



VISITING STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS MOBILITY AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**THE ACADEMY OF ADVANCED INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH
XIDIAN UNIVERSITY**

AND

**THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION ENGINEERING
UNIVERSITY OF PISA**

The Academy of Advanced Interdisciplinary Research of Xidian University , No.2 of South Taibai Road, Xi'an China, 710071, P.R. China, represented by the Head of the Department Prof. Mengdao Xing,

and

The Department of Information Engineering, University of Pisa, Via Caruso 16, 56122 Pisa, Italy, represented by the Head of the Department, Prof. Sergio Saponara,

agree

to establish the following reciprocal student exchange agreement for the mobility of PhD students, Post doctoral Researchers and Scholars based upon principles of mutual benefit

They shall therefore determine the following:

§ 1 The exchange will involve PhD students, Post doctoral Researchers and Scholars. Candidates must be registered or employed with a work contract at the home institution and keep their status during the mobility at the host institution.

§ 2 Applicants must either be:

- Doctoral candidates. Doctoral candidates at the home institution, with the consent of their supervisor for joint training, which lasts for 1-2 years. The training components, processes, and degree conferral requirements should be referred to the doctoral training at the home institution. The doctoral candidate must be a full-time outstanding doctoral candidate registered with the home institution, and the age is not more than 35 years old. Attendance of the first or second year of PhD is preferred;



- Scholars. Visiting Scholars must be regular academic staff members of the project unit (The project unit is a research group or laboratory under the home institution, responsible for the implementation of the project), age not more than 50 years old, bachelor's degree should have more than 5 years of work experience, master's degree should have more than 2 years of work experience. There is no requirement for years of work for applicants with doctoral degrees;
- Post doctoral Researchers. Post doctoral Researchers must be fresh doctoral graduates of the project unit, or postdoctoral researchers at the station (at the station refers to postdoctoral researchers who are currently in active service or appointment at a postdoctoral research station i.e., currently undertaking their postdoctoral research work), or young scientific researchers on the job. Among them, fresh doctoral graduates should ensure that they have obtained a doctoral degree before sending their application. Age not more than 40 years old.

§ 3 Each year, during the term of this Agreement, each institution may select up to 3 PhD students, Post doctoral Researchers and Visiting Scholars, to participate in the exchange.

3.1 The home institution selects and nominates candidates for the exchange but the host institution reserves the right to make the final acceptance. Nominations for exchange must meet the application requirements and deadlines designated by the host institution. Final decision is made on the basis of the candidate's qualifications (e.g. academic record, language proficiency) and the availability of space.

3.2 Candidates participating in the exchange must have adequate language skills necessary to fulfil their academic work plan.

§ 4 Exchange students and scholars shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the host university and country. The host institution shall use reasonable endeavors in advising scholars on the main regulations, including work safety rules. Support may also be given in the form of welcome letters, website information and course specific instructions.

4.1 Each research lab involved in the exchange shall undertake all necessary measures in order to facilitate mobility of students and scholars within this exchange programme.

4.2 The institutions shall provide each other with advice and assistance on local regulations and operations relevant to the exchange collaboration. Each institution shall provide the partner annual information on curriculum, application schedule etc. needed to arrange the exchange.

4.3 Scholars are responsible for their own housing arrangements but the host institution shall make



a reasonable effort in assisting scholars in finding suitable accommodation.

4.4 Exchange students and scholars shall be entitled to take part in any introductory or orientation programme that may customarily be arranged for international visiting students and scholars at the host institution.

4.5 Exchange Students and Scholars shall pay whatever fees required of them by their home university in order to participate in the programme and shall be exempt from paying tuition and academic fees to the host university.

4.6 Exchange Students and Scholars are responsible for obtaining and bearing the costs and expenses for their own visas, insurance coverage, travel and living expenses during the exchange period. Each university shall make every reasonable effort to assist candidates in finding suitable accommodation. The payment of housing costs and payment for all travel, medical insurance and subsistence costs shall be the responsibility of the individual candidate participating in the programme and neither university shall be held liable for such charges.

4.7 The host institution can take disciplinary action against the visiting students/scholars. Any case of misconduct should be reported by the host institution to the home institution and shall be supported by evidence.

§ 5 This Agreement does not create an obligation for either party to provide other resources than as specified in this Agreement. No supplementary funding commitments are created for either party by this Agreement.

5.1 Despite any other clause in this agreement, neither institution will be liable to the other for any breach by it of this agreement or for the actions of an exchange students or scholar whether direct, indirect or consequential loss or similar damage such as, but not limited to, loss of profit, loss of revenue or loss of contracts. Both institutions are liable towards third parties based on their own actions, there is no joint responsibility.

5.2 Intellectual property rights shall be agreed separately, when applicable.

§ 6 The research labs involved in the exchange will regularly review the exchange created under this Agreement to assess the desirability and feasibility of continuing the relationship under present terms.

6.1 This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature by representatives of both institutions. The Agreement shall be valid for five years and it can be revised by mutual consent. This agreement may be extended by mutual consent. Either Institution may terminate this Agreement upon six



months written notice to the other Institution prior to its expiration. Notwithstanding the withdrawal from the Agreement, both parties will commit to fulfil their obligations with respect to the accepted exchange participants.

§ 7 Any dispute, controversy, difference or claim arising out of or relating to this contract, including the existence, validity, interpretation, performance, breach or termination thereof or any dispute regarding non- contractual obligations arising out of or relating to it shall be referred to and finally resolved by arbitration administered by the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA) under the ACICA Administered Arbitration Rules in force when the Notice of Arbitration is submitted. The law of this arbitration clause shall be Australian law. The seat of arbitration shall be Sydney, Australia. The arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in English.

§ 9 For the purpose of this agreement “Personal Data”, “Processing”, “Controller”, “Data Subject”, “Transfer of personal data to a third country”, have the same meaning than in Article 4 of the European data protection regulation 2016/679, also known as “GDPR”. Processing of Personal Data by the parties is performed for the purpose of this agreement, as described in above-mentioned articles 1 to 4 and in accordance with GDPR and applicable national legislation, hereinafter “the applicable laws”.

9.1 In principle, it is assumed that each party acts as an independent controller within the meaning of Art. 4 No. 7 GDPR. However, in case the parties should act as joint Controllers within the meaning of Art. 26 GDPR and in the absence of a corresponding agreement thereto, the parties agree that each party:

- undertakes to implement appropriate technical and organizational measures to protect the integrity and confidentiality of Personal Data;
- shall ensure that requests by any Data Subject relating to the Processing of Personal Data when the party is Controller for the Processing are handled by that party;
- agrees to fully cooperate with the other party in responding to requests from supervisory authorities or Data Subject;
- will not Transfer Personal Data to a third country without complying with the provisions of the applicable laws;
- shall bear its own costs in connection with the Processing of Personal Data or responding to requests.

§ 10 The parties shall at all the time use all reasonable efforts to prevent Confidential Information



disclosing to any third party. Confidential Information referred to in this Agreement includes but is not limited to all academic, financial and technical information, scientific development results, technical secret and experience which the parties may derive from each other during the term of this Agreement and their co-operation, whether contained in computers, drawings, reproductions of drawings, written or oral reports, letters, memorandums or notes. Except as otherwise provided herein, neither party shall make use of the Confidential Information of the other party without the prior written consent of such other party other than for the purpose of this Agreement.

The above undertaking shall not apply if Confidential Information (1) is or becomes public knowledge otherwise than by unauthorized disclosure in breach of this Agreement, or (2) is obtained from a third party who did not obtain it by unauthorized disclosure from either party, or (3) is independently known or developed by the recipient or a related party, or (4) is disclosed pursuant to prior written consent from the other party specifically authorizing such disclosures.

The provisions of this article shall remain in effect for two years after the termination of this Agreement.

§ 11 The Agreement is signed in duplicate in English, one for each signatory Party.

On behalf of the Department of Information Engineering

On behalf of the Academy of Advanced Interdisciplinary Research


 Prof. Sergio Saponara, Head
 Date: 2025/10/17
 Pisa, Italy


 Prof. Mengdao Xing
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