

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND AND THE UNIVERSITY OF**  
**THE FAROE ISLANDS**

The Rector of the University of Iceland (Háskóli Íslands) and the Rector of the University of the Faroe Islands (Fróðskaparsetur Føroya) hereby agree to continue fostering academic cooperation between the two institutions, based on common interest, equality and mutual respect.

1. The two institutions encourage the following activities in particular:
  - a) Exchange of faculty and administrative staff.
  - b) Exchange of students.
  - c) Joint research projects - including in particular those linked to external funding applications - and academic meetings and conferences.
2. The rectors of the two universities are responsible for the administration of this agreement. They will consult biannually to evaluate its implementation and the progress of cooperative activities between the two institutions. The two designated cooperation committees (section 5) have the task of general facilitation and implementation of the agreement. Coordination of student exchange is the responsibility of the International Division at the central administration of the University of Iceland and the University Director at the University of the Faroe Islands. [see Appendix]
3. This agreement shall be effective upon approval by both parties and shall remain in effect for a period of five years. It replaces the former agreement signed 17.4.2009, and the two amendments made to that agreement.
4. Both universities will support academic cooperation and student or teacher exchange between the two universities. The members appointed by the Rector of the University of Iceland and the members appointed by the Rector of the University of the Faroe Islands to the cooperation committees (*Færeyjanevndin* and *Íslandsnevndin*, respectively) will annually propose to the rectors the projects which will be supported.
5. The main goal of the two cooperation committees established in the early nineties will be to continue to strengthen research collaboration between the two institutions in divergent fields of study. A critical part of this task is the organization of the biennial conference, *Frændafundur*, which brings together scholars from both countries and international researchers working on topics relating to the Faroe Islands or Iceland.

The committees shall endeavour to expand the current cooperation to new fields of study, especially outside of the humanities which has been the main field of collaboration over the years. This could be very fruitful for both institutions. Research cooperation can be of various kinds, from informal exchanges of ideas and information to funded research projects that take many years to finish. Different forms of cooperation may be suitable in different situations and all forms are valuable.

6. Both universities agree to do their best to ensure that visiting students or academics coming from one institution to the other receive second language instruction that is appropriate for their level of proficiency in Icelandic or Faroese, respectively.
7. Amendment of this Agreement is to be effective by written agreement of the two institutions. No such amendment or revision will come into effect until both institutions have agreed in writing to this amendment or revision.
8. This Agreement shall be effective upon approval by both parties and shall remain in effect for a period of five years. Thereafter, subject to a review by each institution which confirms the Agreement is achieving the objectives set out above, it shall be automatically renewed from year to year. However, after the initial period, either institution may terminate the Agreement at the end of a given academic year by giving six months notice in writing of such intent. In the event either institution gives notice to terminate this Agreement, the parties agree that, unless they determine otherwise, any previously approved academic cooperation project shall continue and be completed as if the Agreement had remained in force.

17<sup>th</sup> August 2022

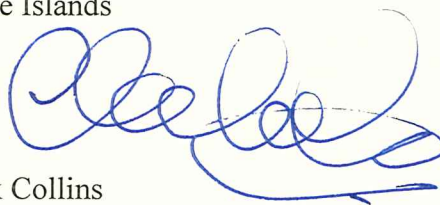
On behalf of the University of Iceland

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Jón Atli Benediktsson

Rector

On behalf of the University of the  
Faroe Islands

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Chik Collins

Rector

## **Appendix to the Agreement**

Existing Agreements and Letters of Intent between the University of Iceland and the University of the Faroe Islands:

Prolongation of the existing Collaboration Agreement between Háskóli Íslands and Fróðskaparsetur Føroya until 1st September 2022. October 2021.

Student exchange agreement to facilitate the exchange of undergraduate and graduate level students. February 2020.

Yvirlýsing frá Sögu- og samfelagsdeildinni á Fróðskaparsetri Føroya og Lagadeild Háskóla Íslands. Maí 2002.

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**Prolongation of the existing Collaboration Agreement between  
Háskóli Íslands and Fróðskaparsetur Føroya until 1st September 2022.**

The rector of the Háskóli Íslands (University of Iceland) and the rector of Fróðskaparsetur Føroya (the University of the Faroe Islands) hereby agree to prolong until 1st September 2022 the agreement made between the two institutions on April 17th 2009.

This prolongation includes also the two amendments that have been made to that agreement.

The period until August 2022 will be used to prepare an update of the agreement.

The prolongation will come into effect with the signatures of the rectors of both institutions.

**Signatures**

For Háskóli Íslands



Prof. Jón Atli Benediktsson, Rector

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021,  
Reykjavík

For Fróðskaparsetur Føroya



Prof. Chik Collins, Rector

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021, Tórshavn



**STUDENT EXCHANGE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND  
AND  
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE FAROE ISLANDS**

The University of Iceland and the University of the Faroe Islands agree for their Students to take part in a Student Exchange Program in accordance with the terms set out in this Agreement.

**1. SCOPE OF THE STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

- 1.1 The principal intention of the Student Exchange Program is to facilitate the exchange of undergraduate and graduate level students.
- 1.2 Students participating in exchange under the term of this Agreement shall be enrolled at the Host Institution for no more than one (1) academic year, unless varied by mutual agreement on a case-by-case basis.
- 1.3 Incoming Students under this Agreement will be deemed visiting and non-degree seeking, and as such will not complete their degrees at the Host Institution.

**2. NUMBER OF EXCHANGE STUDENTS.**

- 2.1 The number of exchange students and their periods of study will be determined by mutual agreement of the Parties. The Parties will attempt to maintain a reasonable balance in the number of Students exchanged during the term of this Agreement.
- 2.2 The Parties acknowledge that two (2) Exchange Students enrolled at the Host Institution for a single semester is equivalent to one (1) Exchange Student enrolled for a full academic year.

**3. SELECTION OF STUDENTS**

- 3.1 The Students participating in the exchange program under the terms of this Agreement shall apply to, and be nominated by, the Home Institution.
- 3.2 The Host Institution may determine a deadline after which no nominations will be accepted.
- 3.3 The Parties agree that Students selected by the Home Institution to participate in the student exchange program must:
  - a. Satisfy all language and admission requirements at the Host Institution
  - b. Enroll as full time, non-degree status Students
- 3.4 The Host Institution retains the right to make the final admission decision in each case, in accordance with its admission policies.

**4. STUDY PROGRAM**

- 4.1 Each Exchange Student shall determine the study program at the Host Institution, subject to the approval of academic advisors at both the Home and Host Institutions.
- 4.2 The Host Institution may exclude courses and programs that are open to Exchange Students.
- 4.3 Depending on the study program, language requirements and/or other prerequisites may be imposed in accordance with the regulations of the Host Institutions.

- 4.4 In order to qualify for exchange studies at University of Iceland, students that do not have English as their first language must submit proof of English language proficiency by providing TOEFL (min. 79) or IELTS (min. 6.5) scores.
- 5. ACADEMIC RECORD AND ACCREDITATION**
- 5.1 The Host Institution shall evaluate the academic performance of each student according to its rules and issue a transcript of records.
- 5.2 The Host Institution shall send one copy of the transcript directly to the correspondence address at the Home Institution listed below.
- 5.3 The Home Institution may assign credits to its Students according to its regulations.
- 6. TUITION AND OTHER FEES**
- 6.1 Tuition or registration fees for Exchange Students are waived at the Host Institution. Exchange Students are responsible for applicable student fees (if any), the cost of textbooks, fees for field trips (if any) and other course charges.
- 6.2 Exchange Students are responsible for paying the appropriate fees to their Home Institution.
- 7. GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS**
- 7.1 Exchange Students shall meet all requirements of the host country with regards to immigration regulations.
- 7.2 Exchange Students shall ensure that they keep their Host Institution fully informed of their movements and their contact details during the period of their exchange.
- 8. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**
- 8.1 The Parties will ensure that Exchange Students are made aware of the fees and expenses incurred by participants in the Student Exchange Program. These fees and expenses include:
- a. Tuition fees and registration fees payable to the Home Institution, but waived at the Host Institution
  - b. Health insurance coverage that meets the requirements of the Host Institution or for obtaining the appropriate visa and student permit
  - c. Travel insurance for the entire exchange period
  - d. Passport and visa costs
  - e. Accommodation and meal expenses
  - f. Textbook and course materials
  - g. Travel and transportation expenses
- 9. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION**
- 9.1 Each institution shall nominate a coordinator for the Student Exchange Program who will be responsible for:
- a. Exchanging and coordinating information
  - b. Ensuring implementation and operation of this Agreement.
- 9.2 Correspondence address:

For the University of Iceland:  
International Office  
University Centre  
101 Reykjavik  
ICELAND  
email: ask@hi.is  
Tel: +354 525 4311

For the University of the Faroe Islands  
Rector's Office  
J.C. Svabos Gøta - 14  
FO-110 Tórshavn  
Faroe Islands  
email: setur@setur.fo  
Tel: +298 292502

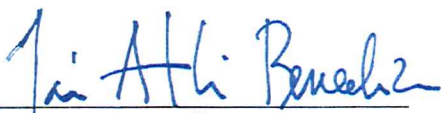
**10. REVIEW, TERM AND TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT**

- 10.1 The Agreement commences on the date of its signing by both Parties and shall continue for five (5) years.
- 10.2 The Parties will review the operation of the Agreement no later than six (6) months before the Agreement ends to decide whether the Agreement will be renewed for a further term. The Agreement will only be renewed by mutual written agreement of the Parties.
- 10.3 This Agreement may be terminated by either Party providing six (6) months written notice to the other Party.
- 10.4 If the Agreement is terminated in accordance with clause 10.3, termination will not apply to those Exchange Students already enrolled or accepted by the Host Institution.
- 10.5 The terms of this Agreement may be revised or modified at any time through joint review and recommendation by both Parties. No revision or modification shall come into effect until both Parties have signed an Amendment detailing the terms of the revision or modification.

The following signatures are affixed as acknowledgement and acceptance of the terms of this Agreement:

On behalf of the University of Iceland

On behalf of the University of the Faroe Islands



Dr. Jón Atli Benediktsson  
Rector / President

Feb. 3, 2020

Date:



Professor Chik Collins  
Rector

30<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Date: