MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE CHINA SCHOLARSHIP COUNCIL, CHINA
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO, CANADA
Operating as Western University

The China Scholarship Council (hereafter “CSC”) and The University of Western Ontario operating as Western University (hereafter “Western”), in accordance with the principles of equality and mutual benefit and through friendly negotiation, hereby agree to establish a collaborative program, named as the “China Scholarship Council – Western University Joint Funding Program”.

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

1.1 PhD degree programs and visiting PhD students
CSC and Western will jointly sponsor up to twenty (20) selected Chinese students who meet candidate eligibility requirements as prescribed by the CSC and Western in accordance with its rules, policies and take Western’s PhD research programs each year for up to forty-eight (48) months. If the selected Chinese students successfully complete the requirements of the designated program and successfully defend their dissertation, they will be conferred doctoral degrees by Western.

CSC and Western will jointly sponsor up to twenty (20) selected visiting PhD students from China each year to conduct studies and research for maximum periods of twenty-four (24) months in Western, facilitating continuing research collaboration between Western and their home institutions.
1.2 Postdoctoral fellows and visiting scholars

CSC and Western will jointly sponsor up to ten (10) postdoctoral fellows for up to twenty-four (24) months and ten (10) visiting scholars for up to twelve (12) months each year to conduct research at Western.

2. Fields of Cooperation

The favourably-sponsored areas of study for this program include but are not limited to the following areas:

a. Engineering, Engineering Sciences, and Applied Sciences
b. Sciences, Natural Sciences, Environmental Sciences
c. Life Sciences, Biomedical Sciences, and Health Sciences
d. Social Sciences, Education, Information and Media Studies, Law
e. Arts and Humanities, Languages, Music

3. Entry Criteria and Conditions of Eligibility

3.1 PhD degree programs and visiting PhD students

Candidates for PhD degree programs will meet the normal selection criteria for the postgraduate research program of Western including academic performance and English language requirements, and generally have a Master’s degree and be granted an unconditional offer letter from Western.

Candidates for visiting PhD studies will meet the normal selection criteria for visiting PhD students of Western.

3.2 Postdoctoral fellows and visiting scholars

Candidates will meet the normal selection criteria of Western for postdoctoral fellows and visiting scholars.

3.3 All candidates will satisfy the selection criteria set out by CSC.

4. Application and Selection Procedures

4.1 Candidates shall apply to Western directly for acceptance (or invitation in the case of visiting PhD students, post-doctoral fellows or visiting scholars) before the deadline set by Western. Candidates shall specify in their applications that they apply through the “China Scholarship Council –The University of Western Ontario Joint Funding Program”.

4.2 Western will evaluate the candidates, and make acceptance decisions at its own discretion. By January 1st of each year, Western will provide CSC and each qualified candidate for post-doctoral research or visiting scholars with a copy of its invitation. By March 1st of each
year, Western will provide CSC and each qualified candidates for PhD degree programs with a copy of the letter of acceptance (or invitation in the case of visiting PhD students). The letter shall be unconditional in terms of academic performance and English language proficiency.

4.3 Candidates who have been granted the letter of acceptance or invitation by Western shall apply to CSC for funding following the procedures set by CSC. The deadline for application is April 5th for PhD degree candidates and visiting PhD students, and January 15th for postdoctoral fellows and visiting scholars.

4.4 CSC will evaluate the candidates and provide Western with a final list of scholarship recipients and inform the successful candidates directly.

4.5 CSC and Western encourage the Chinese universities and institutions having collaborative relationships with Western to recommend students and faculties for this program.

5. Funding Model

5.1 PhD research programs and visiting PhD students

5.1.1 PhD degree program
CSC will provide successful candidates a living allowance as prescribed from time to time by the Chinese Government (which includes health insurance) for up to forty-eight (48) months, a return international airfare and visa application fees.

Western will provide a funding package equivalent to the cost of full tuition that may include scholarship, teaching assistantship or research assistantship.

5.1.2 Visiting PhD students
CSC will provide successful candidates for a living allowance as prescribed from time to time by the Chinese Government (which includes health insurance) for up to twenty-four (24) months, a return international airfare and visa application fees.

5.2 Postdoctoral fellows and visiting scholars
CSC will provide successful postdoctoral fellows for up to twenty-four (24) months and visiting scholars for up to twelve (12) months with a living allowance as prescribed from time to time by the Chinese Government (which includes health insurance), a return international airfare and visa application fees.

Western will provide all necessary resources and equipment, for instance, office, laboratory, computer, network, library access etc., to visiting PhD students, postdoctoral fellows and
visiting scholars as prescribed in this program.

6. Supervision of Candidates

6.1 PhD degree programs and visiting PhD students

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

6.2 Postdoctoral fellows and visiting scholars

Western shall recommend faculty members to host CSC-funded visiting scholars and post-doctoral fellows and to develop research collaboration with their home institutions.

7. Collaborative Endeavours

7.1 Both CSC and Western commit to making administrative and academic efforts to ensure the success of this collaboration.

7.2 CSC and Western shall endeavour to encourage their Chinese partner institutions to promote and recommend candidates to the CSC – Western Joint Funding Program. However, the success of this program depends on the close cooperation between faculties, professors and each participant, thus, the CSC – Western Joint Funding Program will not only be limited to the existing cooperation between Western and its partner Chinese institutions, but could also be extended to cover all Chinese universities and their faculties.

7.3 CSC and Western shall endeavour to promote this program and seek for more opportunities for cooperation across disciplines and institutions.

7.4 Successful candidates are expected to return to China upon completion of their studies.

7.5 Western shall endeavour to support the promotional activities of the scholarship programs funded by CSC in both China and Canada, including active involvement in the International Graduate Scholarship Fair conducted by CSC through either direct participation or supply of promotional materials.

7.6 CSC and Western shall endeavour to work with the Chinese universities where the students and scholars come from in fields of program administration, achievements' tracking and the establishment of a liaison mechanism.
7.7 Under the term of their scholarship, CSC students are obligated to report on their academic progress annually and Western commits to provide CSC the academic progress, performance and academic report of the students on PhD research programs at the end of each academic year.

8. Coordinators of Activities
CSC and Western shall designate a coordinator of activities to advance and implement the program, and the designated coordinators for the agreement are:

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Change in coordinators may be made in writing.

9. Agreement Duration and Review
This Memorandum of Understanding shall replace the MOU signed in April, 2010 and become effective for five (5) years in the first instance, commencing from the date of the signatures. It may be terminated by either party giving six (6) months’ written notice of its intention to do so.

This Memorandum of Understanding will be reviewed during its fifth (5th) year of operation. If both sides have no objection to the Memorandum of Understanding, it will be renewed for a further three (3) 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.

10. Additional Activity and Dispute Resolution
This Memorandum of Understanding can be modified and added to by the mutual consent of 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.
Each of CSC and Western acknowledge and agree that, for the purpose of fulfilling their respective obligations pursuant to this Memorandum, they will necessarily share personal information of their respective students taking part in this Memorandum. CSC and Western mutually agree that they will treat any such personal information in strict compliance with their local law in that respect.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be written in Chinese and English, Each version has two (2) officially duplicated copies. Both Chinese version and English version are equally binding.

Signed for:

**China Scholarship Council**

Name: Cao Shihai  
Title: Deputy Secretary-General  
Date: November 10, 2016

**The University of Western Ontario**

Name: Amit Chakma  
Title: President  
Date: November 10, 2016
中国国家留学基金管理委员会
与
加拿大西安大略大学
合作谅解备忘录

中国国家留学基金管理委员会(以下简称国家留学基金委)与加拿大西安大略大学(以下简称西大)本着平等互利原则，经过友好协商，共同设立“国家留学基金管理委员会-西安大略大学联合奖学金”。

一、概述

双方同意在以下两方面开展合作：支持中国优秀学生在西大攻读博士学位和进行博士研究生联合培养；支持中国博士后和访问学者赴西大开展联合研究。

1. 攻读博士学位研究生及联合培养博士研究生

双方将每年共同资助不超过20名符合国家留学基金委及西大相关政策与条款要求的申请人赴西大攻读博士学位，留学期限不超过48个月。如被录取人员顺利完成相关课程学习并通过毕业论文答辩，西大将授予其博士学位。

双方将每年共同资助不超过20名中国博士生在西大进行不超过24个月的联合培养，以进一步促进西大与中国高校的科研合作。

2. 访问学者和博士后

双方将每年共同资助不超过10名中国博士后在西大开展不超过
24 个月的博士后研究及 10 名访问学者在西大开展不超过 12 个月的研究工作。

二、合作领域

双方确定的重点资助研究领域包括但不仅限于以下学科：
1. 工程学、工程科学、应用科学
2. 理学科学、自然科学、环境科学
3. 生命科学、生物医学、健康学
4. 社会学、教育学、信息与传媒学，法学
5. 人文学、语言学、音乐学

三、申请条件

1. 攻读博士学位研究生及联合培养博士研究生

攻读博士学位申请人一般应具有硕士学位，且须达到西大所规定的博士研究生的入学要求，包括学术水平及英语水平要求。申请人须已获得西大的无条件录取函。

联合培养博士研究生须达到西大所规定的有关联合培养博士研究生的选拔要求。

2. 访问学者和博士后

申请人须达到西大所规定的访问学者及博士后选拔要求。

3. 以上各类申请人均须满足国家留学基金会设定的选拔标准。

四、申请与选拔程序

1. 申请人应在西大规定的申请截止日期前直接向西大提出申请并获得录取函（联合培养博士研究生、访问学者或博士后须获得邀请函）。申请人须在向该校的申请中注明拟申请。"国家留学基金管理委员会-
西安大略大学联合奖学金”。

2. 西大将对申请人进行评审并初步确定录取人选。每年 1 月 1 日前，西大将向每一名被录取的访问学者或博士后提供邀请函，每年 3 月 1 日前，西大将向每一名被录取的攻读博士学位研究生提供录取函（联合培养博士研究生须获得邀请函）并抄送国家留学基金委。录取函或邀请函中应在学术水平和英语语言能力方面不设附加条件。

3. 申请人在收到西大的录取函或邀请函后，须按要求向国家留学基金委提出奖学金资助申请。国家留学基金委博士研究生及联合培养博士生的申请截止日期为每年 4 月 5 日，访问学者及博士后的申请截止日期为每年 1 月 15 日。

4. 国家留学基金委将对申请人进行评审，确定最终奖学金获得者，并通知西大和奖学金获得者本人。

5. 国家留学基金委和西大都将鼓励与西大有合作的中方院校积极推荐其学生和研究人员申请该奖学金。

五、资助模式

1. 攻读博士学位研究生及联合培养博士研究生

   (1) 攻读博士学位研究生

   国家留学基金委将按照中国政府确定的标准向其提供不超过 48 个月的奖学金生活费（含海外健康保险），一次往返国际旅费及签证申请费。

   西大将负担被录取人员攻读博士学位期间的学费，可能通过提供奖学金、助教或科研助理职位提供经济资助。

   (2) 联合培养博士研究生

   国家留学基金委将按照中国政府确定的标准提供不超过 24 个月的奖学金生活费（含海外健康保险），一次往返国际旅费及签证申请费。
2. 访问学者及博士后

国家留学基金委将按照中国政府确定的标准提供访问学者最长12个月，博士后最长24个月的奖学金生活费（含海外健康保险），一次往返国际旅费及签证申请费。

西大将向联合培养博士研究生、访问学者及博士后奖学金获得者提供开展研究工作所必需的资源和设备，如办公室、实验室、计算机、网络以及图书馆资源等。

六、对被录取人员的指导

1. 攻读博士学位研究生及联合培养博士研究生

西大将为博士研究生及联合培养博士生安排导师。作为合作的长远目标之一，双方在可能的情况下将鼓励被录取的博士研究生由西大西大和其国内院校进行联合指导，以促进西大与中国大学开展长期科研合作。

2. 访问学者及博士后

西大将为访问学者及博士后推荐研究合作伙伴，并推动与其国内院校的科研合作。

七、管理与发展

1. 双方承诺在管理和学术研究方面保证合作取得成功。

2. 双方鼓励与西大有合作的中方院校积极参与并推荐其学生和研究人员申请此奖学金。但是合作的成功与否取决于双方院系、教授以及学生之间的紧密合作，因此“国家留学基金管理委员会-西安大略大学联合奖学金”将不局限于西大与中国大学之间已有的合作，亦可扩展到与其他中国大学和学院。

3. 双方应对本奖学金进行积极宣传，并开拓跨学科跨院校的更多合作机会。
4. 被录取人员应在完成学业后返回中国。

5. 西大将全力支持国家留学基金委在中国和加拿大举行的奖学金推广活动，包括参加国家留学基金委主办的研究生奖学金信息说明会或为其提供相关的宣传材料。

6. 双方有义务与中国国内相关院校共同参与录取学生和学者的管理，成果跟踪及联络机制的建立。

7. 受国家留学基金委资助的学生有义务每年向西大汇报学业进展，西大承诺于每学年末向国家留学基金委通报本备忘录下攻读博士学位研究生在西大的学业进展、表现及学术情况。

八、联络人员

国家留学基金委和西大将指派指定联络人员负责奖学金的执行工作。双方的联络人员分别为：

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指定联络人的变化将以书面方式通知对方。

九、备忘录期限和评估

本备忘录自签字之日起生效，将取代双方于2010年4月签署的备忘录，初始有效期为五年。任何一方欲终止备忘录，须提前六个月书面通知对方。本备忘录的执行情况将在第五年进行评估。如果双方均
无异议，本备忘录将更新并延长三年。如果本备忘录被迫终止，双方应保证已被录取人员或在外学习人员免受影响或损失。

十、其他活动和争议的解决

经双方同意，本备忘录可以修改和增加条款。本备忘录未涵盖但与其执行有关的事项，由双方达成一致后解决。达成一致的文件须作为本备忘录的附件，且自签字之日起生效。

为履行各自义务，国家留学基金委与西安大略承认并同意共享本备忘录涉及学生的个人信息。双方一致同意将严格按照各自法律规定对待此类个人信息。

本备忘录用汉语和英语两种文字书写，两种文本各一式两份，双方各执一份。两种文本具有同等法律效力。本备忘录自签字之日起生效。

中国国家留学基金管理委员会
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副校长  曹士海

日期：2016年11月10日

校长  Amit Chakma

日期：2016年11月10日