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Cooperation Agreement

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BETWEEN

**UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, BANGALORE**

And

**Ghent University**

In accordance with a mutual desire to promote international academic, cultural and scientific exchange, Ghent University (Belgium) and University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore (India) enter into this Cooperation Agreement.

The Rectors of both institutions, for the purpose of furthering cooperation through both educational and academic exchanges, hereby affirm their intent to promote such exchanges as will be of mutual benefit for their respective institutions. Educational and academic exchanges are considered here to include but not be limited to:

- Development of mutually beneficial academic programmes and courses
- Exchange of academic staff and research assistants for the main purpose of teaching
- Reciprocal assistance for visiting
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- academic staff and students
- Exchange of students for study and research
- Exchange of documentation, pedagogical information and research materials

Both parties decide by mutual consent that all the financial agreements will have to be negotiated and will depend on the availability of funds.

**A. Student exchange**

Both parties hereby agree that:

1. The exchange of students and staff shall be administered through the International Relations Office UGent and University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, India.
2. Each university may in principle nominate not more than two undergraduate or graduate students for exchange each year.
3. However, this number may vary in any given year provided a balance of exchanges is attained over the term of the agreement.
4. While nominees will normally be accepted for exchange by the host university, the host university reserves the right to review the applications of nominees and make final decisions concerning admission.
5. A selected student may study for a period of 3 to 12 months at the host university.

6. It is the responsibility of delegated students of the partner Universities to find travelling, lodging and living expenses from different sources.
7. Exchange students will not pay examination, matriculation and tuition fees to the host institution, but shall pay these to the home institution as per the usual regulations of the home institution.
8. Any academic credit received during the course of the program at the host institution may be transferred to the home institution in accordance with the appropriate regulations of the home institution.
9. Each host institution will issue appropriate documents for each accepted nominee for the issuance of a student visa, in accordance with current national laws. It is the responsibility of each individual student to obtain a student visa in their home country in a timely manner.
10. The student will provide his or her life, own health, accident, repatriation and civil liability insurance.

**B. Staff exchange**

Both parties hereby agree that:

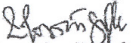
1. Both parties agree to support the exchange during each academic year of maximum 2 professors or members of scientific staff from each university.
2. However, this number may vary in any given year provided a balance of exchanges is attained over the term of the agreement.
3. It is the responsibility of the staff members of the partner Universities to find their source/s of funding for travel, accommodation and subsistence for a maximum pool of time equivalent to 3 months per academic year.
4. Each host institution will issue appropriate documents for each visiting staff member for the issuance of a visa, in accordance with current national laws. It is the responsibility of each individual staff member to obtain a visa in their home country in a timely manner.
5. The exchange staff will provide for his or her own life, health, accident, repatriation and civil liability insurance

For Ghent University, Prof. *G. Van Huylenbroeck* will be the responsible academic staff member of the Cooperation Agreement. For University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, this will be **DR. M.G. Chandrakanth, Prof. of Agril. Economics.**

This Cooperation Agreement as well as succeeding plans concerning the concrete proposals of cooperation, shall be effective after approval of the terms of the agreement by the appropriate authorities of the universities. It will remain in effect for a period of 5 years. Thereafter, it will be reviewed and can be amended or renewed as agreed by both parties.

For Ghent University

  
Prof. dr. Paul Van Cauwenberge  
Rector

  
For University of Agril. Sciences, Bangalore

Comptroller

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## Programs

### ASEM-DUO is

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## DUO-Belgium/Flanders

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### DUO-Belgium/Flanders: 1. General Description

DUO-Belgium/Flanders Fellowship Program was established in 2011 with the aim of promoting exchanges of students between Belgium/Flanders and 4 Asian countries (China, India, South-Korea and Vietnam) on a **balanced and permanent** basis. In this respect, DUO-Belgium/Flanders requires that a **PAIR (two persons)** of students will be exchanged in the framework of a cooperative project. Definition of 'student':

- Undergraduate (bachelor) and graduate (master) students who are currently enrolled in universities or university colleges in Flanders or one of the four Asian countries. *Nationality of the student is not a criterion.*

N.B.: All applicants should maintain their "student status" from the time of application until *the end of their exchange period.*

#### 1.1 Eligibility

Due to the unique nature of this program, in order to be eligible, *the exchange project needs to fulfill all five requirements below:*

- 1) A higher education institution in Belgium/Flanders (home institution) and an educational institution in Asia (host institution) have established an academic **cooperative agreement** or have the intention to set up a new cooperation agreement; and
- 2) *The Flemish higher education institution, as well as the Asian partner cannot ask tuition fees to the students for the exchanges;* and
- 3) The Flemish home institution has **selected a Flemish** student enrolled at the home institution to send to the Asian host institution, and such selection has been **accepted** by the Asian host institution. A Flemish student is defined as a student from any nationality, subscribed in a Flemish Higher Education Institution; and
- 4) The **same** Asian host institution has selected a **Asian** student enrolled at the host institution to send to the Flemish home institution, and such selection has been accepted by the **same** Flemish home institution.
- 5) If the *Flemish* student has already started the exchange or the Asian student has already stayed in Belgium/Flanders before the application period for DUO- Belgium/Flanders 2012, the application is not acceptable.

#### 1.2. The Duration and the Amount of the DUO-Belgium/Flanders Fellowships

DUO-Belgium/Flanders 2012 is for exchange projects, which will start from August 2012 and end before September 2013 to avoid duplication of implementation period of exchange projects selected by DUO-Belgium/Flanders in the ensuing years. The selection of DUO-Belgium/Flanders 2012 is made **ONLY** once a year. In this respect, those who are planning to exchange in Spring Semester of 2013 (January-August 2013) shall apply for DUO-Belgium/Flanders 2012.

The duration and the amount of the fellowships are **standardized** as follows:

*The amount of the fellowships is 8,000 euros for both students in a pair (800 Euro/month for the Flemish student - 1200 Euro/month for the Asian student).  
The duration of exchange should be at least one semester. A semester is defined as the period including the eventual introduction activities, the period of teaching and the period of preparing and doing the examinations. A period of 15 days before the start of a semester is also accepted in the period of funding. Exchange of less than one semester is NOT allowed. If a semester is longer than 4 months in the visiting institution, fellowship will be given for 4 months. If a semester is less than 4 months in the Home/Host institutions, then the scholarship will be adjusted on a pro-rata basis.*







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## 2.5. Selection Criteria

Project proposals for the exchange of students in all disciplines will be accepted. However, priority shall be given to following disciplines:

- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)
- Political and social sciences
- Economy
- Communication Sciences

Furthermore we will give priority to following themes:

- Intercultural dialogue
- Sustainability
- Innovation
- Health care

Very important: we will give at least 25% of all scholarships to students with a low socio-economic background. If the proposal includes a student from a lower socio-economic status, it is important to make this clear in the application form.

## 2.6. Fellowship Grants

The DUO-Belgium/Flanders Fellowship for the selected exchange projects will be paid directly by the Secretariat to the bank accounts of students who participate in those exchange projects. There are no restrictions in using the fellowship.

## DUO-Belgium/Flanders: 3. Instruction for Application Form

### 3.1. Language of Application

You should write your application in English.

### 3.2. Structure of the Application Form

#### 1. Page 1. – Home Institution

The first box of ID number and Date of submission is for the use of the secretariat only. Please, start from filling out information of Home Institution.

- **CONTACT PERSON** means a regular staff of the Flemish institution who arranges the exchange project and is willing to communicate with the Secretariat in such events as verifying application details, transferring fellowship, monitoring exchanges and providing further information on the status of the exchange.
- **PERSON OF EXCHANGE** shall be any Flemish student who will participate in the exchange.
- In a box for *Institutional Criteria for selecting student to be exchanged*, describe why you (or your institution) recommend the student

N.B.: For each pair of an exchange project, the exchange period of the Belgian and Asian students does not necessarily need to coincide, and the field of exchange does not need to be the same.

#### 2. Page 2. – Host Institution

In this page, provide information of the host institution involved in the exchange project. The host institution shall be resided in 4 Asian countries (China, India, Vietnam, South-Korea).

- **CONTACT PERSON** means a regular staff of the Asian institution who arranges the exchange project and is willing to communicate with the Secretariat in such events as verifying application details, transferring fellowship, monitoring exchange and providing further information on the status of the exchange.
- **PERSON OF EXCHANGE** shall be any Asian student who will participate in the exchange.
- In a box for *Institutional Criteria for selecting person to be exchanged*, describe why you



- in a box for *institutional criteria for selecting person to be exchanged*, describe why you (or your institution) recommend the person of exchange for fellowship in detail.
- Confirmation on Agreement with Host Institution (**TO BE SIGNED BY CONTACT PERSON at the Flemish Home Institution**): since the contact person in the Flemish institution is required to complete the application on behalf of two people who will participate in the exchange between the home and the host institution (Asian institution), he/she should confirm here by checking "YES" that the contact person in the host institution also agrees with this submission of the application.

### 3. Page 3. – Description of the Exchange Program

In this section, please describe the type, duration and purpose of the exchange as instructed on the form.

- Type of exchange: please check appropriate boxes to specify whether the students for exchange are in an undergraduate or in a graduate study.
- Duration of Exchange: As stipulated on the DUO-Belgium/Flanders General Description, the duration of DUO-Belgium/Flanders Fellowship is standardized on a semester basis.
- Purpose of Exchange: Please, specify what the purpose of the exchange is. Also fill in how many credits (ECTS) that will be recognized by home or host institution.

### 4. Page 4. – Exchange Details/ Source of Finance

Under this heading, Flemish and Asian students' learning agreement should be listed during their exchanges periods. Details shall be elaborated as they will determine the selection of the application.

For your information, if courses listed on the application differ from the actual courses, Contact Persons or Persons of Exchange are responsible to inform the Secretariat for approval; if this procedure is not taken beforehand, fellowship award to both students is subject to cancellation and consequently refunded. Intensive language courses by students are not honored in this program.

If this exchange project has any other source of finance, please specify.

### 5. Page 5. – Certification of Authenticity

After completing all relevant items in appropriate manner on the entire field of application, please write the date and the names of contact person of the home institution and the president or Director of the institution in the section of Certification of Authenticity. Submit the form to the Secretariat by e-mail at [admin2@asemduo.org](mailto:admin2@asemduo.org). *The original printed version with the signatures will be requested if your project has been selected.*

#### 3.3. After the submission: acknowledgement

The acknowledgement on the receipt of submission will be sent to the contact person in the Flemish home institution by e-mail within a few days after submission. If there is any application with incomplete or improper information, further information will be individually requested by the Secretariat.



Chandrakanth Mysore &lt;mgchandrakanth@gmail.com&gt;

 **Call ASEM-DUO Belgium/Flanders****Wim Van Hauwaert** <Wim.VanHauwaert@ugent.be>

Wed, Mar 14, 2012 at 2:04 PM

To: Chandrakanth MG &lt;mgchandrakanth@gmail.com&gt;

Cc: Guido Van Huylenbroeck &lt;Guido.VanHuylenbroeck@ugent.be&gt;, Marie-Paule De Wael &lt;MariePaule.DeWael@ugent.be&gt;

Dear Professor Chandrakanth,

It is specified in the second requirement that the Flemish higher education institution, as well as the Asian partner cannot ask tuition fees to the students for the exchanges.

The students are only required to pay the normal tuition fee at their home university. UAS will only receive the tuition fee of the Indian student and UGent will only receive the tuition fee of the student inscribed in Ghent. This mainly an opportunity to stress the international profile of the Universities and to increase the opportunities for the students.

India is an official partner of the ASEM DUO program <http://www.asemduo.org>. Maybe you check how this can fit with the ICAR norms with the contact point in India:

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Yours faithfully,

Wim Van Hauwaert

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1	Austria	Federal Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture	<a href="http://www.bmukk.gv.at">http://www.bmukk.gv.at</a>
2	Belgium	Flemish Ministry of Education and Training	<a href="http://www.ond.vlaanderen.be/">http://www.ond.vlaanderen.be/</a>
3	Bulgaria	Ministry of Education and Science	<a href="http://www.minedu.government.bg">http://www.minedu.government.bg</a>
4	Cyprus	Ministry of Education	<a href="http://www.moec.gov.cy/">http://www.moec.gov.cy/</a>
5	Czech Republic	Ministry of Education, Youth & Sport	<a href="http://www.msmt.cz/">http://www.msmt.cz/</a>
6	Denmark	Ministry of Education	<a href="http://eng.uvm.dk/">http://eng.uvm.dk/</a>
7	Estonia	Ministry of Education and Research	<a href="http://www.hm.ee">http://www.hm.ee</a>
8	Finland	Ministry of Education	<a href="http://www.minedu.fi">http://www.minedu.fi</a>
9	France	Ministry of Education	<a href="http://www.education.gouv.fr/">http://www.education.gouv.fr/</a>
10	Germany	Federal Ministry of Education and Research	<a href="http://www.bmbf.de">http://www.bmbf.de</a>
11	Greece	Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs	<a href="http://www.ypepth.gr">http://www.ypepth.gr</a>
12	Hungary	Ministry of Education and Culture	<a href="http://www.ckm.gov.hu">http://www.ckm.gov.hu</a>
13	Ireland	Department of Education and Science	<a href="http://www.education.ie">http://www.education.ie</a>
14	Italy	Ministry of Education, University and Research	<a href="http://www.miur.it">http://www.miur.it</a>
15	Malta	Ministry of Education	<a href="http://www.education.gov.mt/">http://www.education.gov.mt/</a>
16	Latvia	Ministry of Higher Education and Science	<a href="http://www.izm.gov.lv">http://www.izm.gov.lv</a>
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19	Poland	Ministry of Science and Higher Education	<a href="http://www.eng.nauka.gov.pl">http://www.eng.nauka.gov.pl</a>
20	Portugal	Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education	<a href="http://www.mces.pt/">http://www.mces.pt/</a>
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22	Slovakia	Ministry of Education	<a href="http://www.minedu.sk">http://www.minedu.sk</a>
23	Slovenia	Ministry of Education and Sport	<a href="http://www.vlada.si">http://www.vlada.si</a>
24	Spain	Ministry of Education and Culture	<a href="http://www.mec.es/">http://www.mec.es/</a>
25	Sweden	Ministry of Education and Research	<a href="http://www.sweden.gov.se/sb">http://www.sweden.gov.se/sb</a>
26	the Netherlands	Ministry of Education, Culture, and Science	<a href="http://www.minocv.nl">http://www.minocv.nl</a>
27	UK	British Council	<a href="http://www.educationuk.org">http://www.educationuk.org</a>
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2	Burma/Myanmar	Ministry of Education	<a href="http://www.myanmar-education.edu.mm">http://www.myanmar-education.edu.mm</a>
3	Cambodia	Ministry of Education, Youth & Sport	<a href="http://www.moeys.gov.kh/">http://www.moeys.gov.kh/</a>
4	China	Ministry of Education	<a href="http://www.moe.edu.cn/english">http://www.moe.edu.cn/english</a>
5	India	Department of Education	<a href="http://www.education.nic.in">http://www.education.nic.in</a>
6	Indonesia	Ministry of National Education	<a href="http://www.depdiknas.go.id/">http://www.depdiknas.go.id/</a>
7	Japan	Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology	<a href="http://www.mext.go.jp">http://www.mext.go.jp</a>
8	Korea	Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development	<a href="http://www.moe.go.kr">http://www.moe.go.kr</a>
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10	Pakistan	Ministry of Education	<a href="http://www.moe.gov.pk">http://www.moe.gov.pk</a>
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13	Thailand	Commission on Higher Education	<a href="http://www.mua.go.th">http://www.mua.go.th</a>
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