AGREEMENT FOR A STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM
BETWEEN VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE
UNIVERSITY, USA
AND KANSAI GAIĐAI UNIVERSITY, JAPAN

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (hereafter referred to as Virginia Tech),
Virginia, U.S.A., and Kansai Gaidai University (hereafter referred to as Kansai Gaidai), Hirakata,
Osaka, Japan, hereby agree upon the following terms and conditions as set forth in this student
Exchange Agreement, beginning with the 1999 Fall semester and continuing each regular
semester thereafter for an indefinite period.

1. The purpose of this exchange program is to promote international friendship and world
peace by stimulating and supporting intercultural activities and projects between students
from the United States and Japan and to expand students’ international education
opportunities.

2. The Exchange Coordinator at each institution, acting after consultation with the
appropriate academic unit, will be responsible for the selection of suitable nominees for
exchange. It is understood that the Coordinator will nominate students who are
academically and personally suitable for exchange abroad and that details of academic
background as well as references will be provided to the host institution. It is hoped that
the host institution will not reject a nominated student unless she/he does not meet
established admission requirements for international students or unless the host
institution cannot guarantee availability of required courses.

Kansai Gaidai, respecting the minimum English proficiency admission level established
by Virginia Tech, shall as part of the screening procedure, closely scrutinize the English
proficiency of all potential exchange candidates through a series oral and written
examinations developed by Kansai Gaidai.

In principle, students at both institutions shall have at least a 2.75 GPA or equivalent (or
a 4.0 scale) in their academic work.

3. Each institution shall accept students from the other party on the basis of the home
institution’s recommendation and according to the following guidelines:

a. Virginia Tech shall accept full-time Kansai Gaidai students in its undergraduate
program for one academic year.

b. Kansai Gaidai shall accept full-time Virginia Tech students in the Asia Studies
Program for one full academic year.

c. Either institution may send students for one semester rather than for one full
academic year. In this case, two students for one semester shall be equivalent to
one student for one full academic year.

4. While each institution shall try to exchange the same number of students in a given year,
neither party is required to do so.
a. If when either party is not able to designate any qualified students, it will not affect the other party’s sending their exchange students, since both institutions agree to the operation of a credit system. However, both parties must agree on a maximum number at the beginning of a year in which an imbalance is carried forward.

b. Under the credit system, every effort will be made to correct any imbalance in the exchange of students within three years of the creating of that imbalance. In the event this agreement is terminated as provided for in item 13, below, the institution having hosted the larger number of student-semesters to the point shall be entitled to rectify any imbalance by sending additional students to the other institution under the terms of this agreement until the imbalance is rectified. This rectification should be accomplished within two years from the date this agreement is officially terminated.

5. All exchange students shall be subject to the same academic regulations regarding class performance as pertains to regularly enrolled students at the receiving institution. All exchange students shall, within reasonable limits, attempt to represent their home institution and country in the host community to the best of their ability.

6. Students who are accepted for a full academic year must be in good standing (2.0 GPA with no F’s) upon the completion of their first semester at the host institution, in accordance with the host institution’s academic requirements for its regularly enrolled students. If such has not been achieved, the host institution may ask said student to return to his/her home university.

7. Each exchange participant shall pay room, board and tuition, and other mandatory academic fees to his/her home institution, thereby covering said fees for his/her exchange counterpart.

8. Housing shall be arranged as follows:

a. It is recommended that exchange students from Virginia Tech participate in the homestay program arranged by Kansai Gaidai. However, students can be accommodated in a Kansai Gaidai dormitory upon Virginia Tech’s recommendation. In this case, Kansai Gaidai will refund that portion of the board fee to the student to cover meal expenses, since meals are not included in the dormitory arrangement.

b. Kansai Gaidai students shall be accommodated in one of Virginia Tech’s dormitories with a roommate carefully selected by Virginia Tech.

9. Exchange students must provide his/her own transportation to/from the port-of-entry of the host country as well as the domestic transportation from/to the port-of-entry to/from the depot nearest to the receiving institution. The following expenses shall also be borne by each student: living expenses during extended academic recess (i.e. holidays, winter and spring break periods, etc.), passport expenses, excess baggage shipment and storage, independent travel and such personal expenses as telephone charges, books, etc.

10. Minor illnesses may be treated at the receiving institution’s health center. However, hospital and other medical expenses are the sole responsibility of each student. Each
student must purchase the necessary insurance to meet the requirements of the host university.

11. Violation of local laws committed in the host country shall subject the exchange student to immediate withdrawal of his/her immigration and academic sponsorship and to immediate expulsion for the host country.

12. The academic record of each student’s academic performance shall be sent directly to his/her home institution at the conclusion of each semester. However, it shall be the sole responsibility of the home institution to decide how many credit units said student may actually receive on courses taken at the host institution.

13. This agreement shall continue for an indefinite period, but may be terminated by either Virginia Tech or Kansai Gaidai by official, written notification duly signed by the presiding officer of the notifying party. This notice of termination must be received by the other party no later than January 31st of the year in which the termination is to become effective.

In witness of the terms of this agreement, our signatures are affixed:

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

Paul Torgersen, President

DATE: 12/11/19

KANSAI GAIDAI UNIVERSITY

Sadato Tanimoto, President

DATE: 12/5/19