



## Memorandum of Understanding on International Cooperation Between

## The National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research (CONICYT - Chile)

# And University College London (United Kingdom)

## A. Participants in the Memorandum

This Memorandum is entered into between the "National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research – Chile" (hereinafter referred to as "CONICYT") and the University College London (hereinafter referred to as "UCL").

CONICYT, in accordance with the provisions of Executive Decree No 664/2008 and its modifications governing the "BECAS CHILE" system dependent upon the Ministry of Education of Chile, is one of the official entities responsible for the implementation of scholarships.

UCL is a tertiary education and research institution based in London, United Kingdom.

Both parties accept to be the "participating institutions" in this Memorandum of Understanding.

## **B.** Purpose of the Memorandum

This document represents an agreement between both "participating institutions" aimed at cooperating, participating and following up the implementation of this Memorandum on Cooperation. Its purpose is to promote the training of Chilean students in Graduate Programmes offered by UCL.

## C. Intent of Participants

The intent of this Memorandum is to establish the following commitments for each of the parties subscribing this Memorandum of International Cooperation:

## 1. UCL shall:

a) Provide a 10% (ten percent) contribution to the scholarship holders for English Language courses at the UCL Language Centre to each scholarship









holder whose English fluency is still deemed to be below the level required by UCL and whose admission is contingent upon the recipient's ability to meet the English Language entry requirements of the University.

- b) Provide a 25% (twenty-five percent) contribution on total tuition fees for Master's programmes for each scholarship holder; This will be applicable for a maximum of two (2) years.
- c) Provide a 25% (twenty-five percent) contribution on total tuition fees for research programmes (e.g. MPhil/PhD) for each scholarship holder; This will be applicable for a maximum of four (4) years.
- d) Provide to CONICYT sponsored students programmes of study as outlined in the UCL prospectuses and other UCL documents and communications, and in accordance with all terms and conditions specified therein.
- e) Provide the sponsored students with documentation indicating their admission to UCL, and general information on immigration regulations, but recognize it is the students' responsibility to obtain the necessary visas and authorization to enter their country of study. UCL will designate a member of staff who is responsible for ensuring that advice is available to the scholarship recipients, as required, on visa and immigration issues.
- f) Make available to all students in receipt of a CONICYT scholarship and enrolled as graduate students at the main UCL campus in London, at the expense of UCL, all courses provided under the UCL Skills Development Programme. A programme of courses tailor-made for their individual needs will be agreed in consultation with their course director or supervisor.
- g) Provide all necessary information so that CONICYT scholarship holders (and their spouses and/or children), provided they are registered at UCL for a minimum of six months, might receive support from the government of the United Kingdom for medical insurance through the National Health Service.
- According to the powers, criteria, amounts, time limits, types of scholarships and conditions set forth in Executive Decree 664/2008 and its modifications from the Ministry of Education, CONICYT shall be responsible for the following benefits:
  - a) A one air ticket, economy class, from the nearest airport of the scholar's place of residence in Chile to the city of London and one-way air ticket,









economy class, back from London to Chile at the end of the study programme, for the scholar, his/her spouse and children, if appropriate.

- b) An amount equal to the total enrolment and tuition fees required by UCL after they have made their contributions.
- c) A monthly allowance for the scholar for the duration of the Graduate Programme studies in the United Kingdom.
- d) A monthly allowance for the spouse.
- e) A monthly allowance for each child under 18 years old.
- f) A one-time allowance, per scholar, to cover settlement expenses and a one-time relocation allowance.
- g) A yearly allowance for books and/or materials.
- h) A yearly allowance to cover health insurance.
- i) Extension of monthly *per diem* allowance on account of pregnancy and maternity leave, to scholars only.
- j) Benefits associated to pre-sessional English courses, if appropriate.

### D. Coordination activities

- 1. CONICYT and UCL will each designate a member of staff to be the point of contact on all matters pertaining to this agreement, except for those matters in respect of which it has been mutually agreed that another individual/office/agency may be contacted direct by the other party.
- CONICYT will send to UCL, via the designated coordinator, a list of all students in receipt of a BECAS CHILE scholarship. UCL must be notified at least 4 (four) weeks before the official start date of the programme or course for which a student has been accepted at UCL.
- 3. Tuition fees/ Affiliate Academic fees will be paid by CONICYT to UCL upon receipt of an invoice sent to the following address:







CONICYT – Programa Formación de Capital Humano Avanzado Facturación Becas Chile Canadá 308 Providencia – Santiago CHILE

Código postal: 7500788 payment@conicyt.cl

4. UCL will provide support to follow up and supervise scholarship holders at UCL. UCL will submit to CONICYT an annual report relative to the academic performance of the scholarship holders, including the student's most recent transcript, indicating the student's academic standing. UCL will also inform CONICYT when the student has satisfactorily completed his/her degree.

### E. Other Activities

CONICYT and the UCL, annually and in common agree to implement other programmes according to the available budget and resources of both parties and Chilean bylaw.

## F. Other Provisions

- 1. Any controversy arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement will be resolved, in first instance, amicably and expeditiously by consultation or negotiation between the Parties or such other means as they may mutually decide. Whether the resolution by those means is not possible the Parties shall proceed into courts of law.
- 2. This Agreement may be amended by mutual written consent of the Parties at the request of either Party. Any amendments will become effective upon written notification by the Parties. No delay in exercising any right shall constitute a waiver of that right, however the rights contained in the agreement shall be exercised in a reasonable period of time.
- 3. This Memorandum has been executed in the English and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authentic. Any translation into another language must set the same obligations for both institutions as in the original document. No other translation shall have an official status.









- 4. This Memorandum states the intent of participating institutions. Any commitment other than those included herein shall not be binding upon the participating institutions.
- 5. This Memorandum shall be valid for 5 (five) years from the date on which the domestic administrative procedures have been completed and approved by the authorities of each country, without affecting its validity for the students who are studying at the UCL until the end of the scholarship. The Memorandum may be extended for an additional five-year period by agreement between the participating institutions.
- 6. This Memorandum may be terminated by either participating institution, giving notice 90 days prior to the intended date of termination.
- 7. The Parties set the domicile of the agreement in Santiago.

Professor Michael Worton, Vice-Provost (International) of UCL, is authorized to represent UCL by means of authority act provided by UCL.

Dr. Jose Miguel Aguilera is authorized to represent CONICYT, the National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research, through Supreme Decree Number 222/2010, issued by the Ministry of Education of Chile.

SIGNED by and in representation of the UCL

PLACE: London DATE: 20.09.12 SIGNED by and in representation of the National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research.

PLACE: Santiago, Chile DATE: 10,08,2012

Professor Michael Worton

Vice-Provost (International) of XC