MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE CHINA SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF TOULOUSE (France)

The China Scholarship Council, Level 13, Building A3, No.9 Cheongzhuang Avenue, Beijing, P.R.China (hereafter CSC) and the University of Toulouse, 15 rue des Lois 31000 Toulouse, France (hereafter UT), in accordance with the principles of equality and mutual benefit and through friendly negotiation, hereby agree to establish a collaborative arrangement for the purposes of providing high quality research training to qualified students from Chinese universities/research institutions with the aim of developing research collaborations between the University of Toulouse and its members and Chinese universities/research institutions.

1. Program overview

The primary focus of this UT/CSC programme is for selected PhD students from Chinese institutions to take full PhD study at UT.

2. Fields of Cooperation

CSC and UT will support the following areas of study with priority: Aeronautics, Astronautics, Environment Studies, Law, Economics, Medicine, Pharmacy. Notwithstanding the above priority list, students may be eligible to study in any other disciplines offered at UT.

3. Entry Criteria

(1) Candidates will be citizens and permanent residents of the People’s Republic of China at the time of application;

(2) Candidates must not be currently working or studying abroad;

(3) Successful candidates must return to China upon completion of their studies and/or research;

(4) Candidates must hold an unconditional offer letter from UT. They must therefore fulfill the relevant academic entry requirements set by UT, including a high level of English language proficiency;

(5) Candidates should be intending to pursue study/research in one of the priority academic areas identified by UT and CSC. However, applicants to other study/research areas will also be considered. The support academic areas are also subject to the availability of relevant programmes of study at UT;
(6) Candidate should satisfy the selection criteria set out by CSC by completing the CSC Application Form and the CSC Employer Reference Form at http://apply.csc.edu.cn/

4. Application and selection process

(1) UT, via its Doctoral College, will propose each year a set of PhD subjects in various research fields. Proposed subjects list is to be provided to CSC by UT each year before the end of September. Subjects will be published both on the websites of UT and CSC in October and November.

(2) Candidates should directly apply for admission to UT before the application deadline set by UT. Candidates should specify in their application that they apply for the UT/CSC joint scholarship programme.

(3) UT will evaluate the candidates. By March 20th each year, UT will provide CSC and each qualified candidate with a copy of the offer letter. This offer letter should be unconditional in terms of academic performance and English language capability. The offer should also clarify that UT will cover their full tuition fees and research fees (with the exception of the administrative registration fee), subject to their obtaining CSC’s support.

(4) After receiving the offer letter from UT, candidates must also apply to CSC for funding by completing an application for funding and employer reference (forms are available online at http://apply.csc.edu.cn). A hard copy of the signed CSC Application Form along the completed CSC Employer Reference Form, a copy of the full application to UT (including other supporting documents such as communications with the supervisor), and a copy of an unconditional offer letter from UT must be submitted to CSC through CSC’s application agencies by March 20th each year.

(5) CSC will evaluate the candidates according to CSC requirements and priorities, and provide UT with a final list of scholarship recipients and inform the successful candidates.

5. Funding model

For successful applicants, UT will cover their tuition and research fees with the exception of the administrative registration fee. UT will also give priority to selected students for access to students’ accommodation, banking and immigration formalities. In addition, UT will provide selected PhD students with free French language course.

CSC will consider their application for a living allowance as prescribed from time to time by the Chinese Government (which include health insurance), a return international airfare to France by the most economical route, and visa application fees.

The funding for each awardee will be 36 months. However, the duration of funding can be extended to 48 months, if the candidate must follow the last year of Master before starting the PhD thesis in France.

Each year, CSC will inform UT of the proposed number of scholarship to be allocated to the UT/CSC programme.

6. Supervision of candidates

UT will provide the chief academic advisors for candidates. Wherever possible, co-supervision between UT and the Chinese universities/research institutions from
which the candidates come will be encouraged. This is seen as a channel for the
development of long-term research collaboration between UT and Chinese
universities/research institutions, which both CSC and UT embrace as a long-term
goal.

7. Best endeavors

Both CSC and UT commit to making every administrative and faculty effort to ensure
the success of this collaboration. Based on the successful running of the initial program
both parties will actively pursue the possibility of strengthening collaborative ties more
broadly across disciplinary fields and institutional partnerships and developing
additional programs in the future.

8. Agreement duration and review

The Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective for 5 (five) years in the first
instance, commencing from the date of the signatures. It may be terminated by either
party giving six months notice of its intention to do so. The Memorandum of
Understanding will be reviewed during its fourth year of operation. If both sides have
no objection to the Memorandum of Understanding, it will be automatically prolonged
for a further 5 (five) years. In the event the program is discontinued, students
admitted under the program will continue to receive support at the levels and for the
time periods stipulated above.

9. Additional Activity and Dispute Resolution

This Memorandum of Understanding can be modified and added to by the mutual
consent of the both parties. Matters not included in the Memorandum of Understanding,
but directly related to it, may be addressed by the mutual agreement of the parties.
Any such agreement must be appended to this Memorandum of Understanding and
become valid upon the date of signing.

Both parties commit to resolving any disputes on the terms of this Memorandum of
Understanding by seeking friendly, mutually acceptable resolutions.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be written in English and in Chinese. Each
version has two officially duplicated copies. Both English version and Chinese version
are equally binding.

Signed for:

The China Scholarship Council

Dr. Liu Jinghui
Secretary General
Date: June 13, 2011

The University of Toulouse

Prof. Laurent GrosClaude
Vice President
Date: June 13, 2011