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This Cooperative Education Program Agreement ("Agreement") is between The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, acting through its Urbana-Champaign campus in Urbana, Illinois, U.S.A., acting on behalf of its Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering ("ILLINOIS"), and Department of Civil Engineering, National Cheng Kung University, in Tainan, Taiwan, R.O.C. ("NCKU"). The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a 3+2 cooperative bachelor/master degree program ("Program") between the two institutions, and stipulate the terms and conditions for the administration of this Program.

ARTICLE 1: PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

1.1 The institutions agree to establish a cooperative education program whereby qualified students may earn a specified bachelor's degree from NCKU and a specified non-thesis master's degree from ILLINOIS by completing three years of coursework at NCKU and two years of coursework at ILLINOIS.

1.2 At NCKU, the participants in the Program will be limited to enrollment in existing Bachelor of Science degree programs in the Department of Civil Engineering.

1.3 At ILLINOIS, the participants in the Program will be limited to enrollment in existing master's degree programs offered by the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering only.

1.4 Students who have been accepted by and enrolled at NCKU, as undergraduate students, will complete six semesters of the eight-semester Bachelor of Science program at NCKU. If accepted into the Program, students will be permitted by NCKU to complete their final two semesters of study toward the NCKU Bachelor of Science degree at ILLINOIS. Upon being accepted into the Master's degree program by ILLINOIS, their second year would be for the purpose of obtaining a Master of Science degree from ILLINOIS. Credits earned for courses successfully completed at ILLINOIS will be applied toward students' Master of Science degree from ILLINOIS according to standard policies and practices at ILLINOIS. Credits earned for courses successfully completed at ILLINOIS may be applied toward students' NCKU Bachelor of Science degree at the discretion of, and according to the policies and standards established by NCKU. Credit from a single course may not be applied to both degrees.

1.5 Each institution has established its own degree completion requirements. Students participating in the Program must satisfy all degree requirements of the institution granting the degree in order to successfully complete the Program.

1.6 Each institution has established its own minimum qualifications, application review criteria, and prerequisite requirements for all applicants. Each institution will apply its existing requirements and criteria in determining the acceptability of applicants to the Program.

ARTICLE 2: NUMBERS

A maximum of five NCKU students will be admitted to the Program in any one academic year. The actual number of students admitted to the Program will be contingent upon number of qualified applicants, number of spaces available in the specified undergraduate or graduate programs at either institution, or other considerations to be discussed between the institutions on a case-by-case basis.

ARTICLE 3: NOMINATION OF PARTICIPANTS AND ENROLLMENT

3.1 NCKU will screen students in their second year of undergraduate education for potential participation in the program, and recommend qualified candidates to ILLINOIS.

3.2 All potential candidates for participation in the Program must:

3.2.1 Complete three academic years of study toward their degree requirements for a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering by the time of their enrollment at ILLINOIS.

3.2.2 Submit an official score report from a Graduate Record Examination (GRE) to the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, as part of the standard requirements for application to a master's degree program offered by that department. Participating NCKU students may take the GRE during their first semester of study at ILLINOIS.

3.2.3. Satisfy the minimum English language proficiency requirements for acceptance into graduate programs at ILLINOIS. This minimum proficiency may be demonstrated by providing official score reports from a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or from a International English Language Testing System (IELTS) examination taken within the previous two years from the date of application. Currently, international applicants for graduate study at ILLINOIS qualify for full status admission if they have obtained at least the following scores:

TOEFL: greater than 610 (paper-based test); greater than 253 (computer-based test); or greater than 102 (internet-based test)
IELTS: greater than 6.5

Applicants may be qualified for limited admission status if they have obtained at least the following scores:

TOEFL: 550 (paper-based test); 213 (computer-based test); or 79 (internet-based test)
IELTS: 6.5, with score of 6 or higher in all sub-sections

3.3 At ILLINOIS, students may apply for acceptance into the Program during their third-year of study at NCKU. Applicants selected for admission into the Program may be admitted conditionally as graduate students in a Master of Science degree program offered by the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at ILLINOIS, pending the completion of their Bachelor of Science degree at NCKU and satisfactory academic performance at ILLINOIS subject to the same standards used by Illinois for its graduate students.

3.4 Students who successfully complete the Program may apply for admittance to a Ph.D. program at either ILLINOIS or NCKU, and will be subject to the same application procedures, admission requirements, and review criterion as all other applicants to the selected program.

ARTICLE 4: RESPONSIBILITIES OF ILLINOIS

4.1 ILLINOIS will provide NCKU with the information and materials necessary to advertise and promote this Cooperative Education Program among their undergraduate students.

4.2 ILLINOIS will accept applicants from NCKU and enroll them as full-time, degree-seeking graduate students in regular Master of Science degree programs in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, provided those candidates meet the normal standards and criteria for admission to the programs at Illinois.

4.3 ILLINOIS agrees to accept applications from NCKU undergraduate students for enrollment in the specified Master of Science degree programs at ILLINOIS, prior to completion of their Bachelor of Science degree program at NCKU, with the understanding that the participating students will enroll at ILLINOIS in their first two semesters of graduate study concurrently with the completion of their last two semesters of undergraduate study at ILLINOIS. NCKU undergraduate students participating in the Program will not be eligible to receive the Master of Science degree at ILLINOIS unless and until they have been awarded a Bachelor of Science degree by NCKU and completed the additional requirements of the Master of Science degree at ILLINOIS.

4.4 ILLINOIS agrees to provide NCKU a report of courses completed and grades attained by each participating student during the first two semesters of his or her study at ILLINOIS, upon the request of the student. NCKU will assign credit toward each student's NCKU Bachelor of Science degree program at their own discretion and according to their own policies and procedures. NCKU agrees to provide ILLINOIS with the degree status of all participating students in a timely manner and share the participating students' records for the purpose of academic evaluation upon the written request of the student. NCKU students who do not successfully complete the Bachelor of Science degree during their first year of study at ILLINOIS, or do not satisfy requirements for admission to the ILLINOIS graduate program, will not be eligible to continue studies at ILLINOIS.

ARTICLE 5: RESPONSIBILITIES OF NCKU

5.1 NCKU agrees to advertise and promote the Program among their students, and to encourage and facilitate applications to the program by outstanding students.

5.2 NCKU agrees to provide ILLINOIS with a roster of applicants to the program by January 15th of the year of intended enrollment.

5.3 NCKU agrees to award a Bachelor of Science degree to students participating in this program upon successful completion of their first two semesters of coursework at ILLINOIS, provided that the students have satisfied all other academic requirements and financial obligations established by NCKU for completion of the degree program.

5.4 NCKU agrees that the senior students pay the insurance fees for maintaining their student status at NCKU and are exempt from tuition and miscellaneous fees at NCKU.

ARTICLE 6: FINANCE AND SERVICES

6.1 Students participating in the Program will be required to register as full-time, degree-seeking students each semester, and will be subject to the standard tuition and fees assessed by the institution hosting the students during the semester. At ILLINOIS, NCKU students will be responsible for full, non-resident tuition and fees, as assessed to all other international enrollees.

6.2 The Host Institutions will not be responsible for the following costs incurred by participating students:

6.2.1 transportation to and from the Host Institution;

6.2.2 room and board expenses;

6.2.3 textbooks, clothing, and personal expenses;

6.2.4 student service fees, including adequate health insurance coverage, which are typically assessed to all full-time students by the institution hosting the student in any given semester;

6.2.5 passport and visa costs; and

6.2.6 all other debts incurred during the study period at ILLINOIS.

ARTICLE 7: DURATION

This Agreement shall commence upon the date of final, executing signature and will expire on December 31, 2021; either party may terminate this Agreement prior to this expiration date, by providing sixty (60) days' advance written notice to the other. Students participating in this program at the time of the intended termination will be permitted to complete their program at ILLINOIS under the terms of this Agreement.

7.1 The final group of NCKU students accepted into the program under the terms of this Agreement must begin studies at ILLINOIS in the fall semester, 2021 (academic year 2021-22), and will typically complete the program by the close of the spring semester, 2023 (academic year 2022-23).

ARTICLE 8: GENERAL MATTERS

8.1 USE OF NAMES. Except in promoting the activities proposed in Article 1 above among its faculty and students, neither institution may use the name of the other institution in any form of advertising or publicity without express written permission. The institutions must seek permission from one another by submitting the proposed use, well in advance of any deadline, to the liaison officers designated in Article 8.4 below.

8.2 AMENDMENTS. The institutions may amend this Agreement only by writing, and signed by each institution's authorized signatory.

8.3 COUNTERPARTS. The institutions may sign this Agreement in counterparts, all of which together constitute the complete Agreement.

8.4 NOTICES. Any notice given under this Agreement must be in writing and will be effective upon receipt evidenced by: (a) confirmed facsimile transmission; (b) return receipt of postage prepaid registered or certified mail; (c) delivery confirmation by commercial overnight carrier; or official electronic exchange of e-mails and documents by designated personnel of and ILLINOIS. All communications will be sent to the addresses set forth below or to such other address designated by the parties by written notice to the other:

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8.5 AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES. Each institution represents that the individuals signing this Agreement have the authority to sign in the capacity indicated.

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Date: January 25, 2017