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**STINT**  
Stiftelsen för internationalisering av  
högre utbildning och forskning  
The Swedish Foundation for International  
Cooperation in Research and Higher Education

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**between**  
**NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**RESEARCH (CONICYT), CHILE**  
**and**  
**THE SWEDISH FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL**  
**COOPERATION IN RESEARCH AND HIGHER EDUCATION**  
**(STINT), SWEDEN**  
**regarding**  
***CHILE - SWEDEN RESEARCH COOPERATION PROGRAMME***

National Commission for Science and Technology Research (CONICYT), Santiago, Chile, and The Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education (STINT), Stockholm, Sweden, agree on the following Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for *Chile – Sweden Research Cooperation Programme*, in order to promote research collaboration between Chile and Sweden:

**Considering** both CONICYT's and STINT's Missions and Objectives related to promotion and development of science and technology.

**ARTICLE 1**

As of 2018, researchers from Chile and Sweden will be present with the opportunity to submit proposals under the *Chile – Sweden Research Cooperation Programme*, subscribed between CONICYT and STINT, according to the valid legislation for each institution.

The objective of the present agree will focus on funding new collaborative projects between researchers from both countries. The funding provided should be used for exchange of researchers between participating research groups.

Grants made available should be used for costs related to mobility of the individuals between participating institutions and researchers.

The areas of cooperation for the joint projects, which will have a duration of up to three (3) years, include all areas of knowledge.

The maximum annual grant for each successful project is 20,000 Euro [CLP\$15.000.000.- approx.] from CONICYT and 200,000 SEK from STINT, insofar the budget availability permits.

The exact opening and closing dates of the calls for proposals, the first of which will be in 2018; the budget of the call and the eligibility of researchers will be jointly determined by CONICYT and STINT, following the scheme in Table 1 below.



**Table I - Programme Execution**

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Execution</b>
Negotiation for public call to select new projects	Until end April 2018
Opening of the period for applications.	June 2018
Closing of the period for applications	Mid-September 2018
Reviews	Mid-September – mid-december 2018
Joint decision of projects to support (including budget decision for the call). Publication of results.	January 2019
Beginning of project activities and payment of funding.	From March 2019

The Chilean call text will be made available through the website of CONICYT <http://www.conicyt.cl>.

The call text for researchers from Sweden will be made available through the STINT website <http://www.stint.se>.

## **ARTICLE 2**

In order to be eligible, a proposal must meet the following criteria, at least:

- It must be submitted jointly by a Chilean and a Swedish Principal Investigator (PI), in Sweden to STINT and in Chile to CONICYT.
- in Sweden researchers and scholars at institutions of higher education are eligible to apply for funding
- in Chile researchers and scholars at institutions of higher education and research centers are eligible to apply for funding
- in Sweden, a joint proposal can only be submitted according to the regulations and guidelines of STINT;
- in Chile, a joint proposal can only be submitted according to the regulations and guidelines of CONICYT;
- it must be submitted by the deadline jointly determined by CONICYT and STINT;
- it must be submitted in English, using the appropriate application forms, which are available through the STINT and CONICYT websites.

## **ARTICLE 3**

Applications should be worked out jointly by the Principal Investigators in the Swedish and Chilean research groups. Only joint applications will be accepted in the programme.



#### **ARTICLE 4**

The proposals which have been received by the deadline and which are considered eligible after the submission will be evaluated by CONICYT and STINT, using appropriate evaluation mechanisms.

In both Chile and Sweden the evaluation results will be reflected in a ranked list of proposals consisting of three parts:

- Proposals in first order (grade A): to be funded with the highest priority to the extent that the budget allows for;
- Proposals in second order (grade B): to be funded if the budget allows for it ("*reserve list*");
- "*Not ranked proposals*" (grade C): considered to be of insufficient quality or not corresponding to the objectives of the bilateral scientific cooperation mechanism; not to be funded.

In each part, the proposals will be ranked in decreasing order of priority. In order to prepare for the negotiations between CONICYT and STINT, the two Parties will exchange their respective evaluation lists, ranked according to the principles mentioned above.

Selection of proposals to be funded will be decided through face-to-face meetings and/or written (email) correspondences. Final decisions will be signed by each Party signifying that the decisions are taken with unanimity.

#### **ARTICLE 5**

In Chile, the execution of the projects is subject to a final decision signed by CONICYT's Executive Director according to the local legislation.

In Sweden, the execution of the projects is subject to a final decision signed by STINT's Executive Director.

#### **ARTICLE 6**

The projects are funded bilaterally by CONICYT and STINT in accordance with the rules and procedures of both organisations, and as a result of joint selection procedure.

The Swedish institutions involved in the collaborative projects will receive their funds from STINT and the Chilean institutions involved in the collaborative projects will receive their funds from CONICYT.

#### **ARTICLE 7**

- a) The Parties agree that when the actions taken by virtue of this MoU result in products of commercial value and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), they will be regulated by national legislation and international conventions in force. Participants should also observe the Intellectual Property Policy of the Party responsible for the funding of their team.
- b) In the case of joint ownership of Intellectual Property, the relevant participants will in good faith endeavor to establish a joint ownership agreement regarding the allocation and terms of exercising that joint ownership, taking into account the relevant contributions of the participants. There should be a clear understanding between project partners on such IPR issues before the commencement of a project.



**ARTICLE 8**

The Parties acknowledge that the information relating to the joint activities is handled in accordance with national legislation as well as their respective policies.

**ARTICLE 9**

The Parties shall, in all respect relating to the execution of this MoU and all matters ancillary thereto, liaise with the following persons:

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**ARTICLE 10**

This MoU is valid for three (3) years as from the date of signature, and subject to regular evaluation by CONICYT and STINT. It can be prolonged by mutual consent. This is to be decided at the latest six months prior to the expiration of the MoU. For CONICYT this MoU will be valid as from the date of the administrative procedure.

The programme can be terminated with or without cause by either party giving notice in writing four months before closing date for the next round of applications.

The termination of this MoU shall not affect the programmes and projects undertaken in the scope of this MoU and not totally concluded at the moment of its expiration. In this case, CONICYT and STINT will provide, in their budgets, funds for the full completion of the projects not totally concluded.

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Signature:

**Dr Andreas Göthenberg**  
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