ACADEMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITÄT KARLSRUHE (TH), GERMANY
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, USA

United in the aim of promoting academic links between the two institutions, and in
the awareness that a furthering of cooperation in the academic sphere is in the common
interest, the Universität Karlsruhe (TH) in Karlsruhe, Germany, and the University of
Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee, USA, agree to the following.

Article 1

1.1 The partners to this agreement intend to promote exchange in the spheres of
research and study between their respective faculties and students in German Studies and
other disciplines. Both universities encourage the exchange of students and of faculty, as
well as further linkages within the framework of this agreement.

Article 2

2.1 Each year one University of Tennessee graduate student of German will be entitled
to study for an academic year at the Universität Karlsruhe (TH). Candidates will be required
to have a good command of the German language.

2.2 Each year one Universität Karlsruhe (TH) student who has at least completed his/her
bachelor's degree in German Studies will be entitled to study for an academic year at the
University of Tennessee. Candidates will be required to have a good command of the
English language. If students from the Universität Karlsruhe (TH) are to assume teaching
duties, they must pass the University of Tennessee's SPEAK Test (an oral proficiency
examination in the English language) at the level required of all teaching personnel.

2.3 Candidates will be pre-selected by their home institution and recommended in
writing to the host institution by an authorized representative of the home institution. The
host institution will make the final decision on accepting the exchange candidate. With the
agreement of the host institution, either university may send the other more than one
student in any year.

Article 3

3.1 A successful period of studies at the host institution will be fully recognized by the
home institution. A full time academic load at one institution equals a full time academic
load at the partner institution.

3.2 Exchange students will be permitted to enroll at the host institution in any course for
which they are qualified in accordance with the regulations of the host institution, and
obtain credits for them in accordance with the regulations of the home institution.
3.3 Students will be subject to the same academic regulations set forth by the host institution, and will be normally integrated into their host institution as regular students. This includes admissions regulations, class performance standards and other policies of the host institution.

3.4 The host institution will provide the home institution with an adequate record of the participants’ academic performance (transcript). Courses completed by students at the host university will be treated as equivalencies by the home institution according to each institution’s policies.

3.5 University of Tennessee students are expected to present their Leistungsnachweise, which are provided to them by the Universität Karlsruhe (TH) upon completion of the course work to the Akademische Auslandsamt of the Universität Karlsruhe (TH) in order to receive a certification which will serve as an official transcript and/or may be used as a basis for awarding credits to University of Tennessee students.

Article 4

4.1 The exchange students will not be charged a tuition fee at the host institution but, if applicable, only at their home institution.

4.2 Expenses for housing, meals, transportation, books, administrative fees and other such costs are not included in the tuition and are the responsibility of the student.

4.3 Each institution will assist exchange students from the other institution in finding appropriate housing.

4.4 Students will have access to all on-campus educational, sports and recreational facilities enjoyed by the regular students of the host institution.

4.5 Each institution guarantees its help and assistance to facilitate the organization of the stay for the exchange students.

Article 5

5.1 Exchange students from the University of Tennessee will themselves be responsible to obtain adequate medical insurance to cover them until they report at the Akademische Auslandsamt of the Universität Karlsruhe (TH), at which point they will purchase the mandatory German student health insurance. Exchange students from the Universität Karlsruhe (TH) will, throughout their tenure as graduate teaching assistants, be provided with health and accident insurance, retroactively effective from August 1st no matter what their arrival date, when they enroll at the University of Tennessee.

5.2 Exchange students shall be responsible for obtaining their own visas and completing the required immigration formalities, and for obtaining the travel documents and other related documents needed to pursue studies at the host institution. The appropriate office in each institution will provide documentation and guidance necessary for visa issuance.

5.3 Violation of host country law by the participant may subject the student to withdrawal of immigration and academic sponsorship and financial support.
Article 6

6.1 Selection procedures are the responsibility of the sending institution.

6.2 The exchange is based on the principle of reciprocity in number of students admitted each term and the duration of their stay. If one institution sends more students than the other in a particular year, three years will be allowed in which to balance the deficit.

6.2.1 The coordinator for the agreement at the Universität Karlsruhe (TH) is Prof. Dr. Burkhardt Krause of the Abteilung für Mediävistik / Interkulturelle Germanistik and Director of the Studienzentrum Kulturarbeit. For the University of Tennessee Prof. Stefanie Ohnesorg of the Department of Modern Foreign Languages & Literatures serves as coordinator. All activities carried out in the name of the agreement must have their prior approval.

6.3 The term of this agreement is three years. It comes into effect on the date of signing by both institutions and may be extended upon expiration by the agreement of both parties.

6.4 This agreement may be amended by mutual written agreement of the parties and can be terminated by either party by giving written notice to the other party one year in advance. If early termination is desired, all on-going activities, especially student exchanges, will be allowed to finish during the agreed period for the activity.

6.5 The undersigned represent that they have the authority to bind their respective institution to this agreement and hereby commit their respective institution to the terms of this exchange agreement.

by: 

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