MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

NATIONAL TSING HUA UNIVERSITY

Hsinchu, Taiwan, ROC

and

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

Knoxville, Tennessee
United States of America

Whereas the above named institutions recognize that a Memorandum of Agreement would be of mutual benefit and would serve as an indication of continued interest in cooperation, it is understood that:

1. Each institution will promote the exchange of faculty for joint teaching and research programs;

2. Each institution will promote the enrollment of qualified students in the other's academic programs. Each student involved in these programs will be subject to the admission requirements of the host university, or the admission requirements enumerated in Supplements to this agreement;

3. Faculty from each institution will collaborate in producing proposals for external funding as appropriate;

4. Any expenses incurred by each institution under this agreement will be the sole responsibility of the divisions of the institution, as enumerated in Supplements to this agreement;

5. This Memorandum of Agreement will become effective on the final date of signing and will have a duration of three years.

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Date: 4/21/07

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
SUPPLEMENT

STUDY-ABROAD NON-DEGREE
RECIPROCAL EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

NATIONAL TSING HUA UNIVERSITY
Hsinchu, Taiwan, ROC

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
Knoxville, Tennessee
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The University of Tennessee-Knoxville (hereinafter referred to as "UT-Knoxville") and National Tsing Hua University (hereinafter referred to as "Tsing Hua"), based on the spirit of reciprocity, agree to cooperate in the area of education and research in order to strengthen ties between both universities and to promote academic and cultural interchange.

1. Staff Programs

1.1 Staff Exchange

The exchange of staff will be encouraged when both sides agree that this will be of mutual benefit. In the absence of any specific agreements to the contrary, all expenses of salary, travel, living and health insurance/medical costs will be the responsibility of the visitor or the visitor's home university.

The exchange of research materials, publications and information will be strongly encouraged.

1.2 Joint Research

Proposals for joint research projects between faculty members of the two sides will be encouraged and approvals given after both universities fully discuss the validity of the research program and agree on the costs.
2. Student Programs

In this part unless the context will otherwise imply, "reciprocal educational exchange" shall mean a one-for-one exchange of students from each university, "reciprocal exchange students" shall mean students participating in the exchange implemented herein, "home institution" shall mean the university at which the reciprocal exchange student intends to graduate and "host institution" shall mean the university which has agreed to receive the students from the home institution.

2. Student Reciprocal Exchange

Numbers

Direct exchange or Reciprocal Educational Exchange, for the purpose of this agreement, is defined as an exchange of an equal number of students per semester or term from each institution, with parity to be achieved over a three-year period. If balance is not achieved early in the reciprocal exchange program, it will be necessary to stop the flow of students from one partner until the numbers of students being exchanged between universities is balanced.

UT-Knoxville will send up to two reciprocal exchange students to Tsing Hua each year and Tsing Hua will send up to two reciprocal exchange students to UT-Knoxville each year during the term of this agreement, unless this number is varied by mutual agreement. However, either institution may send a student for one semester rather than two semesters in which case two students for one semester each would be equal to one student for two semesters in a given year. Reciprocal educational exchanges are designed to be one or two semesters in length.

Selection of Participants

The home institution will screen its applicants for the student exchange. At least three months before the start of the academic year/semester, each institution will send to the other, the applications for exchange. The host institution will reserve the right to make final judgments on admission of students nominated for the exchange. Each institution may recommend alternates in a case of nominated student either drops out or is not approved by the host institution. Language competency should be at a level that will allow participating students to attend classes in the language of the host university. For graduate students enrolling at The University of Tennessee, GRE, GMAT or equivalent scores are required. For students attending The University of Tennessee, a separate non-degree information sheet must be completed during the admission process to facilitate issuance of U.S. student visas.
Students participating in the program will be accepted as non-degree candidates by the host institution upon recommendation of the home university, provided that they fulfill the admission requirements of the host institution. Non-degree course work may not be used at a later time to fulfill requirements for a degree program, and students may not change academic objectives.

Graduate and undergraduate exchange students will be primarily under the guidance of supervisors in the home institution. The host institution will provide a surrogate supervisor who will cooperate with the supervisor in the home institution.

The host institution reserves the right to exclude students from restricted enrollment programs. Any academic credit earned at the host university should be transferred back to the home institution in accordance with procedures determined by the latter.

The reciprocal exchange students must abide by all the rules and regulations of the host institution.

Responsibilities of UT-Knoxville

UT-Knoxville should agree to accept the prescribed number of Tsing Hua exchange students, to enroll them as full-time, non-degree students for the two regular semesters of the academic year or for one semester only. The academic departmental advisor, graduate or undergraduate, to which the student has applied, will provide the appropriate counseling and other assistance to the Tsing Hua reciprocal exchange students. Appropriate offices in the Division of Student Affairs will provide reciprocal exchange students information in finding appropriate housing. At the end of each academic term, UT-Knoxville will send to Tsing Hua an official transcript of credits for each reciprocal exchange student studying at UT-Knoxville. A possible internship (that could be arranged by the students themselves), could follow the coursework. Length of stay should be determined prior to the issuance of federal documents related to obtaining student visas.

Responsibilities of Tsing Hua

Tsing Hua should agree to accept the prescribed number of UT-Knoxville reciprocal exchange students, to enroll them as full-time, non-degree students for the two regular semesters of the academic year or for one semester only. Tsing Hua will provide the appropriate counseling and other assistance to the UT-Knoxville reciprocal exchange students. Reciprocal exchange students will be given assistance in finding appropriate housing. At the end of each academic term, Tsing Hua will send to UT-Knoxville an official transcript of credits for each reciprocal exchange student studying at Tsing Hua.
Finances and Services

For the Reciprocal Educational Exchange Program, tuition and fees, where applicable, will be paid to the student’s home university. Students will register at the home institution. The host institution will provide the documents required for the student’s visa. All participating students will be responsible for meeting the costs of the following:

- Travel, accommodations, and meal expenses
- Medical insurance and insurance policies for students attending UT-Knoxville must conform to guidelines provided by the J-1 visa program and any other medical expenses not covered by the medical insurance
- Textbooks, clothing and personal expenses
- Passport and visa costs
- Other necessary fees while attending the host university

2.2 Other Student Programs

Additional students may be nominated by UT-Knoxville and Tsing Hua to participate in other programs, both degree and non-degree. Eligible students, who are admitted to such programs, will incur standard tuition and other normal fees. The home university or the students will pay direct to the host university the full international student’s tuition fee that has been set by the host university for semester or academic year or course in question. In addition, such students must meet all regular admission criteria.

Validity of Agreement

This agreement shall remain in force for a period of three (3) years from the date of the Memorandum of Agreement, with the understanding that either party giving twelve months notice to the other party in writing may terminate it. This agreement may be extended by mutual consent of the two parties. This agreement may be amended by the exchange of letters between the two institutions. Such amendments, once approved by both institutions, will become part of this agreement.

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