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**Memorandum of Agreement
Between**

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

and

The University of Edinburgh (United Kingdom)

A. Participants

This Agreement is entered into between the National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research – Chile (hereinafter referred to as "CONICYT") and the University of Edinburgh.

CONICYT, in accordance with the provisions of Executive Decree N° 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 the scholarships.

The University of Edinburgh is a tertiary education and research institution based in Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom.

Both parties accept to be the "participating institutions" in this Agreement.

B. Purpose of the Agreement

This document represents an agreement between both "participating institutions" aimed at cooperating, participating and following up the implementation of this Agreement. Its purpose is to promote the training of Chilean students in MSc or LL.M and in Ph.D. programs offered by the University of Edinburgh.

C. Intent of Participants

The intent of this Agreement is to establish the following commitments for each of the parties subscribing this Agreement:

- 1.1. This Agreement aims to support Chilean students accepted in any Ph.D. program in the University of Edinburgh and selected by CONICYT. It also aims to support up to 25 Chilean students each year accepted in any MSc or LL.M



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programme in the University and selected by CONICYT, through a 25% tuition fee discount.

- 1.2. The scheme will only apply to students nominated by CONICYT and have met the University of Edinburgh's academic requirements.
- 1.3. The University of Edinburgh shall be responsible for:
 - a. Provide each CONICYT Ph.D Scholarship holder admitted and enrolled in a Ph.D. programme at the University of Edinburgh an annual scholarship amounting to the full published tuition fees (excluding additional programme costs) during the third and fourth year of their programme of study.
 - b. Provide up to a maximum of 25 CONICYT MSc or LL.M Scholarship holders who are admitted and enrolled in a MSc programme at the University of Edinburgh an annual tuition fee discount of 25%.
 - c. Providing free courses on research planning, IT skills, communication, professional development, business and enterprise and orientation for all CONICYT doctoral students from the University's Institute of Academic Development.
 - d. CONICYT funded students who take the University of Edinburgh TEAM (Test of English at Matriculation) are eligible for free additional English language during the graduate programme, if deemed that this is required, following the assessment by the University's English Language Teaching Centre.
 - e. Providing CONICYT's scholarship holders with full support for advising and guidance whilst they are enrolled at the University of Edinburgh and information relating to academic progress.
 - f. The University of Edinburgh will provide all sponsored students with documentation relating to admission to the University but it remains the student's responsibility to obtain the necessary visa and authorization to enter the United Kingdom.
 - g. The University of Edinburgh undertakes to assist CONICYT's students in locating suitable housing, provision of support relating to visas and extension of leave to remain in the United Kingdom and related student services.

- h. The University of Edinburgh retains all decision making authority in relation to the admission and progression of CONICYT's scholarship students attending the University of Edinburgh. The University will review scholars and intake annually.
 - i. The University of Edinburgh will submit to CONICYT an annual report relative to the academic performance of the scholarship holders, including the student's most recent transcript and the student's academic standing. The University of Edinburgh will also inform CONICYT when the student has satisfactorily completed his/her degree.
- 1.4. According to the powers, criteria, amounts, time limits, types of scholarships and conditions set forth in Executive Decree No664/2008 and its modifications from the Ministry of Education, CONICYT shall be responsible for the following benefits:
 - a. A one-way air ticket, economy class, from the nearest airport of the scholar place of residence in Chile to the city of Edinburgh and one-way air ticket, economy class, back from Edinburgh to Chile at the end of the study program, for the scholar, his/her spouse and children, if appropriate.
 - b. Tuition fees required by the University of Edinburgh during the first and second year of the Ph.D. programme. MSc or LL.M will receive a 25% tuition fee discount in all years.
 - c. A monthly allowance for the scholar for the duration of the Graduate Program 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 and can be used as a contribution towards any additional programme costs.
 - h. A yearly allowance to cover health insurance.



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- i. Extension of monthly *per diem* allowance on account of pregnancy and maternity leave, to scholars only.
 - j. Benefits associated to language course, if appropriate.
- 1.5. In order for the students to continue receiving the support established in this Agreement, the students must be enrolled in the University of Edinburgh and maintain their academic status.
- 1.6. The benefits provided by CONICYT and the University of Edinburgh cannot be duplicated.

D. Final Provisions

1. Each Party will designate an Activities Coordinator who will be in charge of following-up and evaluation of the fellowships program and visits, informing the counterpart at all times.
2. This Agreement 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.
3. This Agreement states the intent of participating institutions. Any commitment other than those included herein shall not be binding upon the participating institutions.
4. This Agreement 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 University of Edinburgh until the end of the scholarship. The Agreement may be extended for an additional five-year period by agreement between the participating institutions.
5. This Agreement may be terminated by either participating institution, giving notice 90 days prior to the intended date of termination.
6. Students' matriculation details will be included in statistical information on student numbers and alumni database as required and appropriate.



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7. CONICYT students studying at the University of Edinburgh are required to act in accordance with the laws of Scotland and UK as appropriate.

Professor Timothy O'Shea, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, University of Edinburgh, is authorized to represent the University of Edinburgh by means of authority act provided by the University of Edinburgh.

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
University of Edinburgh

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the National Commission for Scientific
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PLACE: Edinburgh
DATE: 8/10/13

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