

AGREEMENT FOR ACADEMIC EXCHANGE

Between

College of Engineering, State University of New York at Stony Brook

And

School of Engineering, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this agreement is to establish an undergraduate student exchange program between the College of Engineering, State University of New York at Stony Brook (herein referred to as "Stony Brook" in the rest of this document) and the School of Engineering, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (herein referred to as "HKUST" in the rest of this document). The exchange is intended to provide opportunities for students from the participating institutions to study abroad and return to their home institution to obtain a degree. The international exposure is expected to enhance the educational experience of students and provide advantages in their future career development.

TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

1. Definition

- a. "Exchange students" shall mean undergraduate engineering students participating in the exchange implemented herein.
- b. "Exchange units" shall mean one student studying at the host institution for one semester. As such, one student studying for 2 semesters shall mean 2 exchange units.
- c. "Home institution" shall mean the university providing the exchange students.
- d. "Host institution" shall mean the university accepting the exchange students.

2. *Duration of Study*

- a. The exchange students may register at the host institution for one semester or one full academic year. Selected students will spend no more than one year studying abroad.
- b. The exchange is not intended to provide a mechanism for students to obtain a degree at the host institution.

3. *Number of Exchange Units*

It is expected that in any given year there will be an equal number of exchange units received by each institution. While equal numbers every year may not be possible, efforts will be made to reach equal numbers within Three (3) years. Each party should confirm the number of exchange units for the following academic year in writing by 1 January each year.

4. *Qualifications*

- a. The exchange students should be students who are pursuing an undergraduate degree at their home institution.
- b. The exchange students will be selected by their home institution to participate in the exchange.
- c. The exchange students must satisfy all admission requirements of the host institution. Final approval of all exchange applications rests with the host institution.
- d. The exchange student is expected to be in good academic standing at the home institution.

5. *Student Finances*

- a. Participants in the exchange program will pay all customary tuition and registration fees to their home institution for the exchange period. The host institution will provide tuition fee and application fee waiver to each exchange student studying with it.
- b. The exchange students are fully responsible for their personal expenses including travel, accommodation, meals, healthcare and medicine, books and supplies, during the exchange period.
- c. Participating exchange students are required to carry adequate health insurance and to provide proof of that fact to the host institution.

- d. The host institution will provide assistance to the exchange students in securing appropriate accommodation.

6. *Program of Studies*

- a. Exchange students are expected to take Engineering courses at the host institution, but they may also choose other courses as appropriate to their academic needs, provided that they satisfy the individual course prerequisites as well as any other regulations as may be pertinent and if space allows.
- b. Acceptance of exchange students who wish to work on research projects is subject to the availability of relevant projects and supervisors at the host institution. The Intellectual Property generated by the student while working at HKUST belongs to HKUST. When the student carries out research work at Stony Brook, the Intellectual Property generated by the student while working at Stony Brook belongs to Stony Brook. In other situations where the demarcation of intellectual property rights cannot be clearly defined, prior agreement should be reached among HKUST, Stony Brook and the student involved.
- c. At the end of the exchange period, and upon the initiation of a formal request from the exchange student, the host institution will send a report/official transcript of that student's academic achievement to the home institution.
- d. Exchange students receive transfer credit at their home institution for their studies at the host institution in accordance with the policy on credit transfer at the home institution.

7. *Visa*

Each exchange student is responsible for obtaining a visa and related travel documents. The host institution will assist in satisfying host country visa requirements.

8. *Revision and/or Termination*

- a. This agreement shall take effect on September 1, 2010 and shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years. With mutual consent of Stony Brook and HKUST, the agreement can be renewed after five (5) years.
- b. This agreement is subject to revision by mutual written consent. Such revisions, once approved by Stony Brook and HKUST, will become part of this agreement.
- c. Either party may cancel this agreement with six months' notice. In the event of cancellation, the participants in the program at such a time shall be

permitted to complete their activities at the host institution in accordance with the terms of this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have offered their signatures:

International Academic Programs

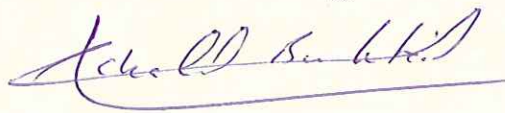
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