



AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMISSION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN CHILE AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE NATIONAL COMMISSION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH TO FINANCE RESEARCH IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES FOR CHILEAN DOCTORAL STUDENTS.

In Santiago, Chile, December 18, 1997 between the Commission for Educational Exchange between Chile and the United States of America (hereinafter referred to as "Commission"), represented by its President, Ms. Kathleen A. Brion, Victoria Subercaseaux N°41, Office 401, Santiago, and the Chilean National Commission on Scientific and Technological Research (hereinafter referred to as "CONICYT") represented by its President Mr. Mauricio Sarrazín Arellano, Canada N°308, Providencia, Santiago, have agreed the following:

To establish a Research Scholarship Program for Chilean Pre-Doctoral Students oriented to strengthen the formation of students working on their final dissertations in Chilean universities and having a CONICYT scholarship.

The program will offer up to 5 scholarships each year to Chilean students for a maximum period of 9 months (one academic year) in U.S. universities, with the purpose of enhancing their academic formation in the field of their dissertation while he/she is enrolled in a Chilean University.

FIRST ARTICLE : CONTRIBUTION OF THE PARTIES.

Both institutions represented in this agreement are committed to finance as follows:

1.1. COMISSION

- Administration of the Program in the United States of America through the Institute of International Education (IIE).
- A monthly supplement to the maintenance allowance provided by CONICYT, which will be determined by IIE according to the U.S.A. city where the student will continue the program.

- USIA (United States Information Agency) health insurance program as provided all grantees in Fulbright Programs.
- Tuition and fees to use the library, laboratories and other facilities, in addition to the mandatory health insurance of the U.S. university.
- Book allowance of US\$950
- Settling-in allowance up to US\$350

1.2. CONICYT

- Round trip airfare to the designated city in the United States
- Monthly maintenance allowance of US\$700 up to a maximum of US\$7000 per student.

SECOND ARTICLE : REQUIREMENTS

Interested candidates should meet the following requirements:

- Be a national of Chile
- $^{\rm -}$ Be an enrolled student in a doctoral program accredited by CONICYT in a Chilean university.
- Have a CONICYT scholarship oriented to achieve a Ph.D.
- Be sponsored by a Chilean academic adviser who should set up with the student the dissertation working program in the U.S. university.
- Good command of English: Minimum score of 550 on the TOEFL; Minimum score of 75% on the Michigan or ALIGU tests.
- Complete the Fulbright application forms and letters of recommendations.

THIRD ARTICLE : APPLICATION

The application period for the program will be between March 1 and June 30 of each year. The result will be announced during September of each year. Students should be able to travel to the U.S. in January of the following year.

FOURTH ARTICLE : SELECTION PROCESS

A public competition will be held every year oriented to predoctoral students with a CONICYT sholarship in Chilean universities. Decision will be taken by an ad hoc Screening Committee formed by Commission and CONICYT representatives.

FIFTH ARTICLE : ADMINISTRATION

Administration of the program will be performed by the Commission. Admission and academic follow up of the students in the U.S. will be the responsibility of IIE. CONICYT's contribution will be effected by quarterly transfer to the Commission for Educational Exchange between Chile and the United States of America.

SIXTH ARTICLE : RECRUITMENT AND ADVERTISING

The promotion of the program will be done primarily by CONICYT

SEVENTH ARTICLE : OPERATION

This agreement shall enter in force on January 01, 1998, and shall remain in force indefinitely. Either party may terminate this agreement through written notification three months in advance. Nevertheless, both parties should respect the financing and execution of any program under way upon termination of the agreement.

EIGHT ARTICLE : SOLUTION OF DISPUTES

In the case of controversies about the meaning and scope of this agreement, both parties shall resolve by consensus through a tripartite commission formed by a representative of Fulbright, one from CONICYT, and a third one appointed by mutual agreement of both parties.

NINTH : COPIES

This agreement signed in four identical originals, with two copies for each party.

Signature Signature Y LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS ES DE AMERICA

Wathleen A. Brion

President, Fulbright Commission

Signature

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DENTE PASSIDENT CONICYT