

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR “3+X” PROGRAM

BETWEEN

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY
RALEIGH, NC, U. S. A.**

AND

This Agreement is to formalize the academic exchange between North Carolina State University (hereafter referred to as NC STATE) and _____ (hereafter referred to as PI) for a 3+X Master’s program. The two institutions subscribe to the statement of principles and procedures given below and to the terms of agreement regarding the responsibilities that each institution undertakes as its part of the reciprocal exchange. This agreement is based on a spirit of cooperation, reciprocity, and of mutual benefit to both parties.

Both Universities wish to enter into an arrangement as set forth below:

1. Undergraduate students who complete three years’ (3) course studies at PI and one semester of studies at NC STATE that result in a BS degree from PI may enroll in an NC STATE Master’s degree programs (non-thesis) (hereafter referred to as the Program).
2. The Program may be completed in one additional year plus one summer session. The _____, _____ and _____ degrees may require a total of 3 semesters since few graduate courses are offered in summer sessions.
3. Admission to the Master’s program is contingent upon the student meeting the relevant entry requirements as established by NC STATE and the degree program to which they are applying.
4. Upon successful completion of NC STATE’s Master’s program, PI students may be accepted into PI’s PhD programs provided they pass the relevant entry exam set by PI.

Both Universities have agreed to the terms and conditions stated below.

ENTRY AGREEMENT FOR 3+X PROGRAM

- (1) PI will select qualified rising senior students (top 15%) at the end of their first semester in

their third year of education to attend NC STATE for their fourth year of study. PI students need to have:

- a) completed the third year of the PI BS program and achieved an overall average score of 85% over the three years studies;
 - b) obtained minimum requirement for TOEFL or IELTS scores needed for admission into graduate program at NC STATE as listed online;
 - c) obtained an official written recommendation statement from PI confirming the student has successfully passed the PI evaluation.
- (2) PI students who have completed all four (4) years' of education and have received their BS degrees may also participate in this program and will follow the same selection procedures.
- (3) NC STATE will evaluate those selected PI students using NC STATE's admission standards for their qualifications. NC STATE faculty may conduct an on-site interview to ensure student quality. The selected PI students who meet NC STATE's and the Program's entry qualifications will be admitted to NC STATE as "GTI Certificate students" in the Global Training Initiative (GTI) program. Annually the parties will negotiate the number of admitted students. The initial plan is to have about (#) students during (fall of 20XX) and then increase thereafter.
- (4) This 3+X Master's program will focus on the existing degree programs offered by NC STATE's College of _____ (see the list below for current Master's programs). The specific Master's programs offered in one year may depend on the interests of PI students and specific course availability at NC STATE.

Participating Master's Programs in the College of _____ at NC STATE:

- (5) As NC STATE's policy will not allow admitting students into graduate programs prior to completion of their BS degrees, these admitted students will first apply to and matriculate via the GTI Certificate Program for the first semester, As GTI Certificate students they will be expected to register full-time (minimum 12 credit hours) and to take the required courses that are designed for the specific Program as well as the required GTI 401 Colloquium. Credit and non-credit English courses are also available during this first semester and students will have the opportunity to take the TOEFL or other standardized

tests after arrival. All courses within the Program successfully completed at NC State will count towards the completion of the Master's degree. The GTI has a separate on-line application process, which must be completed before a student visa certificate can be issued. See <http://www.ncsu.edu/gti> for more information.

- (6) After they have successfully completed the course work needed to complete their BS degree (minimum 12 credit hours) as GTI Certificate students at NC STATE, PI will grant each of these students a statement that the student has completed BS degree requirements in their respective discipline by PI. Students will be required to provide an official letter from PI indicating the BS degree requirements were satisfied prior to being approved for the Program. They must also provide a final transcript once the BS degree has been conferred
- (7) NC STATE will officially admit PI students to the Program in different disciplines following the guidelines and requirements of each Master's degree program at NC STATE. The typical non-thesis Master's programs at NC STATE require 30-36 credit hours, depending on the specific discipline. NC STATE requires that the last 18 credit hours for a Master's degree have to be taken after students have been admitted into the Master's program at NC STATE.
- (8) PI students will pay out-of-state tuition, fees and living expenses during their studies at NC STATE. The Graduate School and the NC STATE Cashiers Office provide current rates online (<http://www.fis.ncsu.edu/cashier/>). To complete the Program in one (1) year, it is anticipated that students may also need to register for a minimum of six (6) credits during the Summer Session(s). NC STATE may provide guidance and logistical help with student housing and other relevant arrangements. The amount of living expenses may vary depending on the type of housing and living preferences.
- (9) Upon successful completion of all course requirements in each of the Programs, PI students will be granted Master's degrees by NC STATE. Some selected PI students may continue for one additional year in the Master of Science degree program (thesis required) if they meet NC STATE requirements and faculty can provide financial support for research assistantship.
- (10) PI students who return to PI with their Master's degrees may enter PI's Ph.D. programs should they meet the relevant requirements set by PI.
- (11) PI students who choose to continue their Ph.D. program at NC STATE will be required to apply following the normal application procedures and admission requirements set by NC STATE.

- (12) Some of the required courses for Master's degrees may be taken as Distance Education courses offered by NC STATE, which will be counted toward to the total credit hours required for the completion of Master's degree programs.

GENERAL AGREEMENT

- (1) This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the parties and supersedes all other arrangements. This Agreement may only be changed with the written consent of both parties.
- (2) If either party shall temporarily fail to enforce any provision of this Agreement such temporary forbearance shall not constitute a waiver.
- (3) The two parties shall be in regular communication to resolve any problems or issues relating to this agreement.
- (4) Neither party may assign, transfer or sub-contract its commitments under this Agreement.
- (5) Either party may terminate this Agreement if the other shall be in material breach and following written notice of such breach shall not have remedied the breach within a period of 30 days.
- (6) Either party may terminate this Agreement for any reason upon nine (9) months' prior written notice to the other.
- (7) This Agreement shall remain subject to laws and regulations of both countries.

SIGNATURES

Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor
North Carolina State University

President

Signature: _____
Dr. Warwick Arden

Signature: _____
Prof. _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Dean, College of _____
North Carolina State University

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Dr. _____

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Prof. _____

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Dean, Graduate School
North Carolina State University

Signature: _____
Dr. Duane Larick

Date: _____