

**Specific Agreement for Exchanges Between
The University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, USA and The National Dong Hwa
University, Hualien, Taiwan, R.O.C.**

The Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) and the National Dong Hwa University (NDHU), recognizing the value of educational exchanges, enter into this Specific Agreement pursuant to their General Cooperation Agreement.

1. Definitions.

- a. "Home institution" means the institution at which the student intends to graduate or the faculty or staff member is employed.
- b. "Host institution" means the institution that receives exchange students, faculty, or staff from the home institution.
- c. "Semester, session, or academic year" means the period relevant to the host institution's academic calendar.

2. Purpose. The purpose of this Agreement is to establish educational relations and cooperation between the parties that will promote academic linkages and mutual understanding. Student exchanges are intended to allow enrollment in host-institution courses for academic credit that will be transferred and applied to the student's home institution degree. Faculty and staff exchanges are intended to promote collaboration.

3. Responsibilities of the Parties. The parties agree:

- a. To take all reasonable measures to implement this Agreement as permitted by available funding and personnel.
- b. To accept and enroll exchange students as full time, "non-award," or "non-degree-status" students for the duration of their exchange.
- c. To communicate with each other on a timely basis about, e.g., course availability, enrollment limitations and restrictions, any applicable fees, etc.
- d. To send completed exchange applications to the host institution at least twelve (12) weeks before the beginning of the entry semester. The host institution will determine whether to admit exchange applicants.
- e. To verify that students have sufficient funds for their exchange.
- f. To provide exchange students the same academic resources and support services available to all students at the host institution.
- g. To provide each student's transcript to the home institution with the student's consent.
- h. To make reasonable efforts to involve equal numbers of students from each institution over the period of this Agreement.
- i. That the home institution will determine how much academic credit to grant a student for host-institution courses.

4. Responsibilities of Students. Students must:

- a. Get the home institution's prior approval for host-institution courses.
- b. Meet the host institution's applicable language-proficiency requirement.
- c. Obtain a copy of their host-institution transcript and submit it to their home institution on a timely basis.
- d. Comply with the host institution's applicable rules and procedures.
- e. Meet all applicable host-country immigration and visa requirements on a timely basis.
- f. Comply with all applicable host-country laws.

5. Numbers. ~~The parties shall make reasonable efforts to involve equal numbers of students from each institution over the term of this Agreement.~~ Typically, up to 35 students from each institution will participate in the exchange program each year for one or two academic sessions. The parties will adjust this number as needed to reach an overall balance of incoming and outgoing students. In assessing balance, one student registering for two academic sessions is equivalent to two students

registering for one academic session. ~~Any imbalance in a given semester ideally should be corrected in the subsequent year. If an imbalance continues for more than three consecutive academic terms (including summers), the party that has received the larger number of incoming students has the option to operate the exchange on a one-way basis until the imbalance is corrected, whereupon it will resume operating on a reciprocal basis as described above.~~ The parties will seek feasible alternatives to balance the number; the details will be negotiated in advance.

- 6. Selection and Enrollment of Students.** The home institution will nominate high-achieving students as exchange applicants. Subject to the approval of the host institution, undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate students may participate if:
 - a. they have completed at least one year of study at their home institution;
 - b. they will be enrolled at their home and host institution for the full period of the exchange; and
 - c. both institutions deem them academically qualified to succeed and have approved their enrollment proposal.

- 7. Financial Responsibilities of Host Institutions.** The host institution will provide the following at no cost to exchange students:
 - a. Waiver of tuition and mandatory fees
 - b. Orientation Program
 - c. Student services normally available to other host-institution students

- 8. Financial Responsibilities of Exchange Students.**
 - a. Home institution tuition and fees
 - b. Round-trip travel costs including passport, visa, etc.
 - c. Books, class materials, supplies, etc.
 - d. Any host-institution special course fees, laboratory fees, or recreation fees
 - e. Living expenses (accommodation, food, transportation, personal expenses, tourism, etc.)
 - f. Administrative fees applicable to all incoming international students.
 - g. Health and accident insurance that meets host-institution requirements.

- 9. Accommodation.** Incoming students may apply to live in the host institution's on-campus housing, but room availability is not guaranteed. Therefore, the host institution will make good faith efforts as needed to help students obtain off-campus accommodation within reasonable proximity. The host institution will provide all necessary information about housing options and application procedures with each student's notice of admission.

- 10. Families.** A student's proposal to bring his or her spouse and/or dependents is subject to the host institution's approval. The exchange student will pay all additional costs.

- 11. Faculty and Staff Exchanges.** The parties agree in principle to exchanges of faculty and administrative staff. The details will be negotiated in advance and will be governed by both parties' rules and policies. The parties are not responsible for any arrangements made by participants for exchange of accommodations, cars, etc.

- 12. Program Review.** The parties will evaluate the exchange program at least every two years to make any needed changes and to explore new opportunities for collaboration.

- 13. Direct Enrollment.** Students may apply for direct enrollment at the host institution through the regular admission process and must pay all required tuition, fees, and other applicable costs. This Agreement does not apply to direct-enrollment students.

- 14. Term, Renewal, Amendment, Termination, and Dispute Resolution.**
 - a. This Agreement shall become effective for an initial term of five (5) years from the date of the last signature by the parties' duly authorized representatives.

