 2109

For ANII:

Executive Secretary
Av. Italia 6201, "Los Nogales" Building
Montevideo, Uruguay

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

G. Other Activities

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

J. Other Provisions

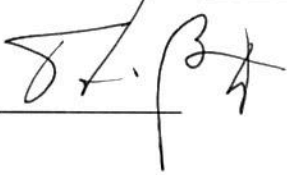
1. This Memorandum has been executed in English.
2. This Memorandum states the intent of participating institutions. Any commitment other than those included herein shall not be binding upon the participating institutions.
3. This Memorandum shall be valid for 5 (five) years from the date on which the 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 Macquarie 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.
4. Either participating institution may terminate this agreement by giving sixty (60) days' notice in writing by one to the other.

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 _____ day of _____, 2016.

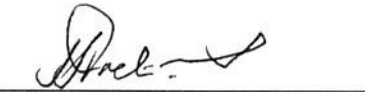


Fernando Brum
President

Signed for and on behalf of Macquarie University

by its duly authorized officer on

the 9th day of June, 2016.



Prof Sakkie Pretorius
Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research)

