

Agreement

between

and

Victoria University P O Box 14428 Melbourne. Victoria 8001 Australia

Office of The Rajabhat University Network Rajamangalapisek Building 2 Floor 5-6 Ministry of Education Ratchadamnoennok Road. Dusit, Bangkok 10300 Thailand

1. Overview

The Rajabhat University Network (hereinafter referred to as RUN) and Victoria University (hereinafter referred to as VU) in accordance with the principles of equality and mutual benefit and through amiable negotiation, agree to establish a collaborative arrangement for the purpose of providing high quality postgraduate training to qualified candidates from RUN with the aim of developing academic activities and research cooperation.

2. Purpose of the Agreement

This agreement is designed to promote educational co-operation and facilitate the training of RUN students in Australia. It records the understanding between VU and RUN (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties") on the terms and conditions under which students receiving scholarships from RUN will study at VU.

3. Postgraduate Scholarship

3.1. Study at PhD Level

RUN will provide students with scholarships that will pay their tuition fees, Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) and living costs in Australia for the duration of their studies.

VU offers a total of five (5) scholarship (packaged) places annually for the duration of this agreement comprising of the following:

- VU agrees to provide a maximum of up to 20 weeks of English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students (ELICOS) tuition fee scholarship for eligible PhD students.
- VU agrees to provide 25% tuition fee scholarships for a maximum duration of up to 4 years of the PhD program.

VU will provide students with appropriate work space, and with a desktop computer while they are enrolled in the PhD programme.

3.2. English Language Proficiency

All students are required to meet VU's English Language entrance requirements which are listed on VU's website - <u>https://www.vu.edu.au/courses/how-to-apply/international-applications/entry-requirements</u>

4. Entry Criteria and Selection Process

- 4.1. In order to be eligible for the RUN Scholarship, candidates must satisfy the selection criteria set by RUN.
- 4.2. All students must meet VU's academic entry requirements for Research Programs available on VU's website - <u>https://www.vu.edu.au/courses/how-to-apply/international-applications/entry-requirements</u>
- 4.3. The Parties agree that the selection of eligible candidates and the admission process will be carried out in accordance with the Terms and Conditions for application and selection process of each Party.

5. Sponsorship Recognition

- 5.1. VU-RUN scholarship awardees at VU must be recognized by VU as sponsored students, not as private students.
- 5.2. VU reserves the right to increase the annual tuition fees each year for all RUN scholars.

6. Invoicing

6.1. VU will invoice the RUN sponsored students on a semester basis. The invoices are to be sent directly (via email) to RUN with the following details:

Chair of The Rajabhat University Network Rajamangalapisek Building 2 Floor 5-6 Ministry of Education Ratchadamnoennok Road Dusit, Bangkok 10300 Thailand Tel/Fax: +66 2280 1902

7. Supervisory Matters

7.1. VU is responsible for providing supervision for every RUN scholarship awardee.

8. Confidentiality

The Parties shall only use another party's confidential information which is communicated to it in connection with this agreement for the purpose for which it was communicated or with the permission of the communicating institution.

9. Intellectual Property

Nothing in this agreement alters or affects the ownership of any intellectual property which is communicated by one party to another.

10. Promotion of Opportunities Created by This Agreement

The Parties agree to work together to promote to RUN scholarship students the potential to study at VU and the benefits provided by this agreement.

11. Contact Person

For the purpose of smooth communication, the Parties appoint the following persons as the contact persons of each party:

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12. Term and Termination

- 12.1. The term of this agreement shall be five (5) years from the date of signing. It may be extended for further terms of five years on the agreement of both Parties.
- 12.2. If any of either Party wishes to discontinue this agreement, the respective Party notifies its intention to the other Party in writing six (6) months in advance.
- 12.3. The termination of this agreement shall not affect the validity and duration of any arrangements, programmes, or postgraduate studies made under this agreement until the completion of such arrangements, programmes, or postgraduate studies.

13. Dispute Settlement

Any dispute or differences arising from the implementation of the provisions of this agreement shall be settled amicably via consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

Signed on behalf of the Parties

Professor Warren Payne Pro Vice-Chancellor, Research and Research Training Victoria University

Date: 15 November 2016



Assistant Professor Dr. Thosapol Arreenich President of Chiang Rai Rajabhat University as Chair of International Academic Cooperation for The Rajabhat University Network

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