# Student exchange between the University of Helsinki, Finland, and the Universidad de la República, Uruguay

The University of Helsinki, Finland, and the Universidad de la República, Uruguay, have concluded this agreement for the purpose of student exchange. This agreement is signed on university level and covers all fields represented at both universities.

### 1. Purpose of the agreement

- 1.1. The purpose of this agreement is to implement student exchange between the University of Helsinki and the Universidad de la República.
- 1.2. Maximum of 5 full year-students shall be selected for exchange each year, with two semester students being equal to one full-year student.
- 1.3. The period of exchange shall be one academic semester or one academic year.
- 1.4. The exchanges shall be open to Bachelor's and Master's level students of both institutions who have completed at least one year of undergraduate study.
- 1.5. The contact persons of the two institutions will review the balance annually to determine any unreasonable balance in the number of exchange students, and will adjust the numbers exchanged accordingly with the aim of maintaining overall balance over the 5-year cycle of this agreement.

## 2. Admission to the host university

- 2.1. All persons to be exchanged within this agreement shall be nominated by the sending party and approved by the receiving party.
- 2.2. The students' applications must be submitted following the application deadlines of the host university. Information about the deadlines will be exchanged annually.
- 2.3. All candidates must have sufficient language skills as required by the host university. The home university will take necessary steps to verify candidates' language proficiency.
- 2.4. The host university has the right to make the final decision concerning admission in each individual case on the basis of its admission requirements.
- 2.5. Exchange students shall be enrolled as full-time, non-degree students the host institution.
- 2.6. The studies undertaken at the host university shall be considered as part of the degree studies at the student's home university. The exchange student will remain to be enrolled as a degree student at the home university.

## 3. Financing

- 3.1. Each university will waive tuition and application fees for exchange students.
- 3.2. Both universities seek to allocate funds for the activities as agreed above.
- 3.3. Third-party funding may be sought, where available.

## 4. Responsibilities of the host and home university and of the exchange student

- 4.1. Any academic credit received during the course of the programme can be transferred to the home university in accordance with the appropriate regulations of the home university.
- 4.2. Exchange students shall be subject to the rules, regulations and discipline of the host university and all relevant local laws.

- 4.3. The host university will provide the home university or the exchange student with an official transcript on each exchange student at the completion of the exchange.
- 4.4. All exchange participants must have an insurance policy with extensive coverage, health, accident, and repatriation of remains.
- 4.5. The participating students shall be responsible for the costs of their own food, accommodation, travel, books, transportation, passports, visas, and personal expenses.

### 5. Contact persons

5.1. Both universities will designate a contact person to co-ordinate the activities related to this agreement. At the University of Helsinki, the exchanges will be co-ordinated by International Exchange Services. At the Universidad de la República, exchanges will be coordinated by the Mobility Department of the International Relations Service.

# 6. Modification, duration, termination, and validity

- 6.1. Any amendment to this agreement will require written consent of both universities and will be attached to this document.
- 6.2. This agreement comes into force upon the signing by the Rector of the University of Helsinki and the President of the International Relations Service of the Universidad de la República.
- 6.3. The agreement shall remain valid for five years unless one party expressly terminates is by six months prior written notice. In the event of termination, the students already studying at placed in the host University shall have the right to complete their exchange period as planned.
- 6.4. Both parties shall discuss and decide on the possible renewal of the agreement four (4) months prior to the expiry date of this agreement. If the universities wish to continue exchanges, this agreement can be renewed in writing.

#### 7. Copies

7.1. This agreement is signed in two copies in English.

For the Universidad de la República

Alvaro Rico
President of the

International Relations Service

Date: 1 1 JUN 2021

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For the University of Helsinki

Jari Niemelä Rector

Date:

Septenber 1, 2021

