STUDENT EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

Between the

University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island, USA

And

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Chile

This Student Exchange Agreement is made and entered into on the day of the final signature, by, and between the University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island, USA (hereinafter referred to as URI) and the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Chile (hereinafter referred to as PUCV). By accepting the text of this agreement, the two institutions decide to participate, officially, in a program of undergraduate student exchange, which include student interns under the terms and conditions outlined below.

The exchange agreement will be applied in conformity with the particular regulations of each of the two Universities and in a manner acceptable to both. Unless the context otherwise specifies, home institution shall mean the institution at which a student intends to graduate and host institution shall mean the institution, which has agreed to receive students from a home institution.

Article 1

On a basis of reciprocity, and in the interests of both institutions, the goal of this agreement is to establish an exchange program open to qualified undergraduate students, graduate students and student interns in accordance with compensatory mechanisms, which will be annually reviewed according to the internal academic and administrative rules of each institution, which will start on the day of its signature.

a. The exchange program will be open to students from URI who have completed and approved at least one year of undergraduate studies, whereas PUCV students will be governed by the regulation determined by PUCV.

b. For every academic period, each institution will inform the other on the academic expenses (not limited to books, materials, local transportation and other unforeseen expenses that may result from the students during their programs of studies), plan of
studies, academic calendars, number of classes and exams. Each institution will promptly inform the other about the exact enrollment dates for their programs, including the starting and finishing dates of every semester/period in their academic year.

Article II

Each institution, shall assume full responsibility in the assessment and selection of qualified candidates to be sent to the host university. URI and PUCV agree to select students that are prepared linguistically, so as to be able to participate in the instructional programs of URI and PUCV.

a. For students coming to URI, it is recommended that they meet the language standards based on IELTS, TOEFL, or TOEIC test scores.

b. It is foreseen that the home institution will propose candidates fulfilling, at least, the minimum admission requirements at both institutions. Each institution consents to accepting students having the required qualifications.

c. This agreement assumes the exchange of an equal number of students who will register for courses at the respective schools, though an imbalance may occur in a given year. Any exchange imbalance should be rectified within a three-year period.

d. PUCV and URI will agree on the number of students who will be part of the exchange in December of every year for the following academic year. PUCV and URI will examine the program annually for any imbalances in the number of students and adjust, as needed, the number of students to be exchanged the following year in order to keep a reasonable balance in the exchange.

e. URI will decide on the exact number of students to be exchanged no later than March 15th of the preceding academic year for fall semester and academic year participants, and September 15th of the academic year in progress for spring semester participants.

f. For the purposes of reciprocity between the institutions, two students per one semester are equal to one student for the entire academic year.

Article III

All exchange students shall be subject to the same academic regulations regarding class performance (regular attendance to lectures and seminars, assignments and final exams), community standards, and student discipline system, pertaining to all part-time and full time undergraduate students at the host institution.
Each institution will offer the exchange student similar treatment to that provided to their own students, consisting of the same academic, scientific and artistic services, as well as accepting their equivalent academic background and formation, considering for these purposes the rules and laws of each country.

The participating student(s), for a year or a semester, will enroll at the Host Institution to participate in a full-time non-degree seeking program. The participating student(s) will be free to take courses in a reasonable way in all the departments, which is subject to enrollment restrictions and the consent of the head of the department concerned.

a. Each accepted student would have an academic program approved by the student’s home institution advisor for the fall and [and/or] spring terms. The proposed program of study is to be determined in advance as part of the process of approving each student for this exchange program. No student can participate in this exchange beyond the duration of one academic year.

b. Both institutions expect students from the partner university to be in good academic standing (2.0 GPA/undergraduate with no F’s according to the URI grading system; 5.0 according to the PUCV grading system) in order to continue taking more coursework in the second semester. If such has not been achieved, the host institution may deny second semester enrollment for further coursework.

c. For every enrollment period and after completing the exchange program, each institution will promptly provide the transcript of every exchange student in the Host Institution. It is the responsibility of the exchange program participant to ensure that the academic record of their academic performance is sent directly to his/her home institution at the conclusion of each semester. It shall be the sole responsibility of the home institution to decide on the application of those credits to the student’s degree program.

d. At the end of their exchange program, PUCV students may not continue their studies at URI, unless admitted to a degree program. They must receive approval from the US Department of Homeland Security and the US Department of State to change to an F-1 visa category or J-1 visa subcategory before commencing a degree program.

All students who participate in the program defined by the present agreement will have the status of non-degree seeking exchange student at the host institution.

**Article IV**

The Host Institution will help participating students to obtain the corresponding visa. Both institutions agree to provide facilities and logistics to assist participating students to get settled in each university, including the provision of information of on campus accommodations and orientation at the respective institutions. Both PUCV and URI will provide the necessary
information and orientation so that exchange students get used to and participate in lectures, seminars and research programs that are closer to their programs of studies and performance level.

a. URI will agree to make available student housing on the URI campus to the exchange students during the academic term, provided that the student complies with the residence’s requirements and deadlines for application, deposits and payments for residence halls or comparable housing, and arrival at the scheduled date. PUCV will help with off-campus accommodations whenever possible.

b. In general, students enroll and pay tuition and fees, and other related costs to their respective home institutions (if and when appropriate). When an imbalance in number of semesters occurs, incoming students may pay these same tuition fees to the host institution or the partner school must wait until parity has been achieved before sending students.

c. All exchange student and interns are responsible for living expenses also during extended academic recess (e.g., winter and spring breaks), round trips, room and board, books and materials, local trips, health insurance and personal expenses will be exclusive responsibility of each student, including special fees that may be required to exchange participants and/or other international students. Neither institution will be responsible of such fees and expenses.

d. Incoming interns cannot reside in residence halls operated by the URI Office of Housing and Residential Life/HRL. If and when space is available, they may reside at other residential locations on campus (e.g., IEP House and/or T1 House operated by the International Engineering Program) or off campus not managed by HRL. Students are not restricted to the URI campus housing.

Article V

All PUCV students must purchase URI health insurance or show proof of other comparable health insurance that matches the medical insurance regulations mandated by the Office of Exchange Coordination and Designation Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, United States Department of State and the University of Rhode Island. The URI Office of Safety and Risk Management reserves the right to compel students to purchase URI health insurance (or comparable) if the health insurance advance by the student is found to be insufficient. Lack of compliance will result in immediate dismissal.

a. URI students participating in the exchange program are required to purchase a health insurance that also covers for accidents and repatriation.
b. The cost and treatment of minor illnesses will be covered by fees that PUCV and URI students pay to the home institution and will be treated at the Health Services Center of the host institution.

c. Interns are not eligible to receive services at the URI Health Services Center (they do not pay student fees to URI or does a URI student pay fees on their behalf).

Article VI

Violation of laws committed in the host country shall subject the exchange student and intern to immediate withdrawal from the exchange program and immigration sponsorship, and to immediate expulsion by the host government without refund of expenses related to the program cost. The student will be granted 15 days after withdrawal of the academic and immigration sponsorship to leave the host country.

Article VII - Student Interns

a. Students who wish to spend a period of Internship at the host institution may do so for a period up to 12 months, with approval from both the host and home institutions, for the time agreed by both institutions. Each institution will try to assist in the placement of incoming student Interns in on-campus research projects or, when possible, at private companies off-campus.

b. Student Interns will not receive an exchange slot and will not be expected to pay tuition and/or fees to the host institution since they will not matriculate for courses at the host institution. As per the Department of State, incoming PUCV Interns to URI cannot be permitted to matriculate in courses, change visa category/subcategory without leaving the country, or extend their period of internship beyond 12 months of participation.

c. PUCV may submit the names of PUCV non-degree student Interns to the Spanish International Engineering Program each semester. The Spanish International Engineering Program may also submit the names of URI non-degree student Interns to PUCV each semester.

d. Each host Institution will sponsor incoming student Interns for the purpose of obtaining visas and maintaining legal status in the host country for the duration of the Internship.

1. For incoming PUCV student Interns, in collaboration with the internship supervisor at URI, the Spanish International Engineering Program will generate a DS-7002 form (Training Internship Placement Plan). Subsequently, the URI Office of International Students & Scholars will prepare and issue a DS-2019 form so that the student intern may obtain a J-1 Student Intern visa.
2. For incoming URI student Interns, PUCV will provide the student with a letter of acceptance for the duration of the Internship and matriculate the student Intern in the same way that PUCV students are matriculated when they complete professional internships in Chile. URI student Interns will have the option to purchase the same student liability insurance that is available to PUCV students.

e. Interns are not subject to academic regulations.

Article VIII

In order to coordinate the activities of this Specific Agreement, PUCV designates the Director of International Relations Office, whereas URI designates the director of the Office of International Education who in collaboration with the Spanish International Engineering Program, shall serve as the officials responsible for carrying out the details of this agreement.

The Offices will serve as a link between the two institutions and be responsible for supervising the selection of students who participate in the exchange and assist with the students’ adjustment.

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These offices will serve as a bridge between the two institutions and will be responsible for supervising the selection of students who participate in the exchange, in order to facilitate students’ integration.
Article IX

The institutions agree that the access to the PUCV Office of International Programs offer will be regulated as follows:

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Article X

The following Specific Agreement will be valid with the signature of both legal authorities and will last 4 (four) years, with automatic renewal for the same and consecutive period.

a. This Specific Agreement carries no financial implications for the signatory institutions, except for the above-mentioned tuition and fees access regulations where applicable.

b. It is understood that this Agreement in no way restricts any other agreement that either institution may have with other universities or academic organizations.

c. The exchange agreement will be applied in conformity with the particular regulations of each of the two Universities and in a manner acceptable to both.

d. The Agreement may be revised or modified by mutual consent until terminated by either of the parties. Either individual institution may give notice of intention to terminate participation without giving any reasons. Such notice shall be given through registered letter to the address mentioned in this document at least six (6) months before the beginning of the academic year in which it will take effect and the agreement will be terminated at that time. If the Specific Agreement is terminated, the institution having hosted the larger number of students until then shall be entitled to send to the other institution, within three (3) years from the date on which the Specific Agreement was terminated, a sufficient number of students to rectify any existing imbalances.
e. This Specific Agreement may be modified by mutual consent of the parties upon request of one of them. Either party may also develop other specific activities. In both cases a new instrument must be approved by the legal representatives of both institutions.

f. Both institutions agree to establish periodic evaluation mechanisms in order to examine the application and development of this Agreement.

g. Any differences, conflicts of interests or problems resulted from the application or interpretation of this Specific Agreement will be solved on a first level by the Coordinators of the parties, and on a second level by the respective Presidents or those appointed by them.

h. The representatives of both institutions will sign two (2) valid copies of equal content in Spanish and two (2) valid copies of equal content in English of this document and stamp them with their respective seals.

i. The Director of the International Relations Office of PUCV and the Director of the Office of International Education at URI in collaboration with the Spanish International Engineering Program, shall serve as the officials responsible for carrying out the details of this agreement.

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Signatures

University of Rhode Island

[Signature]

Dr. Donald H. DeHayes
Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

27 December 2013
(date)

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso

[Signature]

Claudio Elórguei Raffo
President

14 Noviembre 2013
(date)