AGREEMENT FOR THE EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS

Between

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON
Wellington, New Zealand

And

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY
("Virginia Tech")
Blacksburg, Virginia, USA

Victoria University of Wellington (VUW), as the New Zealand Sponsor, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) hereby agree upon the following terms and conditions for a Student Exchange Agreement.

1. Within the frame of this exchange, home university will mean the institution in which the student is formally enrolled as a degree candidate, and host university will mean the institution that has agreed to receive students from the home university for a period of study on a non-degree basis. Participating countries will be New Zealand and the USA.

2. Both the home and the host universities agree to abide by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students (the Code). Any breach of the terms of the Code may result in termination of the exchange agreement.

3. Each home institution, respecting the admission requirements of the host institution, shall assume full responsibility for the assessment, selection and nomination of qualified candidates. It is understood that the Coordinator will nominate students who are both 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 he/she does not meet established admission requirements for international students, or unless the host institution cannot guarantee availability of required courses. The host institution reserves the right of final approval on the admission of an exchange student.

4. The home institution undertakes to guarantee the students' English language ability to level required by the host institution.

5. Participation in the exchange does not guarantee later admission as a regular student at the host institution nor does it establish residence. A student wishing to pursue a degree at the host institution must contact the admissions office and follow the regular application procedures.

6. Each institution will issue appropriate documents for visa purposes in accordance with the current law, although it is ultimately the responsibility of the individual student to obtain a proper visa in a timely manner. In order to comply with student visa regulations, students from both institutions will be required to provide documentation that they have the financial resources to meet expenses not covered by the agreement for the period of stay.
7. Each institution shall accept up to three (3) students each year, at the undergraduate or postgraduate level.

8. Student exchanges will be for one semester or one academic year. Note that one exchange place is equivalent to one person regardless of whether participation is for one or two semesters.

9. Every effort will be made to maintain an evenly balanced exchange within each particular academic year and from one year to the next. By mutual consent of the two institutions imbalances may be carried forward from one year to the next with the understanding that an even balance of numbers is required. Any and all imbalances shall be resolved by the end of the period of agreement.

10. Students involved in this exchange will enrol in courses of their choice at the host institution, subject to admission and registration requirements, faculty approval and availability of places. Each institution will provide academic advice to assist its guest students in the selection of appropriate courses.

11. Students from both institutions must have their course selection approved by their home institution. It shall be the sole responsibility of the home institution to decide how many credits each student may actually receive for courses taken at the host institution.

12. Exchange students must maintain full-time status at the host university throughout the exchange period. Each student will pay his or her regular tuition and fees to the home institution and will receive these benefits in turn from the host institution. Exchange students shall not be charged for application, tuition, or other mandatory academic fees at the host institution. Exchange students will be responsible for all other costs associated with participation, including but not limited to return international transportation, health insurance, admission fees, housing, meals and all other costs of living, special course fees, fieldwork courses, key deposits, books, etc. The individual student will be responsible for his or her own housing and meal arrangements and costs during vacation periods (breaks, holidays, or between semesters).

13. Both institutions will guarantee to provide an orientation programme for exchange students. The orientation programme will include information on student services and local and university facilities available to all students.

14. All exchange students shall be subject to the same university rules and academic regulations regarding class performance as pertain to the regularly enrolled students at the host institution.

15. VUW shall assist in finding appropriate accommodation for visiting exchange students. Requirements from Halls of Residence regarding deadlines and deposits for accommodation must be complied with and are the personal responsibility of the students concerned. Virginia Tech will assist students in finding suitable accommodation.

16. All students will have access to the receiving institution's health services and/or local hospital. All hospital and other medical expenses not covered by the host institution's health services or local hospital are the responsibility of the student. Each student exchanged under this agreement must purchase adequate medical insurance. Exchange students attending VUW must purchase the Student Safe University Insurance policy from
VUW at the time of enrolment. VUW students coming to Virginia Tech will be required to provide proof of health insurance that meets Virginia Tech's minimum standards for insurance coverage before registering for courses.

17. The obligations of each institution under this agreement are limited to the exchange of students and do not extend to partners or dependents. Expenses of accompanying partners and dependents are the responsibility of the exchange student.

18. Official academic transcripts will be sent to the student's home university at the conclusion of each semester or the end of the academic year.

19. This agreement shall be effective for three (3) years from the date of signing. Before the end of that period, the institutions will evaluate the results of the student exchanges and subject to the written agreement of both institutions, the agreement can remain valid for a further period to be determined by amending this agreement.

20. Either party may terminate this Agreement by providing a six-month prior written notice to the other party. Such termination shall not affect the validity and continuity of any outstanding obligation agreed upon by the two parties prior to termination.

21. The liaison for this agreement at VUW will be the Student Exchange Co-ordinator, and at Virginia Tech, it will be the Assistant Program Director for Education Abroad.

22. In agreement with the above terms of participation, the following signatures are affixed:

FOR VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY (Virginia Tech)

[Signature]
Dr. Charles W. Steger
President

11/4/06
Date

FOR VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

[Signature]
Professor Neil Quigley
Pro Vice-Chancellor, International

February 1, 2007
Date

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Dr. S. K. De Datta
Associate Provost for International Affairs, and Director of the Office of International Research, Education and Development

Sept. 22, 2006
Date
SEA - VT & Victoria University

James A. Hyatt
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Date 9/28/2006