AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION

BETWEEN

UNIVERSITEIT UTRECHT

AND

THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,
ON BEHALF OF ITS LOS ANGELES CAMPUS, USA

In the spirit of intellectual cooperation and international understanding, we the undersigned agree to this renewed agreement to maintain regular contacts and continue to develop a program of academic exchange activities between the Universiteit Utrecht (UU) and the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

I. OBJECTIVES OF THE AGREEMENT

The broad objectives of this agreement are to promote cooperation in teaching and research, to facilitate the international exchange of ideas and to enhance the scholarly efforts of the participating persons and the partner institutions.

This AGREEMENT establishes general terms and conditions, which are intended to govern future Exchange ("EXCHANGE"). This AGREEMENT shall not obligate either party to implement any specific exchange or commit to any expenditure of funds unless approved by both host and receiving department. Nothing in this AGREEMENT limits Utrecht or UCLA from exchanging services, products, advanced technologies or research with other parties, or entering into agreements with other parties for any purpose.

II. THE PARTIES

This AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION ("AGREEMENT") is entered into by and between the Regents of the University of California, acting on behalf of its Los Angeles campus ("UCLA"), located at 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90095, USA and Universiteit Utrecht ("Utrecht"), located at 3508 TC Utrecht, The Netherlands.

Both are non-profit educational institutions.

III. MODES OF COLLABORATION

• Modes of collaboration may include the exchange of faculty, students, and scholarly publications; the organization of joint colloquia, seminars and conferences, and the development of joint research projects.

• All disciplines within the field of Humanities and Social Sciences represented at the two universities may be involved in the exchange activities.

• It is acknowledged that this agreement furthers the important relationship between Utrecht and UCLA, which is sustained through the support of the Van Tilburg Lecture and Utrecht’s Dutch language training for UCLA students through the James Boswell Institute. This support encompasses intensive introductory courses in the Dutch language during the summer. These courses are offered at no cost to UCLA study abroad students at Utrecht.
IV. EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES

Exchange activities will continue to be organized in the Faculty of Arts, especially the Research Institute for History and Culture (OGC), of the Universiteit Utrecht and the UCLA College of Letters and Science. Connections with OGC-UU will include the major Dutch national graduate schools in History, Art History, Literature, Linguistics, Women’s Studies and Indonesian Studies.

V. FACULTY EXCHANGE

Both universities agree to facilitate UCLA-UU exchange that allows for faculty from either university to visit and teach. The home institution will pay salary during the time of the visit, whether through a sabbatical or other mechanism.

The number of faculty that will be exchanged is one per year in either direction.

The OGC will pay the travel costs of the Utrecht faculty. The UCLA College home division of the UCLA faculty member will pay the travel costs of the UCLA faculty.

Both parties take upon themselves to provide housing for traveling faculty who are teaching at no cost to the host university. Cost of rentals in both places is comparable.

Visiting faculty members will arrange to continue health insurance coverage through their home university or arrange for such coverage through the host institution in accordance with the practices prevailing there.

VI. STUDENT EXCHANGE

Both parties agree to facilitate student exchange. The exchange of students will be undertaken on the basis of prevailing university regulations, including consideration of the students’ academic qualifications, as well as competence in English or Dutch. The number of students that will be exchanged is presumably one or two a year, but seen as open to exception through review by the Vice Provost for International Studies and the Vice Provost for New Collaborative Initiatives. This can include undergraduate or graduate students or a combination.

However, it is intended that UU-UCLA cooperation will mainly provide for graduate student exchange. For especially gifted undergraduates, an exchange will be possible to either campus with the English language Utrecht University College (UUG) being able to receive UCLA undergraduates on a selective basis.

The OGC will assist graduate students in finding grants to cover their travel expenses and the UCLA College of Letters and Science will do the same for their graduate student travel.

While the visiting graduate student is responsible for housing payments, the host university will make reasonable efforts to assist in finding adequate housing.

A faculty mentor will be identified at the host university, who will assist the exchange student with orientation and provide academic advice.

VII. SELECTION AND APPROVAL

Each institution will screen exchange student applicants in a manner consistent with its respective procedures and recommend the most suitable student applicants to the other institution at least four months prior to the exchange student’s arrival on campus.

Recommendations must include the name of the intended exchange student, a proposed course of study, and an up-to-date transcript. Final acceptance of student applicants will be made by the host institution. The course of study for each applicant must be approved in advance by each institution. The host institution will seek to facilitate the enrollment of the exchange student in his or her preferred courses or program of study. However, the host institution may be limited by issues of course capacity and availability. It is therefore understood that the degree-matriculated students at the host institution will be given enrollment priority.
VIII. FEES

Exchange students may be required to pay certain fees (e.g. health insurance, lab fees, material fees) to the host institution. A list of these fees will be agreed upon by the institutions in writing before applications are approved. A list of fees will be sent in writing to the prospective exchange student. Exchange students under this Agreement will be obligated to pay the costs of visas, travel, books, equipment, food and other incidental expenses at the host institution.

IX. HEALTH INSURANCE

Each exchange student must maintain a comprehensive health insurance policy for the duration of his or her exchange. UCLA requires that visiting exchange students purchase a health insurance policy through UCLA.

X. TERMS OF COOPERATION

1. Prior to the initiation of any particular program or activity, the terms of cooperation and exchange shall be discussed and agreed upon in writing by the appropriate responsible representatives of both institutions.

2. Each university will strive to ensure that the faculty and students who will be sent to the other will be competent in English or Dutch to successfully complete their proposed exchange activities. Exceptions can be discussed, when needed.

3. Both parties understand that all financial arrangements for specific exchange activities must be mutually agreed upon and will depend on the availability of funds.

4. Implementation of this agreement will be coordinated by the President of the Universiteit Utrecht and the Vice Provost, International Studies. The offices of the respective deans may also assist. Administrative support is provided through the International Relations Office of the Universiteit Utrecht. Administrative support is provided through the host department at UCLA, based on the research field of the visiting scholar.

5. Each institution agrees to indemnify and hold the other harmless from and against any claims, damages, or liability of costs arising from the performance of this agreement, in proportion to and to the extent such claims, damages, and liability or costs arise from the negligent or willful acts or omission of the other university or any of its agents or employees.

6. In the course of implementing this cooperative agreement, the Universiteit Utrecht and UCLA will not discriminate on grounds of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, age, religion, national or ethnic origin, disability, or status as a disabled or a Veteran.

XI. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Although creating intellectual property ("IP") is not anticipated by exchange students, in the event that an exchange student or faculty creates potentially patentable IP while using university resources, to the extent legally able they will assign any resulting patentable IP that is conceived and reduced to practice to the host institution.

XII. USE OF NAME AND MARKETING

Neither Party will use the name of the other, either expressly or by implication, in any publicity, solicitation or advertisement without the written approval of the other Party to this Agreement.

XIII. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT

Amendments to the agreement may be made at any time after consultation and agreement between the two universities. Any such amendment must be in writing and signed by both parties.
XIV. DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT

This agreement is being renewed for a second period of five years from the date it is fully executed. Prior to the expiration date, the agreement may be reviewed for possible renewal for a further five-year period. In addition, either university may terminate the agreement in advance of its normal expiration by providing the other university with six months' prior written notice. In this case, persons already approved as exchange participants shall be allowed to complete their exchange visits under the conditions specified at the time of their invitation to the host institution.

Regents of the University of California, on Behalf of its Los Angeles Campus

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