

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

National Yunlin University of Science and Technology

AND

**THE WASHINGTON CENTER FOR INTERNSHIPS AND
ACADEMIC SEMINARS**

Hereinafter designated as the Parties:

WHEREAS The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars is an educational non-profit organization serving hundreds of colleges and universities in the U.S. and other countries by providing them challenging opportunities to work and learn in Washington, D.C. for academic credit, hereinafter referred to as "TWC";

WHEREAS TWC is mandated to provide an integrated academic and work experience to prepare college students and professionals for lives of achievement and civic engagement,

WHEREAS The National Yunlin University of Science and Technology is an institution of higher education in Taiwan that prepares its students for academic and professional excellence. Hereinafter referred to as the "University";

WHEREAS the Parties wish to establish a framework for cooperation with a view toward promoting the acquisition of on-the-job practical experience by University's students;

WHEREAS the Parties agree of the benefits of such cooperation in fostering fuller mutual understanding, contributing to the cultural enrichment of young people and ensuring the development of durable ties between both countries;

THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

This agreement seeks to establish the framework for cooperation between the University and TWC.

DURATION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM

For the spring and fall terms, each program will last 15 weeks and for the summer term, each program will last 10 weeks. Students are placed 4 or 4 ½ days a week, according to their interests, in substantive, supervised internships in the public, for-profit or nonprofit sectors as well as in international organizations.

They also participate in program events; take an academic course; and attend and take part in a range of events within the Leadership Forum, including the President's Lecture Series, Public Policy Dialogues on Capitol Hill, Embassy Visits Program, briefings, tours, workshops and other special activities.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

There is no minimum or maximum number of participants from the University required to enroll in TWC's program.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE UNIVERSITY

The University will:

- Recruit and pre-select participants in accordance with TWC's requirements.
- Take the necessary steps to ensure that TWC's programs are accessible to as many participants as possible.
- Counsel prospective students to ensure that they are familiar with the nature of TWC programs, services, admissions procedures and are suitable for the proposed program(s),
- Promptly notify TWC of the outcome of the pre-selection process in order to facilitate the placement process geared toward the profile of each participant selected.
- Ensure that pre-selected candidates meet all the application requirements and that the application is in English and complete including: Application form, official transcripts, 2 letters of recommendation, one essay, TOEFL exam, and other additional requirements, if any.
- Screen pre-qualified participants for their English proficiency for factors that cannot be measured solely on the standardized TOEFL exam.
- Ensure that any documents submitted as part of a students' application are checked and validated for authenticity.
- Consult with TWC prior to using TWC brand, name or logo in materials or statements.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE WASHINGTON CENTER

The Washington Center will:

- Place each selected participant in a public, private or non-profit organization in the United States capital region in an area relevant to the participant's interest.
- Offer participants a program that includes classes; weekly events, visits, speakers and a dedicated program advisor for placement, mentoring, supervision, and evaluation.
- Provide each participant with the opportunity to participate in the various activities of TWC.

- Evaluate the participant's performance in different facets of the program.
- Grant admissions to participants as long as all required materials are submitted in English and participants pass the TOEFL exam and pre-screening interview conducted by the University and/or TWC, subject to the right to refuse participation in the program upon results of the oral English language competency interview administered by TWC.
- Provide the University with information to promote TWC accurately and effectively, including TWC brochures, application forms, fees and new program developments.
- Maintain active communication with the University and provide administrative support to process admissions enquiries and applications.
- Consult with the University prior to using its brand, name or logo in materials or statements.

ACADEMIC CREDITS

The University will award academic credits to its student for their participation in the program based on the following program components:

- **Internship:** Each student will be placed in an internship with an organization that fits their interests and the skills they possess and hope to learn. Students intern 4 or 4 1/2 days a week.
- **Academic Course:** Each student will be required to complete one academic course during the semester. The academic course meets one night per week for three hours and is taught by a Washington Center faculty member. Faculty members are leading practitioners with terminal degrees in their fields.
- **The Leadership Forum:** This includes student attendance at the program events, Public Policy Dialogues on Capitol Hill, President's Lecture Series, Embassy Visits Program, Civic Engagement Project, site visits, tours, briefings, and other activities. The purpose of the Leadership Forum is to help students better understand the world of the nation's capital - its people and institutions, the issues debated, and the potential impact of these endeavors on the students' future lives as professionals and citizens.
- **Student Portfolio:** Each student will be required to produce a compilation of documents that chronicles and summarizes the learning experience during the time with TWC. The portfolio assignments are designed to encourage thought and reflection from students on their accomplishments over the course of the program. Portfolio assignments include a goal statement in which students outline what they hope to accomplish from the semester, reflective assignments meant to help students think more deeply about what they are learning, samples of the work they accomplish, and a final writing assignment in which students write a letter in defense of their internship and how it contributes to their ultimate personal and career goals.

The University will provide a total of 3 academic credits to its students for their participation in TWC programs. Separate credit arrangements for specific schools can be arranged, if necessary.

CAMPUS LIAISON

The University will assign a Campus Liaison as the contact person with TWC. The liaison will distribute materials to publicize the programs, explain and clarify the candidates' doubts and approve the applicants by signing their applications.

In supervising and evaluating students, the liaison may communicate with the student as we as with the program advisor, regularly during the semester. The liaison may grant credit directly or work with faculty in different departments to grant the academic credits.

FUNDING

Participants receiving a TWC scholarship may not have to pay TWC fees or would be responsible only for a portion of them. In the case of participants that have to pay TWC fees, TWC can invoice the University or the student directly.

The fees shall be paid to TWC once TWC has confirmed that it accepts the participants selected. 50% of the payment is due when the participants are accepted into the program and the remaining 50% is due before the participants arrive to Washington D.C.

In the case of a student who has paid TWC and is subsequently unable to commence the program, TWC will refund the fees in accordance with its published Terms and Conditions.

To honour the partnership TWC will provide students from the University a discount of \$500 on TWC's housing cost.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT

With a view to applying this Agreement, the Parties will assess, at least once a year, the following:

- The terms and conditions for carrying out the activities and projects undertaken in the framework of the programs;
- The extent to which the Agreement objectives are being met and make the necessary adjustments, as required;
- Any other issues with regard to the application and interpretation of the Agreement.

To ensure the efficient implementation of the training program stipulated in this agreement, the Parties hereby designate as their representative:

- Virginia Gergoff, Managing Director for Advanced Leadership Programs and International
- The Washington Center
- 1333 16th Street N.W. Washington DC 20036. USA
- Chien-Yue Chen, Director of International Exchange and Collaboration Division, Office of International Affairs
- National Yunlin University of Science and Technology
- 123, University Road, Section 3, Douliou, Yunlin 64002, Taiwan, R.O.C.

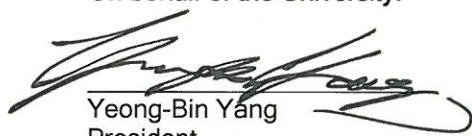
FINAL PROVISIONS

- The duration of this agreement shall be for a period of five (5) years from the date of ratification. The agreement may be renewed for an additional five (5) years period by means of an exchange of letters between the Parties effected at least ninety (90) days prior to the end of the initial one-year period.
- TWC and the University may terminate this agreement at any time, upon providing the other with notice in writing.
- Any notice to either party hereunder must be in writing signed by the party giving it, and shall be served by registered or certified mail or FEDEX to the addresses mentioned above.

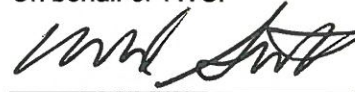
This agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the parties with respect to the subject matter herein and may not be amended except by an agreement signed by an authorized representative of University and an authorized representative of TWC.

In witness hereof, the parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the date first written below.

On behalf of the University:


Yeong-Bin Yang
President
National Yunlin University of
Science and Technology

On behalf of TWC:


Michael B. Smith
President
The Washington Center

And


Neng-Shu Yang
Vice President
National Yunlin University of
Science and Technology


Pilar Mendiola Fernández
Senior Vice President
The Washington Center

Date: 2011.11.18

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