

LETTER OF INTENT BETWEEN  
THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AND  
UNIVERSITIES AUSTRALIA OF AUSTRALIA  
CONCERNING COOPERATION IN GRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES WORLDWIDE  
FOR NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWS

Article I. Scope and Objectives

- A. This Letter of Intent (hereinafter referred to as the Letter) between the National Science Foundation (NSF) of the United States of America and Universities Australia (UA) of Australia (hereinafter referred to as the Participants) provides for collaboration to encourage, develop and facilitate collaborative research opportunities in Australia under the Graduate Research Opportunities Worldwide (GROW) initiative for active Fellows in the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP).
- B. The partnership aims to facilitate mutually beneficial research collaborations for GRFP GROW Fellows and host researchers in Australia that will enhance science and engineering research and training by engaging complementary expertise and specialized skills, facilities, and/or resources.
- C. Activities conducted pursuant to this Letter are conducted on the basis of mutual benefit and equitable and fair treatment, and are subject to the laws and regulations of each country.
- D. This Letter of Intent is not intended to create obligations binding under international law.

Article II. Funding

- A. NSF intends to provide support for GRFP GROW Fellow travel costs to and from the partner country. NSF also intends to bear costs related to the administration of the GROW collaboration in the U.S., including receiving and evaluating GROW applications, coordinating with partner country representatives, and monitoring and assessment of GROW outcomes.
- B. Universities Australia through its member universities intends to support in-country costs at AU\$2500 per calendar month for the GROW Fellow, including a living allowance in local currency. UA also intends to bear the costs related to administration of the GROW collaboration in the Australia, which include host country review of NSF-recommended applications, and correspondence with potential applicants and host scientists.
- C. The number of GROW Fellows to be supported and the duration of the in-country research collaborations is subject to agreement by both parties.
- D. Support is subject to the availability of funds.

### Article III. Implementation

- A. Each Participant will designate a representative to be the principal point of contact for the other Participant in the management of the GROW initiative. Each Participant may also designate a point of contact for potential GROW applicants.
- B. NSF will develop and maintain a GROW website. Universities Australia may develop and maintain its own GROW website.
- C. NSF will publicize the GROW opportunity to active NSF Graduate Fellows and GRFP institutional representatives, inviting submission of applications for GROW research experiences by a fixed deadline from any active Fellow who has completed at least one year of graduate school at the time of application.
- D. NSF will require that the GROW application include, at minimum, the title and description of the proposed GROW research; the proposed research term; the name and institutional affiliation of the proposed host researcher; evidence of communication with the host researcher, including agreement from the host researcher to serve as host during the GROW term; and evidence of approval by the Fellow's U.S. academic advisor for the GROW experience.
- E. NSF will review GROW applications based on the NSF standard NSB-approved merit review criteria of Intellectual Merit and Broader Impacts, and to recommend meritorious applications for support to Universities Australia. Only recommended applications will be shared with Universities Australia. Reviews will not be shared.
- F. Universities Australia intends to accept or decline to accept NSF's recommendation(s) based on its own criteria and will inform NSF of its decisions according to the schedule agreed by the Participants in advance.
- G. NSF will notify Graduate Fellows of decisions. In principle, NSF intends for selected GROW Fellows to conduct their international research experiences within the next fellowship year.

### Article IV. Commencement, Modification and Termination

- A. Activities pursuant to this Letter may commence after signature by both Participants and will be valid for a period of three years unless the Letter is renewed by written agreement of both Participants.
- B. This Letter may be amended by written agreement of both Participants.
- C. This Letter may be terminated by either Participant upon sixty days' written notice to the other Participant.
- D. Each Participant shall be responsible for its own costs incurred as a result of termination of this Letter for any reason.

### Article V. Resolution of Disagreements

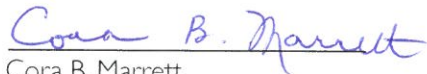
Disagreements between Parties to this Agreement shall be resolved by the respective heads of the Participants or their designated representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Agencies, have signed this Letter.

DONE this 20~~th~~ day of NOVEMBER 2013, in duplicate.

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