

Multilateral Agreement of Virtual Student Mobility between European Chapter iSchool Members

This agreement, hereinafter referred to as ‘Agreement’, is between:

Charles University, Faculty of Arts, Institute of Information Studies and Librarianship, with registration number CZ00216208, a higher education institution organized and existing under the laws of Czech Republic, with its registered office at nám. Jana Palacha 1/2, 116 38 Praha 1;

Humboldt University Berlin, Berlin School of Library and Information Science, a higher education institution organized and existing under the laws of Germany, with its registered office at Dorotheenstr. 26, 10117 Berlin, Germany;

Linnaeus University, Institute, with registration number SE202100627101, a higher education institution organized and existing under the laws of Sweden, with its registered office at SE-351 95 Växjö, Sweden;

Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Faculty of Humanities, Communication, and Documentation (Department of Library and Information Sciences), with registration number Q2818029G, a higher education institution organized and existing under the laws of Spain, with its registered office at Calle Madrid, 126, 28903 Getafe (Madrid), Spain;

University College Dublin (UCD), UCD School of Information and Communication Studies, a higher education institution, with its registered office at Belfield, Dublin 4, Ireland;

University of Borås, Swedish School of Library and Information Science, with registration number 202100-3138, a higher education institution organized and existing under the laws of Sweden, with its registered office at Allégatan 1, 501 90 Borås, Sweden; and,

University of Regensburg, Faculty of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, Institute for Information and Media, Language and Culture, with ID. No DE 811 335515, a higher education institution organized and existing under the laws of the State of Bavaria in Germany, with its registered office at Universitätsstraße 31, 93053 Regensburg, Germany;

to promote international understanding and to enhance educational opportunities for their students, the above mentioned iSchool members, hereinafter referred to as ‘University’ or as collective iSchool members as ‘Universities’, have executed this Agreement with the following provisions:

I. Virtual Student Exchanges

Selection of Students: Each University will determine: 1) its own method of selection as well as for selecting students for the virtual mobility; 2) for ascertaining that each participating student is proficient in the language of instruction at the host University according to the Addendum (Annex I); and 3) will aim at balance mobility as set out in section Mobility of Students below. Exchange students must complete at least 30 EC Credits at their home University before the exchange period.

Enrolment: Enrolment will be determined by the host University. Exchange students will be permitted to enrol in digital courses at the host University, according to the Addendum, for which they are qualified, with the exception of those digital courses in which places may not be available due to enrolment limitations. Each student shall provide his or her academic proficiency by a certified transcript.

Mobility of students: The Universities offer virtual mobility options only. Number of students each University may receive is stated in the Addendum. Each University aims at a balance between their incoming and outgoing mobilities.

Credits: Students can follow digital courses according to the host University's Addendum; any other limitations are stated therein. Students will be registered at the host University and receive credits for completed studies. Subject to section IV, appropriate authorities at the host University will send a transcript of records for courses completed to the student's home University.

Status of Students: The participating exchange students will be registered as students at the host University and will be entitled to all the privileges and subject to the same rules and regulations as regular students at the host University.

Tuition waiver: Students will pay their regular tuition and fees to the home University. The host University will charge no further tuition costs.

Level of studies: Student exchanges may take place on master level. Any limitations are stated in the host University's Addendum.

Each exchange student is responsible for the arrangements and costs for:

- Course literature and printed material,
- Wi-Fi and electronic equipment, and
- Health and accident insurance.

Refund of Fees: No refund of fees will be made if a student is unable to complete his or her digital course.

Management of iSchool virtual student mobility: The virtual mobility will be managed on a rotating chair basis, only among those Parties members of the European Regional Executive Committee (Teaching & Knowledge exchange section). The selected coordinating University will serve for a period of three (3) years, starting from the year 2021. The virtual mobility is initially coordinated by Linnaeus University, designating Prof. Koraljka Golub as the coordinator. The coordinator will manage the communication and other administrative matters related to iSchool virtual mobility.

II. Other Forms of Cooperation

When appropriate, the Universities agree to seek out and pursue opportunities other than virtual student mobility, which will enable them to assist each other in their efforts to enhance the education of their students, to increase the research accomplishments, broaden the knowledge base of their faculties and to promote mutual understanding and enlightenment of the people of their respective countries.

Areas of cooperation could be, but not limited to:

- Physical student mobility
- Exchange of academic and administrative staff members
- Commonly developed Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) courses
- Exchange of academic publication materials or other information
- Co-operation in academic projects for specified areas of development
- Collaborative research and possible exchange of academic papers
- Opportunities for other forms of co-operation

The terms of specific areas of cooperation must be negotiated separately between the Universities and are in each specific case to be established in separate written agreements prior to the initiation of any particular activity.

III. Funding

This Agreement does not give rise to any funding commitments for the Universities.

IV. Confidentiality and Personal Data Protection

The Universities may in connection with the activities have access to data, which may be defined as personal data according to the data protection laws and regulations relevant for each of the parties respectively. The parties will comply with such laws and regulations in force when processing, storing and archiving (if applicable) personal data relating to the activities and comply with its notification obligations (if any). The laws and regulations for public authorities in each country apply, which concerning handling of personal data include (but are not limited to), EU data protection regulations (GDPR), regulations about archiving and the principle of public access to official records.

Information provided by either University to the other, marked or otherwise confirmed as confidential upon disclosure, shall be treated as confidential. A University may however disclose such information if required by applicable law or court or administrative order.

V. Use of trademarks

Each University is entitled to limited use of the other Universities' marks and trademarks in order to provide information about the cooperation under this Agreement. Any other purposes are subject to consent from the relevant University.

VI. Limited liability

Each University is liable for direct damages, injury or loss caused to the other Universities in performance of this Agreement. Liability does not extend to compensation for any indirect or consequential loss or damages, unless caused by a wilful act or gross negligence. The Universities aggregate liability shall however always be limited to such sum as each University is able to retrieve under its insurance policy.

VII. No representation, partnership or agency

Neither University shall be entitled to act or to make legally binding declarations on behalf of the other Universities. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to constitute a joint venture, agency, partnership, interest grouping or any other kind of formal business grouping or entity between the Universities.

VIII. Equal opportunity

The Universities subscribe to a policy of equal opportunity and will not discriminate on the basis of race, national and ethnic origin, gender, gender identity or gender expression, sexual orientation, age, marital status, religion or other beliefs or disability.

The Universities strive to widen the participation in international education through inclusion and diversity providing equitable access to the benefits of global education to all students, teachers and staff.

IX. Settlement of disputes

Disputes arising out of this Agreement shall be settled by negotiation between the concerned Universities to reach a settlement in good faith and understanding. If the dispute cannot be settled amicably within fourteen (14) days from the date on which either University has served written notice on the other, then the dispute, upon written request of either party, will be referred for mediation to the iSchool's European Regional Executive Committee, which will have ten (10) days to resolve the dispute.

X. Entire Agreement and amendment

This Agreement together with the Addendum for each University contains the full and entire agreement between the Universities and supersedes all prior commitments within virtual mobility whether written or oral. This Agreement may only be amended in writing and subject to signature of authorised representatives.

XI. New Parties

Any other iSchool member university of the European chapter may become a party to this Agreement by executing the Accession Form (Annex II), by which the new party accepts all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Upon submission of its Addendum and Accession Form duly executed, said university shall be deemed to be a party for all purposes hereof, and all communication platforms related to iSchool virtual mobility shall be amended to add said institution as participating University.

XII. Term and termination

This Agreement shall become effective as of the date of its execution by authorised representative of the third signatory University and shall continue in effect for a period of three (3) years from the date of execution. Thereafter, this Agreement shall continue automatically for successive three (3) years periods, provided the Universities via email specifically approve such continuance.

This Agreement can be terminated at any time by any University upon a one (1) year's written notice, as far as possible, to allow students to complete any planned and ongoing exchange period.

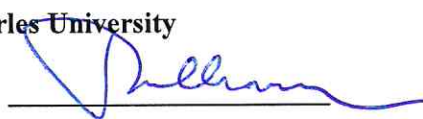
XIII. Signatures

The Parties have caused this Agreement to be duly signed by the authorised representatives in separate signature pages.

To evidence the University's acceptance to the **Multilateral Agreement of virtual student mobility between European Chapter iSchool members**, each University has executed on the date indicated under the University's signature.

On behalf of ~~Charles~~ University

Signature



Title/Name

Michal Pullman

Function

Dean of the Faculty of Arts

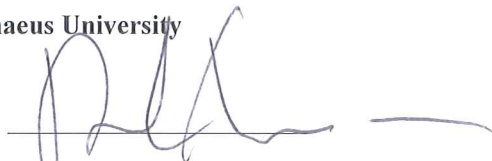
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12. 04. 2021

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On behalf of **Linnaeus University**

Signature

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Title/Name

Peter Aronsson

Function


Rektor

Date

2021-06-09

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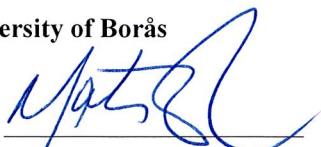
On behalf of **University College Dublin (UCD)**

Signature	 _____
Title/Name	<u>Dr Douglas Proctor</u>
Function	<u>Director, UCD Global</u>
Date	<u>24 May 2021</u>

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On behalf of **University of Borås**

Signature



Title/Name

Mats E. Tinnsten

Function

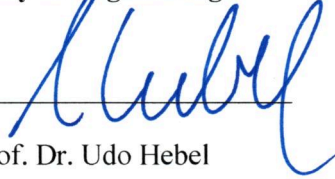
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On behalf of **University of Regensburg**

Signature



Title/Name

Prof. Dr. Udo Hebel

Function

President

Date

8.9.2021