STUDENT EXCHANGE AGREEMENT
between
TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY, P.R. CHINA
and
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE, USA

The purpose of this Agreement is to allow for the exchange of undergraduate students between Tsinghua University, China (hereafter referred to as “Tsinghua”), and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville USA (hereafter referred to as “Tennessee”) that will result in providing for new cultural and intellectual explorations and a broadening of academic, professional, and cultural perspectives of the students of both universities.

1. Definition.
In this agreement, unless the content otherwise specifies, home institution shall mean the institution at which a student is originally enrolled and intends to graduate and host institution shall mean the institution at which a student is temporarily enrolled as a visiting exchange student. Exchange students shall mean Tsinghua students at Tennessee or Tennessee students at Tsinghua.

2. Selection of Exchange Students.
Exchange candidates will be selected on the basis of academic excellence and other criteria imposed by the home institution’s selection committee and will be recommended to the host institution. They must meet the admission requirements of the program which they plan to pursue at the host institution. If the Tsinghua students are unable to take the TOEFL, the English language ability of potential Tsinghua exchange candidates will be assessed by representatives from Tennessee in Beijing. The host institution retains the right to approve or reject any recommendation based on whether the candidate’s qualifications meet admission requirements at the host institution and whether sufficient financial resources are available.

3. Number of Exchange Students.
Each university will accept two exchange students each year. Both institutions will review the program annually to ensure a balance in the number of exchanged students. Should an imbalance in the exchange occur, both universities will make adjustments at the end of a three-year cycle. Standard lengths of stay for exchange students will be a full academic year or one semester. An extension of stay for an exchange student at the host institution must be officially approved by the home institution.

4. Placement in the Host University.
With a minimum TOEFL score of 220 (paper-based, 560), or the equivalent, Tsinghua students will be placed in the regular undergraduate courses at Tennessee. Tennessee students will be placed in Center for Overseas Academic and Cultural Exchanges at Tsinghua and in area study courses if their Chinese is good enough OR in available area
study courses in English. Exchange students will be given full-time registration status at the host institution and accorded all rights and privileges commensurate with this status.

5. **Tuition and Other Fees.**

Exchange students will not be charged tuition, housing, or fees at the host institution. All other expenses including travel costs, health insurance, spending money, and books, shall be the responsibility of the exchange student. Exchanged students must, throughout the exchange period, maintain levels of insurance coverage as mandated by the regulations of the host university or the laws and regulations of the host government. Tsinghua students must take Tennessee insurance for their period of study in Tennessee.

6. **Transcripts of Academic Records.**

The host institution will provide the home institution with the official transcript of the academic record of each exchange student upon completion of studies. The transcript will be mailed within one month of each student’s return to the home institution. The granting of credits for studies undertaken at the host institution will be at the discretion of the home institution in accordance with its own policies and regulations.

7. **Host Institution’s Obligations.**

The host institution will provide all exchange students with access to the library, research, and other facilities normally available to its own students. The host institution will assign exchange students to suitable university-owned accommodation.

8. **Exchange Students’ Obligations.**

Exchange students are required to observe the rules and regulations set forth by the host institution as well as the immigration regulations and laws of the host country governing the resident status they possess.

9. **Liaison Office.**

The Director of the Center for International Education at Tennessee and the Director of the Department of Foreign Languages at Tsinghua shall be the coordinators of the exchange and no activities shall take place in the name of this agreement without the express approval of both coordinators. The Programs Abroad Office at Tennessee and the Department of Foreign Languages at Tsinghua will handle the details of implementation.

10. **Duration, Revision and/or Termination.**

This agreement shall become effective upon signing by both parties and will be valid for five years' time. Termination of this agreement should be made in writing, giving six month's notice to allow for appropriate closure of the exchange administration. Any proposals to change the terms of this agreement should be negotiated and officially approved by both institutions.
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