

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON STUDENT EXCHANGE
BETWEEN
FACULTY OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY,
THE UNIVERSITY OF ALGARVE
AND
GRADUATE SCHOOL AND SCHOOL OF SCIENCE,
HOKKAIDO UNIVERSITY

Under the Agreement for Academic Collaboration concluded on 26 March, 2015 between the Faculty of Sciences and Technology, University of Algarve (Portugal) and the Graduate School and School of Science, Hokkaido University (Japan), both institutions shall implement the exchange of students as follows.

1. The students participating in the exchange program during the term of this memorandum will be selected initially by the home institution, and the host institution will make the final admission decision in each case. Applications each year must meet the deadlines designated by each institution.
2. Each institution will enroll no more than 5 students from the other each year; however, this number can be increased for a specified year with prior and mutual approval of both institutions.
3. The period of enrollment of the students at the host institution will not in principle exceed one year.
4. The host institution will waive fees for entrance examinations, admission, and tuition for the students from the other institution.
5. Travel expenses, cost of living or other necessary expenses incurred by the students will be the responsibility of the individual students or their sponsors. This does not preclude the application of scholarships from independent institutions to such expenses.
6. The field of study for each student will be such that the host institutions can appoint a qualified advisor and provide appropriate courses of study.
7. In order to carry out study abroad successfully, each student will possess the level of language ability requested by the host institutions to complete the appropriate course of study.
8. Participating students will continue as candidates for degrees at their home institution and will not be candidates for degrees at the host institution.
9. Each institution agrees to provide to the other documentation of course work completed by the students and appropriate academic information on their performance. Units passed at the host university can be accepted for credit at the home institution.
10. The host institution will assist the students in finding adequate housing on or near the campus.
11. To be eligible to participate in the exchange program, students must purchase the health insurance required by the host institution. The costs of any health insurance required, as well as any medical expenses not covered by such insurance, will be the personal responsibility of the exchange students.
12. During the period of student's stay at the host institution, both institutions will work cooperatively to ensure the safety of students.
13. In the event of termination of this memorandum, both institutions shall provide all support services stated above for the exchange students until the end of their exchange.



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