

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAM
BETWEEN
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE , UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN
AND
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCES, UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI ROMA TRE

In recognition of the general importance of international education and close ties of mutual cooperation and respect, the College of Science University College Dublin (UCD), Ireland, and Department of Sciences, Università degli Studi Roma Tre (R3), Italy agree to administer a Double Degree Program (DDP).

The Parties to the present memorandum have agreed to define their rights and obligations with respect to carrying out cooperation relating to the Double Degree Program in science. The Parties are bound by the terms and conditions of the present memorandum. The Parties shall not act in any way that could risk the fulfillment of the present memorandum. Therefore, the following is hereby agreed between the Parties:

1. Fields of the Double Degree

The Parties agree to organize doctoral studies leading to double degrees in the following fields:

- UCD : Physics
- R3 : Material Sciences, Nanotechnologies, and Complex Systems

2. Cooperation Coordination

The Parties will together appoint a Steering Group which will be responsible for the coordination and administration of the cooperation outlined in this memorandum.

3. Number of Students

Each university may nominate annually up to two DDP students for the double degree doctoral program.

4. Requirements

Nominated students shall have a Bachelor or Master's degree in a relevant subject area and sufficient language skills to complete the double degree studies in English, as well as a recommendation from the Coordinator of the Graduate School or the Head of the Department.

5. Period of study at the host university

Admitted students shall stay and study at the host university for a period between six months to one year. Registration follows the standard procedures of each university.

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6. Graduation Requirements

In order to receive a doctoral degree from R3, the students must satisfactorily complete the R3 graduation requirements. In order to receive a doctoral degree from UCD, the students must satisfactorily complete the UCD graduation requirements. All studies completed at the partner university shall be approved by the other partner university. The studies shall be recognized in compliance with a personal study plan that shall be approved by both Parties according to their normal procedures. When the requirements of both Parties are fulfilled, the student will be awarded a national doctoral degree from each university.

7. Thesis Supervisors

Each university shall designate at least one thesis supervisor respectively.

8. Language of Thesis

The thesis should be written in English.

9. Examination of Thesis

The examination will take place at the home university. The UCD PhD examination panel will be composed in consultation with the Graduate School in University of Roma Tre. The Roma Tre PhD examination panel will be composed in consultation with the UCD School of Physics. There will be two copies of the thesis to accommodate local requirements.

10. Tuition Fees, Costs and Living Expenses

Each Party shall provide admitted students with full compensation for the fees for entrance examination, admission and tuition. Admitted students shall be responsible for the costs of their own housing, meals, transport and other expenses during the period of their stay at the host university, while each Party shall make efforts to provide available funds to support the student's stay at the host university. Each Party shall inform the counterpart institution of the estimated costs and of any changes in them (housing costs, tuition and all other fees) in advance.

10. Insurance

Each participating student shall provide his or her own health and accident insurance and be responsible for any costs relating to health care services. Proof of adequate insurance coverage must be provided to the host university when registering for studies.

11. Visa

Each Party shall assist admitted students in obtaining an appropriate visa to enter and stay in the host country although the participants shall be required to complete visa applications and processes necessary to meet visa requirements that pertain to studying in the host country.

Admitted students shall be responsible for maintaining appropriate immigration status.

12. Supplementary Provisions

In order to carry out the above-mentioned activities, supplementary provisions may be affixed to the memorandum after consultation between the parties concerned.

13. Revisions, Duration and Termination of memorandum

This memorandum shall be in effect for five years from the date of signing by the representatives of both Parties.

This memorandum may be amended or extended during the five years by mutual consent of both Parties.

Either Party may terminate this memorandum by sending written notice to the other Party. Termination will take effect six months from the date of the written notice. In the event of termination, all commitments to participating students shall be honoured.

In the event that either of the respective parties approves, it is possible for a replacement organization to assume responsibility for the DDP as described within the contents of this memorandum.

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