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DAAD

Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst
German Academic Exchange Service

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

GROUP OF EIGHT AUSTRALIA – GERMANY JOINT RESEARCH CO-OPERATION SCHEME

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

and

The Group of Eight Ltd*

agree to the establishment of a joint scheme to fund research co-operation between Australia and the Federal Republic of Germany through facilitating the exchange of researchers. The scheme has the following terms:

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Aim of the scheme

The scheme will fund the exchange of academics including early career researchers and junior scholars from both countries who are working on joint research projects.

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Application and funding eligibility, awards and duration

- (1) In Germany the scheme is aimed at academics from universities, institutes of technology and Fachhochschulen*, as well as researchers and research groups from non-university research institutions.
- (2) In Australia the scheme is only available to researchers from Group of Eight (Go8) universities.
- (3) Support available through the scheme covers travel and living costs for the participating staff during their stay abroad. The basic research costs (staff and equipment) on both sides of the research project are not funded. These funds must be secured from other sources.
- (4) The maximum duration of funding for a joint venture is three years subject to satisfactory reporting of the project outcomes each year. Initial project funding may be one or two years, after which the applicants will be required to re-apply for further funding for the third year.
- (5) Each grant recipient will be bound by and protected by the policies of his/her own institution in relation to intellectual property, codes of conduct etc. This applies to both Australian and German researchers.

* Representing a coalition of Australia's leading research-intensive universities: The Australian National University, The University of Adelaide, The University of Melbourne, Monash University, The University of New South Wales, The University of Queensland, The University of Sydney and the University of Western Australia.

* Fachhochschulen are higher education institutions in Germany which offer applied and practical courses of study.

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Application and selection procedures

- (1) The funding of exchanges in the scheme requires the co-operating partners on both sides to submit corresponding applications to their institution (the Go8 Canberra office and the DAAD).
- (2) The selection of the eligible applicants will take into account the quality of the project, the qualification of the persons to take part in the project, the outcomes expected from the cooperation, the existing research support and the degree of participation of early career researchers and junior scholars.
- (3) The Go8 Canberra office will advise the DAAD of the outcomes of quality assurance reviews and ranking of the preferred applications by the Go8 Research Office to which the applications have been submitted. The DAAD will advise the German selection panel of the outcomes of the Go8 reviews of the applications to assist in their evaluation and selection of the applications to be funded. A representative of the Go8 is to attend the meeting of the selection panels in Germany.
- (4) Further procedural or project related issues will be resolved through communication between the Go8 Canberra and the DAAD.

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Scheme budget and attribution of costs

- (1) Each side has responsibility for the travel and living costs of its academics and decides on the amount of funding it will provide.
- (2) The costs of the program will be made available on the Australian side by Go8 universities and on the German side by the German Academic Exchange Service from the resources of the Federal Ministry for Education and Research.

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Duration & review

- (1) The agreement will commence when the Memorandum of Understanding is executed by both parties and will cover the period from 1 January 2008 until 31 December 2010. It will automatically be extended by one further year at a time, so long as one of the contracting parties of this agreement does not give the nine months notice required to dissolve it.
- (2) The scheme will be reviewed on both sides in early 2010 and a decision made on whether to extend the scheme.

Date:

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