MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

ON

JOINT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

BETWEEN

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

AND

CHINA SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL, PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The University of Victoria (hereafter referred to as UVic) and the China Scholarship Council (hereafter referred to as CSC), in accordance with the principles of equality and mutual benefit and through friendly negotiation, hereby agree to establish a joint scholarship program to promote academic cooperation including graduate student and scholar placements and research collaboration that will mutually benefit the University of Victoria and Chinese universities.

1. Program Overview: UVic and CSC agree to collaborate on (i) providing scholarship opportunities and placements to selected Chinese graduate students who either study for UVic’s PhD degree or conduct research as visiting PhD students; (ii) providing scholarship opportunities and placements in Master’s programs to selected Chinese students; (iii) and hosting visiting scholars and post-doctoral fellows.

1.1 PhD Students

1.1.1 Each year, UVic and CSC will jointly sponsor up to 20 selected Chinese students who have been accepted by UVic to pursue PhD study for no more than 48 months. UVic will confer doctoral degree to the students who meet graduation requirements.

1.1.2 Each year, UVic and CSC will jointly sponsor up to 20 selected Chinese PhD students to conduct research for no more than 24
months at UVic as visiting PhD students under the supervision of UVic faculty members. Under this program, students will complete coursework in China, conduct graduate research at UVic and receive their PhD degree from their home institution.

1.2 Master’s Students

Each year, UVic and CSC will jointly sponsor up to 2 selected Chinese students who have been accepted by UVic to pursue Master’s study for no more than 24 months. UVic will confer Master’s degree to the students who meet graduation requirements.

1.3 Visiting Scholars and Post-doctoral Fellows

Each year, CSC will provide up to 10 scholarships to selected Chinese faculty members and up to 10 scholarships to selected Chinese post-doctoral fellows to visit and conduct research at UVic for no more than 12 months.

2. Fields of Cooperation: UVic and CSC agree to collaborate in some favourably-sponsored areas of study which include but are not limited to:

- Energy and environment;
- Water and mineral resources;
- Advanced manufacturing technology;
- Advanced materials technology;
- Marine technology;
- Aerospace technology
- Transportation sector;
- Communication and information technology;
- Engineering and architecture, including urban planning;
- Life sciences and public health including biotechnology;
- Governance and public policy reform;
- Economics and business;
- Applied social sciences, including law and WTO-related areas; and
- Fundamental studies in science and technology, health sciences, social sciences, humanities and arts.

Additional study programs may be added to this agreement by the consent in writing of both parties. Students may apply for admissions to degree programs beyond this list; the applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the terms of this agreement.
3. Qualifications

3.1 PhD Students

3.1.1 Candidates for PhD programs shall have a Master’s degree and meet all admission requirements set by UVic from time to time and have obtained an unconditional admission letter from UVic.

3.1.2 Visiting PhD students shall meet all the requirements set by UVic from time to time.

3.2 Master’s Students

Candidates for Master’s programs shall meet all admissions requirements set by UVic from time to time and have obtained unconditional admission letter from UVic.

3.3 Visiting Scholars and Post-doctoral Fellows

Applicants shall meet all requirements set by UVic from time to time. Post-doctoral fellows shall provide CSC with the information on their research projects at their home institution and conduct relevant research at UVic.

3.4 It is the UVic calendar that specifies and communicates the processes and regulations applicable to all students.

3.5 All applicants shall satisfy the selection criteria set by CSC from time to time.

4. Application and Selection Procedures

The following application and selection procedures apply to all applications mentioned above in Section 3.

4.1 Candidates shall apply to UVic directly for acceptance (or invitation in the case of visiting students, visiting scholars and post-doctoral fellows) before the deadline set by UVic. Candidates shall specify in their applications that they will apply through the UVic-CSC joint scholarship program.

4.2 UVic will evaluate the applications and make acceptance decisions at its own discretion. By March 1st of each year, UVic will provide CSC and each qualified candidate with a copy of the letter of acceptance (or invitation in the case of visiting students, visiting scholars and post-doctoral fellows).
4.3 Candidates who have obtained the letter of acceptance (or invitation in the case of visiting students, visiting scholars and post-doctoral fellows) from UVic shall submit on-line applications and supporting documents to CSC for funding by March 20th of each year.

4.4 CSC will evaluate the applications and provide UVic with a final list of successful applicants. CSC will also inform each successful applicant of the final result.

4.5 CSC will nominate two candidates each year to pursue Master’s study at UVic. UVic will make admission decisions at its own discretion.

5. Funding Model

5.1 PhD Students

5.1.1 PhD degree students

For successful applicants, UVic will provide scholarship support equivalent to the cost of program fees for up to 48 months under the condition that the scholarships from CSC have been secured.

CSC will provide scholarship support to selected students for no more than 48 months to cover their visa application fees, one roundtrip airfare between China and Victoria by the most economical route, living (food and accommodation) and health insurance expenses.

5.1.2 Visiting PhD students

UVic will not charge any program fees, service fees, or lab access fees to the selected visiting PhD students. UVic will explore the possibility of offering teaching assistant or research assistant positions to these students.

CSC will provide scholarship support to selected students for no more than 24 months to cover their visa application fees, one roundtrip airfare between China and Victoria by the most economical route, living (food and accommodation) and health insurance expenses.

5.2 Master’s Students

For successful applicants, UVic will provide scholarship support equivalent to the cost of program fees for up to 24 months under the condition that the scholarships from CSC have been secured.
CSC will provide scholarship support to selected students for no more than 24 months to cover their visa application fees, one roundtrip airfare between China and Victoria by the most economical route, living (food and accommodation) and health insurance expenses.

5.3 Visiting Scholars and Post-doctoral Fellows

CSC will provide scholarship support to selected faculty members and post-doctoral fellows for no more than 12 months to cover their visa application fees, one roundtrip airfare between China and Victoria by the most economical route, living (food and accommodation) and health insurance expenses.

5.4 UVic shall use its reasonable best efforts to provide necessary resources including office spaces, labs, computers, Internet and library access to support CSC-funded students and scholars to pursue graduate studies and / or conduct research at UVic.

5.5 CSC funded students and scholars are solely responsible for:
5.5.1 arranging and maintaining adequate medical and accident insurance for the duration of their attendance at UVic,
5.5.2 arranging and selecting their own accommodation, and
5.5.3 paying any special fees at UVic, including club membership, use of specialist sporting facilities, and other individual fees, including books, course materials, and excursion fees.

6. Supervision of Students and Scholars

6.1 PhD Students

UVic faculty members shall supervise accepted PhD students and visiting PhD students. To promote research collaboration, UVic and CSC shall support joint supervision to the accepted students by the faculty members at UVic and Chinese institutions.

6.2 Master’s Students

UVic faculty members shall supervise the students accepted to Master’s programs.

6.3 Visiting Scholars and Post-doctoral Fellows
UVic shall encourage faculty members to host CSC-funded visiting scholars and post-doctoral fellows and to develop research collaboration with their home institutions. UVic faculty members shall supervise and participate in the research projects undertaken by the visiting scholars and post-doctoral fellows.

6.4 CSC funded students and scholars must abide by UVic’s rules, regulations and policies while in attendance at UVic.

7. Liaison Officers

UVic and CSC shall each designate a Liaison Officer to coordinate the activities of implementing this agreement.

For China Scholarship Council: For University of Victoria:

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Changes of Liaison Officers shall be communicated between UVic and CSC in writing.

8. Best Endeavors

8.1 UVic and CSC shall endeavor to provide administrative and academic support to ensure the success of the implementation of this agreement.

8.2 UVic and CSC shall endeavor to encourage their Chinese partner institutions to promote this joint scholarship program.

8.3 UVic’s Chinese partner institutions can recommend candidates to apply for placements under this joint scholarship program.
8.4 Students and scholars from all Chinese universities can apply for placements under this joint scholarship program.

8.5 UVic and CSC shall endeavor to promote this joint scholarship program and explore other collaboration possibilities.

8.6 UVic shall endeavor to support the promotional activities of the scholarship programs funded by CSC in Canada and China including to send representatives to attend the CSC International Graduate Scholarship Fairs or to provide promotional materials to the Fairs.

8.7 UVic shall endeavor to work with Chinese institutions to supervise the academic and research activities of the visiting students and scholars.

9. **Commencement and Duration**

9.1 This agreement shall take effect on October 16th, 2012 and shall continue for a period of five years.

9.2 This agreement may be terminated by either party by giving a minimum of six months' written notice. In the event of termination, all commitments to students and scholars then participating in the program will be honoured by relevant parties.

9.3 Both parties shall review this agreement in the year of 2017. This agreement may be renewed for a further five years if both parties agree. The renewal of the agreement shall be in writing signed by both parties.

10. **General**

10.1 This agreement is the entire agreement between the parties with respect to its subject matter. This agreement cannot be delegated or assigned by either party without the prior written consent of the other, and shall enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the successors and the permitted assigns of the parties. No variation or modification of this agreement and no waiver of its provisions or conditions shall be valid unless in writing and signed by a duly authorized signatory for each party.

10.2 The following procedure shall be used to resolve a dispute:

(i) the party claiming there is a dispute will notify the other party, setting out the nature of the dispute;
(ii) the parties will use all reasonable efforts to resolve the dispute through direct negotiation;

(iii) if the parties are unable to resolve a dispute either party may terminate the agreement on 90 days of notice provided that all commitments to students and scholars then participating in the program will be honored by relevant parties.

10.3 UVic and CSC mutually agree that they shall handle the personal information of the CSC-funded students and scholars in strict compliance with their local laws and regulations.

10.4 This agreement shall be written in English and in Chinese. Each version has two duplicated copies. Both the English version and the Chinese version are equally binding.

SIGNED for and on behalf of

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

by its duly authorized officers on

the 16th day of October 2012.

Dr. Reeta Tremblay
Vice President Academic and Provost

CHINA SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL

by its duly authorized officers on

the 16th day of October 2012.

Ms. Xinyu Yang
Deputy Secretary-General

Dr. Andrew Marton
Associate Vice-President International