

EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

Between

Mudra Institute of Communications, Ahmedabad

and the

University of New Mexico

Mudra Institute of Communications, Ahmedabad. (hereinafter referred to as MICA) and Department of Communication & Journalism, University of New Mexico (hereinafter referred to as UNM) recognising the educational and cultural exchanges which can be achieved between our institutions, enter into this agreement to facilitate the exchange of students and scholars on this day of September 1st, 2012.

This exchange will consist of a short-term (1-2 weeks) exchange of 5 graduate students and 1-2 faculty members from MICA and UNM during an academic year. Ideally, UNM will send a maximum of 5 students to MICA for a course during the month of January, 2013 and MICA will send students to UNM in the month of June, 2014, on mutually agreeable dates, when campus accommodation is available.

Both group of students will spend 1-2 weeks on campus during which they will undertake a 30 hour/3 credit course following which, they can take up a 1-week in-country travel.

Faculty exchange will be restricted to 1-2 in an academic year and its tenure, courses and other modalities will be different from that governing student exchange and will be on mutually agreed terms.

1. Definitions

- i) For the purposes of this agreement, "home" institution shall mean the institution from which the student intends to graduate, and "host" institution shall mean the institution that has agreed to accept the student from the home institution.
- ii) Semester or academic year shall normally refer to the period relevant to the host institution.

2. Purpose of the Agreement

- i) The general purpose of this agreement is to establish specific educational relations and cooperation between the participating institutions in order to promote academic linkages and to enrich the understanding of the culture of the two countries concerned.
- ii) The purpose of the graduate student exchange is to enable students to take an intensive course (typically consisting of 30 classroom teaching hours) at the host institution that will be applied toward their degrees at their home institution and to promote cross-cultural collaborative scholarly projects among students.

- iii) The purpose of the faculty exchange is to promote cross-cultural collaborative research, scholarly projects and other educational developments among faculty and between faculty and students

3. Responsibilities of Participating Institutions and Students

Each institution shall undertake all those measures reasonable to give maximum effect to this exchange program.

- i) Each student will be provided with the basic academic resources and support services available to all students at the host institution. It is strongly recommended that the host institution appoints a mentor for the group of students on exchange.
- ii) It will be the responsibility of each student to obtain official approval from his or her home institution for subjects taken at the host institution.
- iii) Exchange students will be subject to the rules and procedure as specified by the host institution for the academic period in which the student enrolls. The home institution will be responsible for all matters concerning credit for subjects taken.
- iv) Exchange students will be subject to local and national laws of the region and the host country.

4. Numbers

- i) Subject to the availability of suitable candidates, each institution will send a maximum of 5 students and 1-2 faculty members on the exchange.
- ii) The students will undertake 30 hours of classroom study and earn a maximum of 3 credits for the same.
- iii) Students at the host institution will also have the opportunity to enrol in the course each year, thus ensuring maximum exchange opportunity among students

5. Selection and Enrolment of Students

It is expected that only students of high academic quality will be selected to participate in an exchange program. The home institution will screen applications from its student body for exchange. Students are eligible to participate if they:

- (i) are enrolled in the graduate level program at the home institution.
- ii) are enrolled at their home and host institution for the full period of the exchange;

- iii) have an enrolment proposal, approved by their home faculty and host institution, and are deemed academically qualified to successfully complete the nominated subjects at the host institution. Each institution will inform the relevant International Office of subject availability, including enrolment limitations and conditions.
- iv) have obtained agreement from their home faculty, that upon successful completion of the subjects at the host institution, full credit will be granted towards the degree at their home institution; and
- v) each institution will meet the required deadlines for communicating to the other party how many and which students have been selected for exchange. The host institution reserves the right of final approval on the admission of a student. All courses will be conducted in English, so students will need to have English proficiency.

6. Financial Responsibilities of the Host Institution

- i) Exchange students will be provided with the following, by the host institution, at no additional cost to the student:
 - Airport pick-up and drop from the nearest airport, at the time of arrival and departure for the exchange.
 - Orientation program
 - Reports and Statement of results

7. Financial Responsibilities of Exchange Students

- i) Exchange students will be financially responsible for:
 - travel to and from the host institution
 - books, special fees, supplies, etc.
 - travel documentation, visas, etc.
 - accommodation and living expenses
 - student association/general services charges
 - health coverage relevant to the exchange situation
 - special course fees for certain courses that are not covered by tuition
- ii) Insurance will be the responsibility of the individual student. Students must show proof of health insurance that is valid abroad in order to be exempt from health insurance payments at the partner institution.
- iii) The home institution shall satisfy itself that a candidate for exchange has the ability to meet all his or her financial responsibilities as detailed above. This may include provision for a period of vacation if a student is participating in an exchange that spans two semesters.
- iv) Costs incurred for in-country travel of the host institution will be fully borne by the students. The responsibility of the host institution is limited to facilitating such travel.

8. Accommodations (Lodging & Boarding)

The host institutions will make every effort to assist students in finding suitable accommodation in a student hall of residence or, alternatively, in appropriate accommodation on a private basis. Students will be made aware that they are responsible for all costs associated with accommodation.

9. Dependents

It is not anticipated that spouses and dependents will accompany an exchange student. Where such an arrangement is proposed, it is subject to the approval of the host institution on the understanding that all additional expenses incurred by accompanying spouses and dependents are the responsibility of the exchange student.

10. Faculty or Staff Exchanges

The two institutions agree in principle to the possibility of exchanges by general staff (administrative) and faculty members in addition to the faculty exchange already discussed in this document. The details of such arrangements will be negotiated at the appropriate time and will be governed by the institutional staffing rules and relevant approval processes. The participating institutions shall not be responsible for any private arrangements made by participating staff members covering exchange of accommodation, cars, etc.

11. Exchange Program Evaluation

Both institutions will be responsible for a review of the exchange programme once every 3 years. The review is essential in order to make appropriate and mutually agreed upon modifications as may be required and to identify new opportunities for co-operation in scholarship and research.

12. Period of Agreement

This agreement will come into effect from the date of signature by both parties and will remain in force for an initial period of six (6) years. Thereafter, it shall be automatically renewed for a further period of 3 years. The agreement may be terminated by either party, provided a written notice is given to the other party, no less than six months in advance. Both institutions will honor acceptances offered to exchange students before the termination of this agreement for enrolment in the academic year following termination of the agreement on the terms that would have applied if the agreement had not been terminated.

13. Responsible Persons

The responsible person at academic level at the Mudra Institute of Communications, Ahmedabad is Prof. Saumya Pant. At the administrative, it is, Prof. Nagesh Rao, Director, MICA.

The responsible person at the academic level at the University of New Mexico is Prof. Karen Foss, Dept. of Communication & Journalism. The responsible person at the administrative level is Dr. Kenneth Carpenter, Director, Office of International Programs and Studies. Each institution is responsible for informing the other party, as soon as possible, if the responsible persons change during the period of the agreement.

14. Signatures

This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. No amendment, consent or waiver of terms of this agreement shall bind either party unless in writing and signed by all parties.

The agreement has been accepted by both parties and supersedes any existing exchange agreement.

For the Mudra Institute of Communications, Ahmadabad:

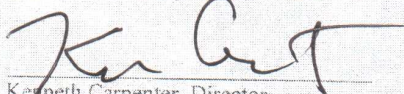


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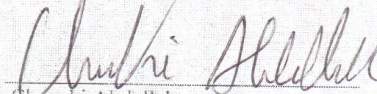
Date: Sep 1, 2012

For the University of New Mexico:



Kenneth Carpenter, Director
Office of International Programs & Studies

Date: 24-Sept 2012



Chaouki Abdallah
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

Date: Nov 15/2012