



August 7, 2020

Office of Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs and Provost

Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, President
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

This letter serves as notification to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges of a new dual degree program being undertaken by the Darla Moore School of Business. The University of South Carolina, in partnership with Sungkyunkwan University in Seoul, Republic of Korea, will offer a dual doctoral degree effective Fall 2020.

Contact information for both parties to the agreement is listed as follows:

For University of South Carolina

Robert Caslen
President
University of South Carolina—Columbia
206 Osborne Administration Building
Columbia, SC 29208

For University in Seoul

Dong Ryeol Shin
President
Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU)
25-2, Sungkyunkwan-ro
Jongro-gu, Seoul, Korea 03063

Upon completion of the program, students will earn a Ph.D. in Business Administration from the University of South Carolina—Columbia and a Ph.D. in Business Administration from the Sungkyunkwan University in Seoul. Students must meet the degree requirements of each institution and each institution will award a separate degree. The research will be collaboratively supervised between the two institutions, it will be expected that dissertation committees will consist of faculty from both institutions. No changes are being made to the curriculum, admissions, or any other university policies. This degree has been approved by the USC Board of Trustees and the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education.

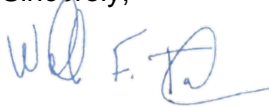
The University of South Carolina is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award doctoral degrees. Our dual degree partner in Seoul is not accredited by SACS Commission on Colleges and the accreditation of University of South Carolina does not extend to or include Sungkyunkwan University in Seoul or its students. Further, although University of South Carolina agrees to accept certain course work from University in Seoul to be applied toward an award from University of South Carolina, that course work may not be accepted by other colleges or universities in transfer, even if it appears on a transcript from University of South Carolina. The decision to accept course work in transfer from any institution is made by the institution considering the acceptance of credits or course work.

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We do not anticipate any new costs associated with this dual degree program. The signed Memorandum of Understanding and contact information for the program representative at Sungkyunkwan University in Seoul is attached.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this notification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W.F. Tate IV".

William F. Tate IV
Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost

Enclosure

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C: Sabrina Andrews, Executive Director of Institutional Research and Assessment
Trena Houp, Interim Director of Academic Programs
Donald Miles, Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation

Legal Office Coding: _____



UNIVERSITY OF
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Contract Approval Form

- The Board of Trustees has authorized only certain University officials to sign contracts on behalf of the University of South Carolina. Please read University policy [BTRU 1.04 Authority to Sign Contracts](#) or the summary on the following page to insure compliance.
- This form is to be completed and **two copies submitted with two* copies of the proposed contract** to the Office of General Counsel, which is located in the Osborne Administration Building. The originating party should retain a copy of this form.
***Please submit three copies of the proposed contract if it has not yet been signed by the non-University entity.**

1. **COLLEGE/DEPARTMENT NAME:** Darla Moore School of Business/International Activities
Direct Contract Questions To: Amanda Birkenhauer Phone: 803-777-2969
Return To: Colby Williams 1705 College Street Close-Hipp 420
Name Building Room Number

2. **CONTRACT WITH:**
Name: Sungkyunkwan University in Seoul, Republic of Korea

3. **DESCRIPTION:** (Goods and/or services to be procured, physical location, etc.)
Ph.D. Dual Degree Doctoral Program in Business Administration

4. **CONTRACT TERMS:**
Start Date: 8/1/2019 End Date: 7/31/2024 Renewal of Contract No.: _____ Contract Value: _____
(approximate if necessary)

5. **LEGAL DEPARTMENT REVIEW:**
Date _____ Name _____ Signature _____

6. **CERTIFICATION OF REQUESTING PARTY:**
I have read this contract entirely. I am satisfied with its description of the goods and services to be provided to the University (including, for example, warranties, delivery terms, acceptance period, and maintenance terms). I am also satisfied with the description of the University's obligations (including, for example, payment due dates, late charges, tax charges, insurance, and confidentiality requirements) and all other provisions of this contract, except as noted in any attached memorandum.

Sept 9, 2019 [Signature]
Date Signature (Sign original in blue ink)

Kendall Roth Sr. Assoc. Dean, Int'l Programs & Partnerships 777-3604
Name Title Phone

7. **CERTIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD:**
I approve this contract. I am satisfied that it is consistent with departmental policy and resources and applicable requirements of the University Purchasing Department. I have obtained any approval required by my Dean or Vice President.

11/1/19 [Signature]
Date Signature (Sign original in blue ink)

Peter Brews Dean, Darla Moore School of Business 777-3176
Name Title Phone

Contract I.D. # _____

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT REQUEST FORM

PrintForm

Department/College Darla Moore School of Business

USC Contact Person (name, phone, email) Kendall Roth; 777-3604; kroth@moore.sc.edu

Agreement Partner (name, location) Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU)

Anticipated Start Date 8/1/2019

Anticipated Length of Agreement (up to five years) 5 years

1. What activity is expected to occur within the time period of the agreement?
 It is anticipated that each institution award its own degree. Total number of students may vary each year; exact number to be determined by mutual agreement of partner as well as DMSB.

2. How is activity covered by the agreement consistent with USC Columbia's mission?
 Ph.D student exchange with Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU) is consistent with USC Columbia's mission as it provides students with "the highest quality education, including the knowledge, skills and values necessary for success and responsible citizenship in a complex and changing world through engagement in nationally and internationally ranked research, scholarship, community outreach and artistic creation."

3. How is activity covered by the agreement academically sound? How does the partner institution's curriculum align with USC requirements? Please attach a list of partner courses with USC equivalencies, if applicable.
 Dual degree students will take course work and conduct research under the instruction and supervision from both institutions. Student will complete a dissertation supervised by faculty from each partner institution. Students receive Ph.D. degrees from each university upon completion of the degree requirements for each school. The requirements for each degree have to be fulfilled.

4. How will activity covered by the agreement be appropriately administered? What specific activities does the requesting department commit to in order to ensure the success of the exchange?
 In collaboration with the Darla Moore School of Business, the Study Abroad Office is responsible for providing administrative oversight of, and implementing, this exchange. Periodic correspondence and additional meetings between USC Study Abroad and SKKU staff serve to assess the feasibility of the exchange. Ongoing evaluation of SKKU academics and student services will be addressed via future site visits and meetings, as well as through student feedback gathered through post study abroad evaluations.

5. How will risk and safety issues related to activity covered by the agreement be addressed?
 The stability of the Republic of Korea is closely monitored by the Study Abroad Office staff and the Office of International Activities, Darla Moore School of Business staff, relying on information provided by the Overseas Security Advisory Council, the Department of State, U.S. and in-country colleagues, and other media outlets. All student participants are required to carry USC-procured overseas emergency insurance, which includes security evacuation coverage. In addition, student participants must comply with Study Abroad Office risk and safety management policies and procedures.

6. Is the agreement viable with respect to facilities, finances, and resources required to conduct the proposed activity covered by the agreement?
 This agreement is highly viable and the Darla Moore School of Business will continue the agreement as it pertains to the dual degree doctoral program and to meet the school's strategic aims of growing the school's international presence.

Signed approval of the proposed agreement:

Department Head Approval (if applicable) [Signature] Date Sept 9 2019

Dean Approval [Signature] Date 9/11/19

International Programs Approval _____ Date _____

Office of the Provost Approval _____ Date _____

AGREEMENT OF ACADEMIC COOPERATION

**SUNGKYUNKWAN UNIVERSITY
SEOUL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

AND

**THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COLUMBIA, SC
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

for the

DUAL DEGREE DOCTORAL PROGRAM

In order to advance academic collaboration between Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU) and the University of South Carolina, Darla Moore School of Business (South Carolina) both institutions will cooperate in the development of a dual degree doctoral program. This program will provide opportunities for Ph.D. students to expand their learning and research and to enhance their academic mentoring to include faculty from both institutions.

A. Purpose of the Program, Definitions and General Principals

The institutions seek to enhance and expand doctoral education for their Ph.D. students in Business Administration. Students will take course work and conduct research under the instruction and supervision of faculty from both institutions. Student will complete a dissertation supervised by faculty from each partner institution. Students receive Ph.D. degrees from each university upon completion of the degree requirements for each school. Transfer of academic credit between the institutions may be approved to meet academic program requirements.

In this agreement “home institution” refers to the institution at which a student is initially accepted and “host institution” to the institution which has agreed to receive a dual degree student. “SKKU student” applies to students who are initially accepted at SKKU, “South Carolina student” to students initially accepted at Darla Moore School of Business. “Dual degree student” corresponds to a student participating in the dual degree program.

The requirements for each degree have to be fulfilled. Each institution will be the sole judge of whether a student has completed the requirement for the degree that it awards. Each institution will be the sole judge of whether or not a student has met any progression requirements for its degree. Each institution may change the requirements for their degree according to their own governance process and give notification to the partner institution. If a student does not meet the requirements for the award of the host institution’s degree, the home institution reserves the right to award its own degree to the student.

At SKKU, the Dean of the Graduate School approves applications for graduation upon completion of all SKKU doctoral degree requirements.

At South Carolina, the Dean of the Graduate School approves applications for graduation upon completion of all South Carolina doctoral degree requirements.

B. Eligibility for participation

1. Each home institution will be responsible for selecting their participating students. Each home institution will nominate students to the host institution. The host institution shall make the final admission decision regarding those nominated based upon the existing admission criteria of the host institution.

2. Dual degree students must meet all eligibility requirements for admission to each doctoral program and must follow the normal application process for graduate admission to each institution. SKKU may nominate students that have achieved a score of 70 or higher in SKKU PhD admission exam. This exam score may be used as a substitute for the GRE/GMAT score.

3. Candidates who do not hold a degree from a U.S. institution, have not graduated from a program with English as the instructional language, or are not currently enrolled in a program with English as the instructional language must submit a valid (two years old or less) test score demonstrating their command of the English language. The minimum score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is 80 (Internet-based) and 6.5 for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) prior to beginning the program at South Carolina.

C. Transfer of Academic Credit and Program Requirements

1. Dual degree students may transfer academic credit from the home institution to meet some of the course requirements of the host institution. All transfer of academic credit must be pre-approved by the host institution.

2. Each institution has established degree requirements that must be met by student participants in order to earn the Ph.D. degree. Each institution will confer their Ph.D. degree to participants only upon completion of its own institution's specified requirements.

3. At South Carolina, the doctoral program requires at least 60 credit hours. This includes 18 hours of research methods courses, 15 hours for the major, 15 hours for the cognate, and 12 dissertation preparation credit hours. Dual degree students are required to complete at least 30 hours of course credit while enrolled at South Carolina. In addition to at least 30 hours credit earned at South

Carolina, up to eighteen hours of academic credit from SKKU may be accepted and applied toward the South Carolina Ph.D. degree course requirements. The general design is for students to complete their first year at SKKU, matriculate to South Carolina for their second year (three semesters), and then return to SKKU to complete their dissertation.

4. Student participants are normally required at both institutions to take a qualifying examination at the end of the first year of study. SKKU and South Carolina will collaborate, as feasible to meet their respective institutional requirements, to design and offer a qualifying examination that will fulfill the requirements of both institutions.

5. The comprehensive exam will usually be administered at the end of the program coursework. In the event that a student participant has returned to the home institution prior to administration of the comprehensive exam, the comprehensive exam may be proctored at the home institution.

6. In the event that a dual degree student has returned to the home institution at the time of the dissertation defense, permission can be granted for the defense to be done via Skype, teleconference, or similar long distance communication medium, as approved by the both institutions.

D. Faculty Composition of Dissertation Committees

1. The dissertation may be a single study or consist of two or three papers. Because dual degree student research will be collaboratively supervised between the two institutions, it will be expected that the dissertation committee will consist of faculty from both institutions. Each institution's policies and regulations about faculty membership of dissertation committees will be respected.

2. At South Carolina, the Chair of the committee must be a regular member of the graduate faculty. A faculty member from the SKKU may serve as co-chair of the committee, if receiving a term appointment to the Graduate faculty. Faculty members from SKKU may serve as members of the dissertation committee as outside members, with no term appointment being necessary.

3. Funding for faculty to travel to participate in dissertation committee work is the responsibility of the individual faculty member or either department, contingent upon availability of funding. A student defending a dissertation shall not be responsible for travel costs of faculty members.

E. Program Costs

1. Dual degree student participants will pay the required tuition and fees for each institution.

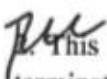
2. Dual degree students are eligible to receive funding from either the host or home institution, as is available and governed by each institution's policies and available funding.
3. At South Carolina, dual degree students will be assessed the graduate non-resident full-time student tuition rate; students will not be assessed the matriculation, technology, international student, or health center fees. Dual degree students will be considered on a competitive basis for graduate assistantship support that includes a salary and a reduction of tuition to the graduate resident rate. Those student participants who do not qualify for an assistantship may, under the terms of this agreement, be entitled to receive a scholarship each semester whereby they are eligible for the resident graduate tuition rate.
4. All individual expenses of dual degree students, including travel and room and board, and other incidental expenses are the responsibility of the individual student.
5. At South Carolina, student participants are required to enroll in the University's Student Health Insurance Plan while enrolled in the program or provide proof of comparable coverage.
6. Students shall provide financial certification acceptable to the host institution as required for visa regulations. South Carolina will assist students, upon receipt of all documentation, with the visa application and measures to ensure legal status in the U.S.

F. Accreditation Disclaimer Statement

South Carolina is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS) to award Bachelor, Master and Doctoral degrees. SKKU is not accredited by SACS Commission on Colleges and the accreditation of South Carolina does not extend to or include SKKU or its students. Further, although South Carolina agrees to accept certain course work from SKKU to be applied toward an award from South Carolina, that course work may not be accepted by other colleges or universities in transfer, even if it appears on a transcript from South Carolina. The decision to accept course work in transfer from any institution is made by the institution considering the acceptance of credits or course work.

G. Terms and Conditions

1. This agreement shall be effective upon arrival and signature of both parties.

 This agreement shall take effect on August 1, 2019 and shall be for a period of five years terminating on July 31, 2024. ~~This agreement is automatically renewable on the same terms and conditions for another five (5) years, unless written notice is given by either party ninety (90) days prior to the date of expiration.~~

3. Termination at any time may occur by mutual agreement or at the request of either party with six (6) months written notice. If no activity occurs as described materializes within five (5) years, the agreement shall be considered terminated.

4. In the event of program termination, those student participants who are enrolled in the program shall be allowed to complete the program, with the agreed upon conditions, as long as they make academic progress toward degree completion.

5. The parties agree to consult periodically concerning the status and progress of the program.

H. Force Majeure

Neither partner institution shall be liable for failure to perform its obligations under this agreement if such failure results from circumstances which could not have been contemplated and which are beyond the partner institution's reasonable control.

I. Dispute Settlement

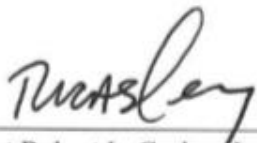
Both partner institutions agree to amicably resolve any disputes arising from the agreement in accordance with institutional policies and governmental regulations of each partner's institution and government.

J. Intellectual Property

The parties convene that this Agreement does not grant South Carolina or the Aalto any license of use or rights over the intellectual property of the other party. The use of trademarks and/or denominations representative of either party are strictly prohibited without the owner's written consent.

H. Official Text

This agreement is written in English only.



President Robert L. Caslen, Jr.
University of South Carolina


Date: 7 Nov 2019



President Dong Ryeol Shin
Sungkyunkwan University

Date: September 2, 2019

Vice President Donguk Kim
Academic Affairs
Sungkyunkwan University

Date: 
August 28, 2019



Dean Yongjune Kim
SKK Business School

Date: July 24, 2019

