
AGREEMENT FOR ACADEMIC EXCHANGE AND CO-OPERATION

BETWEEN
FACULTY OF MEDICINE
LUND UNIVERSITY, SWEDEN
AND
FACULTY OF NURSING
KHON KAEN UNIVERSITY, THAILAND

Within the framework of Memorandum of Understanding signed by Associate Professor Dr. Earnporn Thongkrajai, Dean of Faculty of Nursing, Khon Kaen University and Professor Bo Ahren, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Lund University with the object of promoting co-operation in academic education between Khon Kaen University (KKU), Thailand and Lund University (LU), Sweden, herein after referred to as KKU and LU, the following agreement is established:

PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS

In this agreement, unless the context implies otherwise, "home" institution means for any student the institution at which the student is enrolled and intends to graduate; "host" institution means the institution, which has agreed to receive a student from that student's home institution.

The object of this agreement is to establish specific relations and co-operation between the two institutions above in order to enrich the understanding of the culture of the two countries concerned, to make possible exchange of student between the institutions on a continuing basis, and to increase the scientific exchange between research groups at the two universities.

Academic year in the case of LU means the academic year in Sweden commencing at the end of August and ending in June the next calendar year (40 weeks). One semester is 20 weeks, excluding the introduction week in August. In the case of KKU the academic year is from beginning of June to the end of September for the first semester, and from the beginning of November to the end February for the second semester. One semester is 16 weeks including International Orientation.

The purpose of each student exchange is to enable students to take units (subjects) and, if desirable, to conduct an independent science project with a research group at the host institution, but not to study for an award at the host institution. Science projects are for a period of ten (10) or twenty (20) weeks. Exchange students have the right to ask for assistance at the host institution to find a suitable host research laboratory to conduct the science project. Units passed at the host institution will normally be accepted for credit towards an award for which the candidate is enrolled at the candidate's home institution. It will be the responsibility of each participant in the student exchange program to obtain official approval from the home institution for units taken at the host institution. Fieldwork and clinical practice/job experience is also possible to be part of this agreement.

STUDENTS VISITS

Numbers of exchange students

The two Universities will exchange the equivalent numbers of students per year in each direction. The maximum number of exchange students is six (6) students a year. Each student will spend one (1) semester, as maximum, at the host University. The exchange students will occur on a one-to-one basis. However, it is possible for two students to spend one semester each instead of one student for a full-year (two semesters). This number may vary in any given year, but over a fixed period of five (5) years, the total number of students participating should be balanced.

Selection of students

The appropriateness of each course to be taken by the exchange student will need to be evaluated carefully by the home University. Exchange students must have completed two (2) academic years of university work prior to participation in the exchange.

Each institution will send to the other the completed applications for their students at appointed date. For LU the 1 of March for studies starting in September and the 1 of October for studies starting in January. For KKU the 1 of March for studies starting in October and the 1 of November for studies starting in March. The exchange students may apply to enter any academic program/course offered within the program at the host institution.

Normally, the host institution has the right to make final judgments on the admissibility of each student nominated. The host institution also retains the right to assess a candidate's language proficiency (if appropriate) or previous academic background before admitting that student to any course. LU demand, for not English spoken students, an international recognised test of English e.g. the TOEFL-test (550), ELTS (6.0) or the Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency. Admission to a specific department or course is dependent upon the specific qualifications of the applicant for the chosen area of study; admission of courses is also subject to availability of space within them. This may have the effect of restricting the range of courses available at the host institution.

ACADEMIC STAFF/RESEARCH EXCHANGE

Visits of academic staff / researchers will be encouraged in both directions for short familiarisation periods undertaken in conjunction with other activities, for example in connection with joint research, supervision or participation in the teaching activity of the host University. Visits of longer duration will necessarily be subject to individual negotiation, taking into account the policies of both Universities and the availability of funds and facilities.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TWO INSTITUTIONS

Subject to the provisions of selection of students, LU and KGU agree to accept exchange students from each other and enrol them as full-time "Not for Award" students for the regular semesters of the academic year. Students participating in the exchange will register and pay tuition fees at their home university. They will be exempt from paying tuition fees at the host university.

Each institution will provide the necessary counselling and other assistance to the exchange students. Both universities agree to appoint a contact person for the administration of the exchange who will be responsible for arrangements associated with visits and the general welfare of the exchange students, ensuring that necessary approvals are in place. The contact person will liaise with the appropriate persons in the faculties, departments or divisions concerned.

As far as possible, credit grades for work undertaken by visiting students should be recognized as contributing to degree requirements at the home university, but this remains at the discretion of the home university.

Neither university is responsible for any expenses incurred by participating students or academic staff, including travel, living and accommodation, medical care or personal expenses, except as may be arranged from time to time for specific cases or covered through grants from third parties.

Responsibility of host Institution

Each host institution will provide exchange students with:

- A letter of acceptance
- An orientation program
- Assistance to provide accommodation for visiting students and academic staff/researchers or offer advice and assistance in securing housing during the period of exchange
- Transcripts of records
- Insurance covering malpractice/liability for students in clinical training

As an introduction to the Swedish language, students coming to LU are offered a two-week language course in August or January before the semester starts. There will be opportunities to continue the Swedish language studies. However, if a student elects to undertake further language study it would be at their own cost.

The host institution is responsible for ensuring that exchange students are fully informed of the insurance choices available to them.

Responsibilities of home institution

Each home institution will:

- Interview students before departure
- Advice on pre-departure procedures
- Provide completed application forms with transcripts of records.

Responsibilities of students

Students participating in the program will be responsible for:

- Application form

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- Curriculum vitae
 - Payment of tuition and related fees and application fees of their home institution
 - Full costs of travel to and from the host institution
 - Costs of literature and stationery
 - Travel documents and visas
 - All living, subsistence and accommodation expenses in the host country
 - All other debts incurred during the period of the exchange
 - The cost of taking out health insurance and hospitalisation insurance coverage in the host country
 - Filling out an evaluation report after the exchange period at the host and home institutions
 - Obtaining official approval from the home institution for units taken at the host institution
 - Meeting the regulations and admission requirements of the host institution with respect to visiting and exchange students.

ADMINISTRATION

Annual Programme Calendar

Exchanges may take place for one semester or for part of semester. A student who leaves the programme early for any reason is not entitled to a refund of tuition paid at the home campus or any accommodation charges assessed at the host institution.

Programme Review

Both institutions will be responsible for a regular review of the programme no later than April 1 of each year. This review may make appropriate and mutually agreed modifications as required and identify new opportunities for co-operation in scholarship and research.

Programme Approval

Proposals for succeeding years' exchanges will be prepared and reviewed prior to April 1 of each year. Each institution will exchange information about their opportunities and specific needs for the period designated, with an identification of the resources that will be available to support the exchanges at each institution.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENT

This exchange program will be initiated on a trial basis for a period of five (5) years, beginning in September 2007, however, it may be terminated at the request of either University, provided such request is made at least twelve (12) months before termination is to become effective. At that time the agreement may be extended, amended or terminated. However, any exchange in place will be permitted to continue to completion date.

SIGNATURES

This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between partners. There are no understandings, agreement or representations, oral or written, not specified herein, regarding this agreement. No amendments, consents or waivers of terms of this agreement shall bind either partner unless in writing and signed by both partners. Any such amendment, consent or waiver shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose stated. LU and KKU, by the signatures of their authorised representatives below, acknowledge having read and understood the agreement and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions.

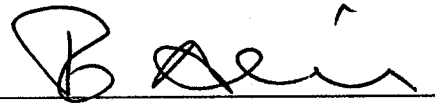
SIGNED for and on behalf of:

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Date: March 30, 2007

Date: April 11, 2007