



**AGREEMENT FOR ACADEMIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN**

**GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A**

AND

**ISTITUTO ITALIANO DI SCIENZE UMANE
FLORENCE, ITALY**

RECITALS

1. Georgetown University (GU) and the Istituto Italiano di Scienze Umane (referred to as SUM), collectively referred to herein as the Parties, wish to establish an exchange of graduate students and faculty, and to foster an intellectual exchange in the fields of Economics, Foreign Languages, Government, History, Linguistics, Philosophy, and Law through research, seminars, jointly-sponsored colloquia, courses, conferences, lectures, joint research papers, and joint publications.
2. To provide the best and most innovative research opportunities for graduate students and faculties and offer an opportunity for intellectual and cultural exchange through a partnership with the SUM network of leading research institutions, the Parties enter into this agreement.

TERMS

In contemplation of the relationship to be established and for valuable consideration, the Parties agree as follows:

Definitions:

For the purposes of this Agreement:

1. "Home University" will mean the institution in which a student is formally enrolled as a degree candidate, and "Host University" will mean the institution that has agreed to receive students from the Home University for a period of study on a non-degree basis.

2. "Exchange Student(s)" will mean non-fee-paying graduate students at the doctoral level. "Faculty" will mean non-fee paying scholars engaged in teaching or academic research at the Home University.

Basis of Graduate Student Exchange:

3. This Agreement shall allow both GU and SUM to annually send graduate (doctoral) Exchange Students to the other institution. Exchange Students may be sent in a ratio of 1:1, whereby SUM sends one student to GU and GU sends one student to SUM. Either Party may send up to two (2) academic year Exchange Students per year. For purposes of determining the ratio of students exchanged, two students participating for one semester each shall be counted as equivalent to one student participating for one academic year. By October 31st each year, each party shall notify the other, in writing, of the maximum number of Exchange Students that each Party will send to the other Party for the following academic year.

4. The Parties may begin to send Exchange Students in the fall semester of academic year 2007-2008.

5. Exchange Students may elect to study at the Host University for a period of one academic semester or one academic year, as those periods are defined by the Host University.

6. This Agreement shall allow both GU and SUM, subject to the department approvals required below, to annually send Faculty to the other institution. The Home University may nominate Faculty to the Host University in a ratio of 1:1. Faculty may be sent for long-term (one semester or academic year) or short-term (less than one semester) visits. All Faculty exchanges must be approved by a sponsoring department at the Host University.

Term, Expiration, Amendment, Modification, or Renewal

7. This Agreement shall take effect on the date it is fully executed by both Parties. It shall remain in effect as a pilot-agreement for three years and expire on July 1, 2010, with the understanding that it may be terminated by either party before that date provided that the terminating Party provides the other Party six months written notice. Moreover, if either Party fails to fulfill a material term or condition of this Agreement, the other Party has the right to terminate the Agreement immediately upon written notice to the other.

8. Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement, Exchange Students, and Faculty already participating in the exchange pursuant to the Agreement shall be permitted to complete their programs at the Host University and the applicable terms of this Agreement shall continue to govern their participation.

9. This Agreement may be amended, modified, extended or renewed only by written, mutual consent of the 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.

Student Exchange Terms

10. Exchange Students will continue as candidates for degrees at their Home University and will not be eligible for a degree at the Host University. Any academic credit earned during the course of the exchange program may be transferred to the Home University in accordance with the regulations of the Home University. For the purposes of this Agreement, Exchange Students will be considered full-time students enrolled in a full-time graduate program at their Home University.

11. For purposes of calculating the student exchange ratio set forth in Paragraph 3, above, a student shall be counted when he or she matriculates at the Host University, regardless of whether the student attends or completes the semester.

12. Every effort will be made to maintain the student exchange ratio set forth in Paragraph 3, above. It is recognized, however, that circumstances may result in an excess of students from one institution in a particular year. If such an excess occurs, enrollment adjustments may be made in the following year to offset the excess students in the prior year. The Parties agree that any excess should be offset within the three-year period of the Agreement. Any time an excess occurs, the Parties may refuse admission to additional incoming Exchange Students until the excess has been fully offset.

Exchange Student Selection, Courses and Enrollment

13. The Host University shall have the final authority on all admissions decisions for students received as Exchange Students. Each University, in recommending candidates for admission, will make every effort to respect the admission requirements and enrollment constraints of the Host University.

14. The Home University will screen and nominate their own students for admission at the Host University based on the following criteria:

a. Exchange Students enrolled at Georgetown are expected to demonstrate appropriate proficiency in the primary language of University. The language of instruction at Georgetown is English. Students must demonstrate written and oral proficiency in the language of instruction in order to participate in the program. By the beginning of their GU enrollment, Exchange Students must meet at least the standard English language entry requirement for overseas, non-native speakers, a TOEFL score of at least 570 (230 computer-based score). Some academic departments may require a TOEFL score of at least 600 (250 computer-based score.) Georgetown students will enroll in courses at SUM or its network of research institutions taught in English. All

Exchange Students must satisfy all admission requirements, including the language proficiency requirement of the Host University.

c. Exchange Students must have completed at least one-year of study in a doctoral program or its equivalent prior to participation in the exchange..

d. Exchange Students nominated by the each institution must satisfy the host University current admissions standards. Furthermore, it is intended that the selected students are among the best qualified graduate students and shall be in good academic standing at their Home University.

e. Exchange Students nominated for admission by the Home University shall have demonstrated, through their prior behavior, that they possess the necessary maturity and stability to successfully complete courses at the Host University.

f. Upon completion of the year or semester at the Host University, Exchange Students must return to the Home University unless an extension of stay has been approved in writing by both Parties.

g. Students must abide by all the rules and regulations of the Host University

15. The exchange of Faculty will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis between the Parties and the relevant departments or academic units at the Host University. Each such Faculty Exchange shall be detailed in an executed Attachment to this Agreement and shall address, at a minimum, the following items: office space, library privileges, access to other university resources, employment status, compensation, travel and living expenses, purpose of the exchange, and such other items as the Parties may deem appropriate.

16. The Parties will forward completed applications and nomination lists to the Host University according to the schedule outlined below. The date by which SUM will forward completed applications to GU is March 1st for fall semester and October 1st for second semester. The date by which GU will forward completed applications to SUM is March 1st for full year applicants and November 1st for spring semester. The Host University will inform the Home University of final admissions decisions within two (2) months of the application due date.

17. The Host University will provide academic advising to assist the visiting Exchange Student, access to libraries, archives and other research institutions as necessary for their doctoral studies and research.

18. Exchange Students shall pursue an academic program developed in consultation with the student's Home University. The Host University reserves the right to exclude Exchange Students from restricted enrollment programs. It is understood that course quota, normal timetabling, and scheduling constraints apply to all students, including Exchange Students.

19. The Host University will provide the Home University with an official transcript for each Exchange Student at the completion of each semester of the Agreement.

Program Fees and Costs

20. Program fees and costs shall be covered in the following manner:

a. SUM Exchange Students must register at SUM, and pay tuition and mandatory inscriptions fees to SUM as determined by SUM. SUM students will be allowed to participate in the health insurance programs of GU students by paying the fees charged to GU students.

b. GU Exchange Students must register at Georgetown University and pay tuition, health insurance and other fees to GU as determined by the GU Office of International Programs.

c. All GU and SUM Exchange Students shall be responsible for the following costs:

1. Costs related to their own passport and visa
2. Costs associated with accommodations, meals, travel expenses, textbooks, clothing and personal expenses.
3. Medical insurance and/or medical expenses not covered by the insurance, and as may be required in order to obtain the applicable visa.
4. Non-compulsory incidental fees; and all other debts incurred during the course of the semester or academic year. The Host University shall bill students directly for any costs incurred in connection with the services listed here for which Exchange Students are to be responsible.

d. The Parties' financial responsibilities are as follows:

1. GU shall pay the costs of GU tuition and orientation for SUM Exchange Students.
2. SUM shall pay the cost of SUM tuition, orientation fees, and other mandatory inscription fees for GU Exchange Students. SUM shall waive health insurance charges.

21. If an Exchange Student voluntarily withdraws or is dismissed by the Host Institution from the Program before the end of the program, no refunds will be made. The Parties agree that there will be no substitution of new students for any students who do not complete the program.

Housing

22. The Host University will assist Exchange Students in securing suitable housing for the duration of the academic program.

23. Exchange Students must comply with the housing regulations established by the Host University, including, but not limited to visitation regulations, smoking regulations, alcohol policies and drug policies. Exchange Students will be billed for any damage they cause to Host University property, including but not limited to, residence halls, furniture, library books, computers, and property belonging to third parties. The Home University agrees to fully compensate the Host University for any costs its students are assessed and fail to pay.

24. The Host University takes no responsibility for loss or damage to the Exchange Student's personal belongings, however caused. Exchange Students are responsible for making their own insurance arrangements for loss of, or damage to, personal property.

25. In the event of a medical emergency, if the Host University deems it appropriate to pay the cost of immediate medical services or medical evacuation of an Exchange Student, the Home University will reimburse the Host University for such expenditure. The Host University agrees to cooperate with the Home University, as necessary, in obtaining repayment from the student or the student's insurance provider. GU students studying at SUM will pay an insurance fee that provides coverage for students on Overseas Studies Programs. SUM students will be allowed to participate in the health insurance programs of GU students by paying the fees charged to GU students.

Visa Applications, Residency Permits and Faculty Work Permits

26. Georgetown University will assist Exchange Students and Faculty from SUM, to the fullest extent possible, in obtaining visas and other documents required by the government of the United States of America. The final responsibility for obtaining necessary visas and documents, however, rests with the Exchange Student and Faculty.

27. SUM agrees to provide all necessary assistance to ensure that Exchange Students and Faculty from Georgetown University are able to lawfully obtain the visas, research permits, and residency permits they require to study and/or research at SUM in Florence or at any of the other Italian and European institutions that comprise the SUM network of universities. GU Exchange Students and Faculty will fully cooperate with SUM to obtain their visas, and SUM shall have no obligation to ensure the necessary documentation for any student or faculty member who does not fully cooperate. The Parties further acknowledge that this paragraph is a material term of the Agreement.

Student Conduct

28. Exchange Students shall abide by and are subject to the laws and regulations of the Host country. Exchange Students shall abide by the rules set forth in the Host University's Code of Conduct or its equivalent. In addition, the Host University, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to dismiss any Exchange Student whose academic performance or conduct warrants such action.

29. The Home University agrees that its Exchange Students shall be bound by the Host University's code of practice covering the use of e-mail and the internet. Improper use of e-mail or the internet may result in the individual's dismissal from the program by the Host University.

Other Programs

30. To fulfill the research goals of the partnership, the Parties agree to explore collaborations in the following areas, but not limited to:

- (a) Faculty's participation in seminars, conferences, lectures, joint research papers, and joint publications;
- (b) Exchange students' accessibility to courses and research at all institutions that comprise the SUM network in Italy and Europe.
- (c) Eligibility for GU graduate students to receive SUM research grants;
- (d) Establishment of joint or dual graduate degrees, which will require appropriate faculty, administrative, and regulatory approval; and
- (e) Such other programs as the Parties may desire.

No such program shall be established, however, without the execution of an Attachment to this Agreement describing, in detail, the terms and conditions of the program.

Other Provisions

31. The obligations of the Host University under this Agreement are limited to Exchange Students and Faculty, as set forth in Paragraph 1, above, and do not extend to spouses and dependents of any of these persons.

32. The Parties will not be liable for non-performance of any obligation under this Agreement arising out of circumstances beyond the control of that party.

33. Each Party agrees to indemnify the other Party, its officers, directors, employees, agents, and students from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, liabilities, expenses, demands, and judgments, which may arise out of the Party's own negligent or unintentionally willful acts or omissions. Neither Party shall be responsible to the other for third-party acts beyond its control such as, but not limited to, acts of war, acts of God, terrorism and civil unrest.

34. Each Party shall maintain general liability insurance for bodily injury and property damage to cover such liability caused by, or arising out of, the actions or omissions of its directors, officers, agents, and or employees. Evidence of such insurance or self-insurance shall be provided to the other Party upon request.

358. The relationship of the Parties under this Agreement shall be that of independent contractors, and neither party shall be deemed, or hold itself out as being a partner, broker, employee, servant or agent of the other Party. Neither GU nor SUM shall be liable for the acts of the other.

36. Neither Party shall use the other Party's name or marks in any advertising or promotional literature without obtaining the written consent of the other Party.

37. A waiver or breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of such rights, nor shall the same be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach, either of the same provision or otherwise.

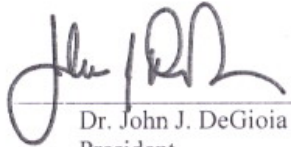
39. The terms of this Agreement are severable such that, if any term or provision is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, void, or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions shall continue to be valid and enforceable.

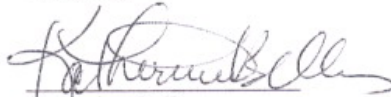
40. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any and all prior understandings and agreements, oral and written, relating hereto.

41. Both Parties subscribe to a policy of equal opportunity and will not discriminate on the basis of the race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, age, marital status, personal appearance, sexual orientation, familial status, family responsibilities, political affiliation, source of income, or disability of any individual.

In witness hereof, the authorized representatives of the Parties hereby execute this Agreement on the dates set forth below:

For Georgetown University

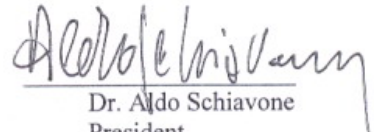

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