



AGREEMENT ON ACADEMIC EXCHANGE BETWEEN TOHOKU UNIVERSITY, JAPAN AND SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, USA

In a mutual desire to promote further intercultural, educational, scientific and technological exchanges, Tohoku University (Japan) and Syracuse University (USA) agree to the following framework of academic cooperation:

- 1-1. Under this agreement, each institute will make an effort to promote the cooperation for mutual benefit in the following areas;
 - (1)Promotion of joint research and educational activities;
 - (2)Invitation to short-term visits of faculty members and researchers for lectures, conferences, colloquia, and symposia or other academic activities;
 - (3) Exchange of information and pertinent publication in fields of interest to both universities;
 - (4)Exchange of faculty members, researchers and students for study and research.
- 1-2. Other forms of cooperation may be established when agreed separately on each specific case.
- 2. The details on other necessary matters concerning the exchange of students are provided separately in "the Memorandum of Understanding on Student Exchange."
- 3. The fields of study are to be designated for each case, based on mutual interests. The conditions for employing the achieved results as well as arrangements for specific visits and exchanges should be endorsed by both universities on each specific case.
- 4. Both universities understand that all financial arrangements will depend upon availability of funds in each specific case, which may be collaboratively and/or separately sought by both universities.
- 5. This agreement will become effective from the date of the signatures by the representatives of both universities and valid for the initial period of five years. The agreement will be reviewed not less than six months prior to the natural termination of the current agreement and may be extended or renewed in mutual accordance. At any time, the terms of this Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement in a written notice.
- 6. The agreement may be terminated by either university with a six-month notice. No applications shall be considered after this notice; however, the universities will continue to fulfill their obligations with the accepted exchange students until the completion of their study plans.

The agreement should be concluded in two original documents, both written in English language and being equally authentic.

Date: Nov. 19, 2008

Nancy Cantor

President, Tohoku University

Akihisa Inoue

Chancellor, Syracuse University

Date: Nov 5, 2008





MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON STUDENT EXCHANGE BETWEEN TOHOKU UNIVERSITY, JAPAN AND SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, USA

The exchange of students as promoted by the Agreement on Academic Exchange between Tohoku University and Syracuse University will be implemented as follows:

- 1. The home university will select students to participate in the exchange program, and the host university will make final decision on admission for each case based on the academic requirements for the proposed course work.
- 2. Each university will have no more than 3 students from the other side enrolled at any time. The actual number of students to be exchanged in a year will be determined each year by mutual agreement.
- 3. The period of enrollment of the students at the host university should not exceed 12 months. Extension of the period may, in exceptional cases, be permitted by mutual agreement.
- 4. The students will continue as candidates for degrees at their home university and will not be candidates for degrees at the host university.
- 5. The host university will not be liable for travel, living, healthcare, insurance or other expenses incurred by the students. This does not preclude application for scholarships or financial aid from independent institutions.
- 6. The field of study for each student will be subjected to the host university being able to provide appropriate courses of study and appoint qualified supervisors when required, and provided such courses are open to exchange students.
- 7. The host university will determine the required language skills for admission in each case, in order to assure that the student has the minimum requirements to carry out his/her studies successfully.
- 8. The students must be enrolled in the home university as regular students and will be exempt from application, matriculation and tuition fees at the host university.
- 9. The host university agrees to provide, prior to the exchange, the course plan and documentation of course work for the students, as well as appropriate documentation about their performance on completion. The home university will determine, prior to the exchange, the appropriate number of credits to be transferred in each case.
- 10. The host university will be responsible for assisting students to find adequate accommodation on or near the host campus. The host university will be exempt from this responsibility if the student declines the recommended accommodation.
- 11. Exchange students are subjected to all rules and regulations of the host university.
- 12. Each university will appoint a contact office and/or person to facilitate the implementation of the program. The appointed offices or persons will act as contact for enquires about the program and will also be responsible for promoting, advertising and overseeing the smooth operation of the program.
- 13. The parties are independent contacting entities. Each party shall be responsible for its own acts and omissions. Neither party shall have the ability to create contractual, tort, or other liability for the other party, and neither party shall be responsible for the other party's acts or omissions.

In the event that one party's acts or omissions result in claims, suits, or proceedings against the other party, or liability, loss or expense (including reasonable attorney's fees) to the other party, the party that caused the claims, suits, proceedings, and shall indemnify and/or hold the other party harmless against the liability, loss, or expense. If a party is obligated under this section to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the other party, it shall likewise defend, indemnify and hold harmless the other party's trustees, officers, employees, agents, and representatives.

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