# STUDENT EXCHANGE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS AND THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

The University of Leeds (hereafter referred to as Leeds), Leeds, England, and the Regents of the University of New Mexico (hereafter referred to as UNM), Albuquerque, NM, USA, hereby agree upon the following terms and conditions as set forth in this Student Exchange Agreement.

## 1. DURATION OF EXCHANGES

Each institution agrees to exchange individual students for a semester or an academic year, ideally on a one-for-one basis.

## 2. BALANCE IN STUDENT NUMBERS

Each year during the term of this agreement, each university may send up to 2 undergraduate students to be enrolled at the other university. The number of students may be modified from time to time by mutual agreement. Parity in numbers of exchange students is required over the term of this agreement. However, each party should be prepared to consider a disparity in any given semester or year during the term of the agreement. An imbalance should not exceed the equivalent of 3 student-years. Any imbalances shall be resolved by the end of the period of agreement as set forth in paragraph 10 below.

## 3. TUITION AND FEES

Participants in the exchange will remain registered at their home university, where they will pay all tuition and other academic fees, and be exempted from all such fees at the at the host university, except for any host university special course fees, laboratory fees, recreation fees, or administrative fees that apply to all incoming international students.

#### 4. OTHER EXPENSES

Each university shall make a reasonable effort to assist students participating under the terms of this agreement in finding suitable living accommodations. The payment for such housing together with the payment for all travel, medical insurance, medical costs not covered by insurance, books and other educational materials, and food and subsistence costs shall be the responsibility of the individual students participating in the programme and neither university shall be held liable for such charges.

## 5 SELECTION

Participating students seeking admission to the host university under the terms of this agreement shall meet the admissions requirements of the host university. Each university will make every effort to send to the other the applications for exchange at least four months before the start of the academic term. Each university reserves the right to reject candidates, in which case, further candidates may be proposed. The exact program of study will be determined by the student with the mutual approval of his or her supervisors or academic advisers at the home institution and the host institution.

Non-native speakers of English require a minimum overall IELTS score of 6.0, (and no less than 5.5 in each part), or a minimum TOEFL IBT score of 87 at Leeds; 68 at UNM. Certain programs may require higher scores and English language requirements are subject to change at the discretion of the academic department. The host institution will inform the partner institution of any variation in these requirements.

# 6. ACADEMIC STATUS

The exchange students may apply to any academic program offered at the host institution, but the host institution reserves the right to exclude students from restricted enrolment programs. All students will remain enrolled as regular degree candidates at the home institution and will not be enrolled as candidates for degrees at the host institution. Credits toward the students' degrees are to be awarded by the home institution. Students are expected to maintain the equivalent of a full-time course load at the host institution.

#### 7. EVALUATION

The cooperating institutions will provide each other with adequate information on the performance of participating students, including a transcript (or its equivalent) as soon as practicable after the students' completion of the exchange. Students at UNM are responsible for requesting that UNM provide their transcript directly to Leeds.

# 8. RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Students participating under the terms of this agreement shall be subject to the rules, regulations, and codes of conduct of the host institution. The host institution shall have the right to terminate the exchange program with respect to any student who violates the host university's policies or rules. Exchange students will have the rights and privileges enjoyed by other students on the host campus.

## 9. ORIENTATION

Students participating under the terms of this exchange agreement shall be entitled to participate in an orientation programme which will be arranged for foreign students where matters such as health, personal safety and security, cultural and religious sensitivities and emergency procedures will be brought to the attention of the exchange student including emergency numbers as would be provided to other registered students of the host institution. Each institution agrees to comply with health and safety law that is relevant to students. The host institution will provide adequate resources, training and supervision to ensure that students are not subjected to unreasonable risks to health and safety.

## 10. TERM OF CONTRACT

This agreement shall take effect on the date of the last signature below and be valid for an indefinite term. Either university may, by notice in writing of no less than 6 months, terminate this agreement. However, any students who have an offer to study at either university at the date of termination may complete their courses of study. If an imbalance exists in the number of students exchanged, the deficit institution is obliged to accept students until the imbalance is eliminated.

## 11. NOTICES

All notices required hereunder shall be in writing and delivered by a duly authorized representative of the party giving the notice and sent by email transmission to the following addresses. Either party may change its email address for notice purposes by providing prior written notice to the other party. Any notice sent by email transmission shall be deemed to have been delivered at the time of confirmation of receipt by the addressee.

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This document memorializes the parties' entire agreement. The parties shall sign two originals of this Agreement. Each party shall retain one original.

REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

Dr. Chaouki Abdallah Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Mr Roger Gair University Secretary

Date: August 25/2015

Date: 17 Fure 2015

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