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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT STONY BROOK
AND
XI'AN JIAOTONG UNIVERSITY (draft)**

The purpose of this Agreement is to introduce a framework whereby students from "The Training Program of Talented Students in Physics" at Xi'an Jiaotong University (hereafter XJTU) can participate in the Study Abroad Program at State University of New York at Stony Brook (hereafter SBU). The agreement is also intended to facilitate SBU staff to visit XJTU to deliver seminars and lectures to students enrolled in the "The Training Program of Talented Students in Physics".

The overall goal of the Agreement is to promote and expand international understanding and to enhance educational opportunities for students at XJTU.

1. PREFACE

In 2008, the State Ministry of Education of China (MOE) initiated "The Training Program of Talented Students in Basic Sciences including Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Computer of Science". The program aims at providing an excellent study and research environment for talented students who are interested and have great ambition in the basic research, and to support the students to join the academic activities of world-class research groups in the fields of the basic sciences, at the early stage of their academic career. XJTU has been selected by the MOE as one of eleven top universities in China, which take part in this program. "The Training Program of Talented Students in Physics" at Xi'an Jiaotong University is executed by the school of science at XJTU. Based on interests, talents, and attitudes towards physics of students, especially on comprehensive capacity and potential in physics research, about 40 students of more than 3500 freshmen entering XJTU each year are enrolled in the program. In order to make the program be successful, the international study and research environment is very important for students enrolled in the program. Based on bilateral discussions and common interesting, XJTU and SBU agree to establish a collaboration on "The Training Program of Talented Students in Physics" at Xi'an Jiaotong University.

2. PRINCIPLES OF THE COOPERATIVE STUDENT TRAINING



- (1) This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, and all prior discussions, agreements, and understandings, whether verbal or in writing, is merged in this agreement.
- (2) This Agreement is not considered to be a contract creating legal and financial relationships between the parties. Rather, it is designed to facilitate and develop a genuine and mutually beneficial exchange process for teaching, research and outreach activities.
- (3) The goal is to enable XJTU students in the program to take classes, but not to study for a degree at SBU. Courses passed at the BSU will normally be accepted for credit towards the degree at XJTU, in which the student is enrolled.
- (4) The admission requirements and enrollment constraints of SBU will be respected. Participating students will be subject to the standard rules, regulations, and enrollment constraints of SBU in the selection of courses. SBU shall have final authority on admission decisions.
- (5) XJTU and SBU will respectively name their coordinators who will liaise on matters relevant to this agreement, as well as monitor progress of the collaboration in student training. *- ACTION*
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- (6) The Agreement is subject to a review after the first year. The Agreement may be modified by mutual written consent. Those modifications may, in particular, include the units involved and aspects of student training.
- (7) The parties in this Agreement subscribe to a policy of equal opportunity and they do not discriminate on the basis of age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, height, marital status, national origin, political persuasion, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, or weight.

3. OBLIGATIONS OF XJTU

XJTU takes on the following responsibilities under this Agreement:

- (1) Each semester, XJTU will select 3-5 students for training at SBU, from those studying under the Talented program and to provide supporting materials representing those students, such as an evaluation report, personal statement, and transcript listing courses and grades, to SBU by January (for students coming around September 1) and by May (for those coming around January 10) of each year.
- (8) Establish special scholarships and provide necessary financial supports for the selected students to live in the USA while studying at SBU.



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- (9) Pay to SBU tuition (12-15 credits each semester), housing and other standard fees, in the amount required for students being trained at SBU. Arrange with students the manner of covering the costs of travel to SBU, as well as of board and personal expenses (including textbooks and other materials for the courses).
- (10) Invite professors of physics from SBU to visit XJTU for delivering lectures to the students enrolled in the "The Training Program of Talented Students in Physics at Xi'an Jiaotong University". The expenses for the travel, local expenses, and honorarium for these visits will be covered by XJTU. Warmly welcome professors on sabbatical leave from the department of physics and astronomy at SBU to come and give courses with entire contents. For the latter professors, XJTU will pay their salaries based on credits of completing courses.

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4. OBLIGATIONS OF SBU

SBU

SBU will take on the following responsibilities under this Agreement:

- (1) Make the necessary arrangements for hosting the incoming students at SBU. This would involve sending the necessary invitation letters and the visa forms, helping in searching suitable housing, and providing office space for the incoming students.
- (2) Enroll the students in both regular courses and in research training courses, with net 12-15 credits each semester. The regular courses may include both undergraduate level and graduate level physics courses. The research training courses should provide the students with an opportunity of getting involved in research activities such as directed-reading, completing assigned projects, taking part in experiments, etc. For those students who register in the research training courses, a supervisor and a project title for each student should be specified.
- (3) Send academic achievement reports to XJTU at the conclusion of each semester, not later than six weeks after the last day of final examinations.
- (4) Arrange for professors of physics from SBU to visit XJTU for holding seminars and giving lectures for the students in the program.
- (5) Invite professors and students from XJTU associated with the Talented program to summer and winter schools, and conferences organized by the department of physics and astronomy at SBU.



5. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- (1) Students participating in the training must be registered and settle their financial arrangements with XJTU. Their tuition and housing at SBU will be paid directly to SBU by XJTU.
- (2) SBU will assist its guest students, to the fullest extent possible, in obtaining visas and other documents required by the U.S. government. In order to comply with U. S. government regulations, students from XJTU will be required to provide a guarantee that they have the financial resources to meet all expenses. Upon submission of a satisfactorily completed form, SBU's Office for International Students and Scholars will provide the student with a DS 2019 form to apply for a J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa.
- (3) Guest students will be personally responsible for purchasing required health/medical insurance for the time period of their training in order to meet U.S. government regulations. BSU will assist incoming participants in identifying available health insurance options designed for international students and scholars.
- (4) Students participating in the training, possibly with an assistance from XJTU, will cover the costs of travel to SBU, as well as board and personal expenses (including textbooks and other materials for the courses) during the training.
- (5) Trained students from XJTU will be governed by the same regulations and performance standards that pertain to other students at SBU. If a trained student voluntarily withdraws or is dismissed for disciplinary reasons before the end of the course, the exchange will be considered as a completed. In addition, SBU reserves the right to require the withdrawal of any student whose academic standing or conduct warrants such action. SBU will consult with XJTU before finalizing such action. The parties agree that there will be no replacement for students who do not complete an exchange.

The arrangements will come into force from the date of its signing and will remain in force for a period of five years unless it is terminated earlier by either institution, following six months notice in writing.

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