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EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

between

University of Southern Queensland (Australia)

and

Justus Liebig University Giessen (Germany)

Version information:

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Exchange Agreement	23.03.2020	13.05.2024

University of Southern Queensland, a body corporate established under the provisions of the University of Southern Queensland Act 1998 (Qld), of West Street, Darling Heights, Toowoomba, Queensland, 4350, Australia ("USQ")

Justus Liebig University Giessen is a lawful corporation under public law and at the same time a state-owned organization, which was founded in 1607 and is dedicated to research and education. According to the 'Hochschulgesetz' 38 Section 1, clause 1, HHG) its representative is the president, Prof. Dr. Joybrato Mukherjee. Its seat is Ludwigstrasse 23, 35390 Giessen, Germany.

In accordance with the request for the establishment of cooperation between the two universities, Justus Liebig University Giessen and the University of Southern Queensland agree to the following exchange agreement:

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Paragraph 1

The aim of the agreement is to promote international student exchange and closer cooperation in research and teaching as well as the development of joint projects between Justus Liebig University Giessen and the University of Southern Queensland. The agreement forms the basis of an enhanced cooperation comprising all areas of interest and a wide range of activities in different fields. The specific details of any activity that is intended to create legal obligations or rights of a party will be documented in a separate agreement or agreements.

Paragraph 2

The cooperation between the partner institutions is planned in the following fields:

1. Exchange of teaching staff, researchers, students and/or technical staff for the planning or implementation of research and teaching projects.
2. Exchange of information about courses of study and study projects, as well as corresponding research activities and/or intentions to expand the teaching or research fields of the respective organization, subject to any confidentiality and intellectual property restrictions.
3. Exchange of scientific publications.
4. Deepening of scientific relations through joint symposia/summer-schools/ conferences/workshops.

Exchange students will be given full registered status at the host institution, and accorded all rights and privileges commensurate with this status. It is understood that exchange students will continue as candidates for degrees at their home institution, and will not be candidates for degrees at the host institution.

Paragraph 3

To ensure and facilitate the implementation of the measures of this agreement, each institution shall appoint a faculty member from the department or college participating in the exchange program to serve as its Faculty Exchange Coordinator. The Faculty Exchange Coordinator or his/her representative shall work closely with students to ensure the implementation of their proposed program of study and shall also function as the first point of contact in any matters pertaining to student discipline or in the case of an emergency.

Paragraph 4

Both universities agree to admit qualified students from the partner university to a course of studies. Exchange students from both institutions will be selected by the home institution and recommended to the host institution. The host institution retains the right to approve or reject the recommendation based on the students' qualifications in meeting the admission requirements at the host institution.

Paragraph 5

- a) The number of exchange students from each institution will be determined each year by mutual agreement between University of Southern Queensland and Justus Liebig University. The number may vary from year to year. Exchange students may study at the host institution for either a semester or a full academic year.
- b) Students who take part in the exchange shall pay any tuition or other academic and related fees to their home university, and are exempted from such payments to the host university. Expenses for transport, residence (board and lodging), as well as health insurance in accordance with the regulations of the host country, shall be carried by the respective students. During the stay in the host country the students are obliged to have sufficient health insurance coverage.

No financial transaction will occur between partner universities,

- c) Each University will (make every reasonable effort to) ensure that university — approved housing accommodations are made available to the other,s students.

Paragraph 6

- a) The number of exchange teaching staff from each institution will be determined each year by mutual agreement between University of Southern Queensland and Justus Liebig University. The number may vary from year to year.
- b) Both parties agree upon the exchange of academic staff to undertake guest teaching activities and attend meetings covering the following fields: Curriculum development, student mobility and mutual research projects. The length and frequency of guest academic teaching, and meeting arrangements will be as agreed by the two parties.
- c) If the participating institutions agree upon a regular exchange of staff for language classes and if Justus Liebig University appoints staff to this end, the period of such employment, in the interest of a lively partnership, shall not exceed two years. University of Southern Queensland may recommend suitable staff for such employment.

Paragraph 7

The host institution shall assist the exchange students, staff and researchers of the partner institution to the best of its ability in obtaining the respective permits (visa, research permits, etc.) that are necessary to enable the implementation of this agreement. The parties of this contract shall permit the exchange participants who are sent on the basis of this agreement to use their academic and social facilities which are readily and freely available to local students or academics as appropriate during their stay. Both parties agree upon the exchange of information about courses of study and study projects subject to any confidentiality restrictions.

Paragraph 8

It shall be laid down that none of the parties of the contract enter into liability for possible loss or restrictions that arise unintentionally or by force majeure, especially because of the cancellation of working hours in administration and academic teaching.

Paragraph 9

- a) This agreement may be altered by mutual agreement in writing.
- b) This Agreement will remain in force for three (3) years from the date of its signing and may be renewed by mutual agreement after an evaluation. It may also be declared invalid by any of the parties, by means of notice in writing with the minimum period of sixty (60) days. Students who are already at the host university in the exchange program at the time of termination (i.e. declaration) shall continue in the program until the originally planned expiry.
- c) In order to realize and implement the agreement, two identical copies of the contract shall be signed by the partners. One copy of shall remain with each partner.

This exchange agreement is an expression of goodwill on both sides. Problems that might arise due to interpretation, fulfilment or further development of the agreement, shall be attempted to be solved by mutual agreement.

For USQ
Prof. Ren Yi
Pro-Vice Chancellor International
Springfield, 04.03.2020

For JLU
Prof. Dr. Joybrato Mukherjee
President
Gießen, 23.03.2020