



AGREEMENT FOR ACADEMIC CO-OPERATION AND STUDENT AND STAFF EXCHANGE

UNIVERSITÄT ULM / GERMANY AND UNIVERSIDAD DE CONCEPCIÓN/ CHILE

The purpose of this agreement is to further mutual understanding between Universidad de Concepción and the Universität Ulm (the participants), and to enhance each institution's teaching, learning, and internationalization objectives. This agreement will commence from the date of signing, and continue thereafter for a period of 5 years, subject to revision or modification by mutual agreement.

The two participants will endeavor to:

- a) co-operate in the exchange of information relating to their activities in teaching and research in fields of mutual interest
- b) promote appropriate joint research projects and joint courses of study
- c) develop and implement a program of student and staff exchange in accordance with the following principles.

A. STUDENT EXCHANGE

1. Each participant will send exchange students each year during the period of this agreement. Both participants will review the program annually for any imbalances in the number of exchange students to maintain a reasonable balance in the exchange.
2. The exchange of postgraduate and undergraduate students will normally take place for a period of one or two semesters and no longer than one academic year without payment of tuition fees to the host institution. Other fees relating to board and lodging and obligatory membership of campus organizations will be paid by the student directly to host university on request. Payments of these fees by the guest student will be in accordance with fees paid by students of the host institution.
3. Exchange students must have successfully completed a minimum of one year of full-time study in order to be permitted to enroll in subjects at the host institution for which they meet the prerequisites.
4. The academic standing of such exchange students shall be determined by the host institution. The host institution shall retain the right of admission and may reject any applicant whose academic or other qualifications for participation in the program are not deemed appropriate.
5. Students from both institutions will be accorded the same rights and privileges as students in the host country. The students shall be entitled to the use of the host institution's facilities on the same basis as students of the host institution.

6. Recognition for the academic work carried out by the student during the period of the exchange will be at the discretion of the student's home institution. Students participating in this program will continue as candidates for the degree of their institution.
7. Admission to specific course is subject only to the students being satisfactorily qualified to enroll in that course, and the availability of resource.
8. Proposals for student exchange should be made no later than six months prior to the start of the semester in which the student is to enroll. Each institution shall ensure that the required documentation of the host institution is completed correctly and forwarded in an appropriate time.
9. Both institutions agree to assist each exchange student by:
 - providing pre-departure material, and post-arrival orientation,
 - providing each exchange student with the necessary documents to enable the exchange student to obtain the correct visa,
 - helping to arrange appropriate accommodation, directly or through external services,
 - providing arrival assistance and helping to provide temporary accommodation, if required,
 - establishing an institutional group, or utilize an existing group, to oversee the exchange program, and to consider and rule on those policy matters related to the program,
 - designating an administrative contact to deal with all correspondence related to this program,
 - provide student support and advisory service.
 - finding appropriate health insurance

B. EXCHANGE OF STAFF

1. Faculty members and other research personnel may be exchanged for periods not exceeding one academic year. The home institution undertakes to continue the appropriate salary of the participant. All other financial matters, including travel costs, are subject to individual negotiation, and will normally be the responsibility of the individual and the home institution.
2. Exchange of faculty members and other research personnel are subject to the consent of the relevant department or laboratory at the host institution, and consent through the appropriate channels at the home institution. The conditions of work laid down for each participant are subject to prior agreement in writing. The host institution undertakes to assist in locating appropriate housing, assisting with immigration formalities, and to supply workspace, library and technical facilities as appropriate and agreed.
3. Both participants will encourage the development of collaborative research initiatives between individuals and groups working in each institution.

C. RENEWAL, AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

1. Amendments to this agreement may be made at any time, by correspondence, and only when agreed upon by both parties. Any amendments shall be added to the terms as appendices.
2. Either Participant may terminate this agreement by giving notice in writing to the other institution of no less than twelve (12) months. Any students who have commenced at either institution before the date of termination may complete their courses of study by special agreement between the two institutions.
3. Both parties agree that this agreement will be valid for five (5) years from the date of signing and may be renewed after evaluation.

For, and on behalf of
Universität Ulm
Prof. Dr.-Ing. Michael Weber
President

Date:

27. Feb 2019

For, and on behalf of,
Universidad de Concepción
Dr. Carlos Saavedra Rubilar
Rector

Date:

8th April 2019

