



Memorandum of Agreement on Cooperation Plan

Between

**Auburn University
College of Agriculture
Auburn, AL, USA**



And

**National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology
College of Hydrosphere Science
Kaohsiung, Taiwan**

On the establishment of

The International Aquaculture Farming and Food Safety Systems College Talent Training and Certification Program

Principal participants, hereinafter jointly called “the parties”

Based on the “*Memorandum of Understanding between the College of Agriculture, Auburn University (AU) and the College of Hydrosphere Science, National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology (NKUST)*” signed on October 31, 2018, both colleges, have concluded this agreement to specify the scope and content of experiential learning programs to be offered at Auburn University College of Agriculture.

1. Plan title, funder, time frame and category
 - (1) Plan title: The International Aquaculture Farming and Food Safety Systems College Talent Training and Certification Program
 - (2) Funded by: Ministry of Education, R.O.C.
 - (3) Time frame: 10/01/2019 - 07/31/2022
 - (4) Category: Short-Term (one-week) and Long-Term (one academic semester) Experiential Learning

2. Scope and method of cooperation on basic and management talent – **short-term** experiential learning (a one-week program)
 - (1) Auburn University College of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as AU - COA) offers seminars/lectures/academic tours for National Kaohsiung

University of Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as NKUST).

Details include:

- A. Course Name: International Training for Food Safety System Talents and Aquatic Farming Science Talents.
 - B. Number of participants: 20-50 NKUST students and/or teachers/researchers. Hereinafter called “the participants”.
 - C. Implementation period: 11/01/2019 - 12/31/2019. This agreement does not obligate AU-COA to offer the short-term experiential learning program on a continuous basis. Instead, the implementation of this program is subject to the availability of funds and renewed negotiations between the parties on a yearly basis.
 - D. Program Agenda: The agenda and program outline will be determined by the parties. Handouts become property of NKUST participants, however, permission from AU is required if being copied and distributed.
- (2) NKUST students and/or teachers/researchers visit to AU-COA, including:
- A. For the 2019 implementation period (11/01/2019-12/31/2019), the participants will receive one-week of experiential learning at a total cost of 5,000-5,400 USD per participant (including living expenses, airfare, lecturer’s working fee and other administrative fees, etc.).
 - B. Upon completion of the experiential learning program, the participants are required to submit a project report that details the actual expenses to NKUST for reimbursement purposes. (see Schedule 1)
3. Scope and method of cooperation on basic and management talent – **long-term** experiential learning (a one-semester program)
- (1) Lecturers from AU bound for NKUST will teach basic management talent courses – NKUST students enroll in AU-COA courses, including:
- A. Course Name: International Training for Food Safety System Talents or Aquatic Farming Science Talents.
 - B. Credit: enroll in 3-6 credit hours within AU-COA.
 - C. Number of participating: **no more than 7 NKUST students**; AU School of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences will host **no more than 2 students**; AU Department of Poultry Science will host **no more than 5 students**.
 - D. Implementation time: 12/01/2019-07/31/2022

- E. Course schedule: The schedule will be consented to design by AU-COA and NKUST. Handouts are property of students/NKUST, however, permission from AU is required if copied and distributed.
- (2) NKUST students visit to AU-COA.
- Details include:
- A. For the 2019-2022 implementation period, the students receive up to one semester of training courses (enroll in 3-6 credit hours) and laboratory/field visits at a total cost of 15,000-20,000 USD per student (including tuition, living expenses, airfare, visa, lecturer's working fee and other administrative fees, etc.).
 - B. Upon completion of the training course, the students are required to submit a project report with details on the actual expenses to NKUST for reimbursement purpose. (see Schedule 2)
 - C. Visa status: for the long-term experiential program, NKUST is required to apply and obtain a J-1 Student Intern visa with the U.S. Embassy. AU-COA Office of Global Programs is responsible for facilitating the visa application process.
 - D. AU-COA Office of Global Programs is responsible for facilitating with housing arrangements.
4. This Agreement is valid base on the approval of the project funded by The Ministry of Education Republic of China (R.O.C.) The project provides NKUST to cover all expenses described above.
5. Selection of participants
- (1) NKUST will screen and provide AU-COA with a list of prospective participants to be selected. AU-COA will reserve the right and final authority to decide on the admissibility of each student/participant nominated.
 - (2) Upon completion of the experiential learning programs at AU, NKUST's students must return to their home university. An extension of stay is not allowed under these programs.
6. Any unsettled matters in this agreement may be amended in writing at any time with the consent of both parties.

7. This Agreement shall become effective on the date of signing and only be valid for the implementation period mentioned above Each party who wishes to terminate this Agreement shall notify the other party three months in advance.
8. There are two copies of this Agreement. Each party holds one copy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have offered their signatures:

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<i>Cheng-Di Dong, Ph.D.</i>	<i>Paul Patterson, Ph.D.</i>
Dean of the College of Hydrosphere Science	Dean of the College of Agriculture
National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology	Auburn University
Date: _____	Date: _____

NKUST is fully responsible for the following expenses and fees:

Schedule 1 (11/01/2019 - 12/31/2019)

**Fees and expenses for the short-term experiential learning program
(one-week)**

1. Workshop fee for Auburn University, if any	\$78 per hour/lecturer
2. Living expenses for participant	\$190 per day/participant
3. Round-trip air ticket from Taiwan to Atlanta for student	\$1,800 - \$2,200

****Fees and expenses are subjected to change**

Schedule 2 (12/01/2019-07/31/2022)**Fees and expenses for long-term experiential learning (one academic semester)**

Students will need to handle items 6, 7 & 8 upfront.

After excluding items 6, 7 & 8, the university requires a total of \$17,650 for each undergraduate student and \$15,202 for each graduate student.

1. Tuition and Fees	For <u>Non-Resident undergraduate</u> If taking two classes (5-6 credit hours) - \$6,973-\$8,200
	For <u>Non-Resident graduate</u> If taking one class (3 credit hours) - \$5,752
2. Purchasing Books and Accessing Labs and Software	\$800
3. Living expenses (rent, local transportation, food, etc.)	\$1,417 per month $\$1,417 * 4.5 = \$6,377$
4. Health Insurance	Estimated \$170 per month $\$170 * 4.5 = \765 total for Spring 2020.
5. International Student Fee	\$135 per semester
6. SEVIS Fee for J-1 DS-2019	\$220
7. Apply for a J-1 Visa	\$160
8. Round-trip air ticket from Taiwan to Atlanta	\$1,800 - \$2,200
9. Miscellanies: for example, deposit for opening a bank account, getting a local cell phone/international roaming phone plan, internet, water & power bills	\$1,000

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