

**Academic Cooperation Agreement
between
The School of Education, SUNY
and
Srinakharinwirot University**

May 16, 2008 – May 15, 2009

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DESCRIPTION

At the request of Sumalee Leungsakul, Acting Director, Science Education Center, Srinakharinwirot University (SWU) and The Research Foundation of the State University of New York acting on behalf of and in conjunction with the State University of New York College at Cortland (Research Foundation) will provide support and opportunities for one or more graduate students to visit, study, and perform individual research with the faculty sponsor (Orvil White, Ph.D.) in the area of their dissertation and develop their dissertation proposals for their graduate degree programs (Visiting Scholars). While in residence the SWU Visiting Scholars will:

- Participate with an assigned faculty member in any of their ongoing research efforts in the area of the visiting scholars dissertation area,
- Become engaged with the SUNY Cortland faculty in the review and delivery of instruction for the SWU pre-service teachers, and
- Observe and interact with local elementary, middle and secondary school science teachers.

The SWU faculty of Science Education is interested in pursuing a cooperative relationship between the Research Foundation (acting on behalf of SUNY Cortland) and SWU to facilitate the matriculation of Thai students to SUNY Cortland and create opportunities to extend research internationally.

PROVISIONS

The Research Foundation on behalf of SUNY Cortland will provide:

- Transportation for Visiting Scholars to and from Syracuse, New York and the Syracuse Hancock International Airport upon arrival and for departure.
- SUNY Cortland identification cards to assure campus access and status for Visiting Scholars.

- Assistance in acquiring living accommodations in the SUNY Cortland Residential Housing complex or within the Cortland area. These accommodations are to be within walking distance to the School of Education and most other SUNY Cortland facilities.
- Assistance in purchasing or renting automobiles if needed.
- Orientation to SUNY Cortland's campus, City of Cortland and local shopping areas and nearby cities.
- Full access to the SUNY Cortland library, Information Resource Center and computer laboratories.
- Free local telephone service from office space.
- Health insurance for Visiting Scholars (\$100 Deductible, 100% of the first \$4,000 of expenses; from \$4,000 to \$7,000 insurance will pay 80% and the participant will pay 20%; from \$7,000 to \$100,000 the insurance will pay 100% of medically necessary expenses).
- Welcoming reception with 2 Thai students, 25 faculty, and project staff.

The Research Foundation on behalf of SUNY Cortland will not provide:

- Travel to and from point of origin (e.g., Thailand) and Syracuse Hancock International Airport.
- Living expenses for accommodations while at SUNY Cortland. However, SUNY Cortland will assist in making arrangements for fully furnished guest apartments which will include provisions for cooking, cooking utensils, TV, and all utilities. The apartments are two bedrooms and rent is estimated to be \$1,100 per month.
- Stipends for other living expenses such as entertainment, food, long distance telephone calls, clothing, gifts, other travel, local transportation, laundry, etc.
- Fee remission, books and materials that Visiting Scholars may choose to purchase for professional/personal use.
- Dental or vision insurance.

Srinakharinwirot and/or Visiting Scholars will provide:

- Health and accident insurance for Visiting Scholars family members if they reside in the SUNY Cortland area.
- Cost of all long distance telephone service.
- Cost of individual printing/duplication.
- Cost of any and all conferences, seminars and training sessions that the individuals choose to attend.

TERMS

Srinakharinwirot University agrees to fulfill its responsibilities under any applicable immigration laws and assist Visiting Scholars, to the fullest extent possible, in obtaining visas and other documents required by the government of Thailand. The Research Foundation of SUNY reserves the right to require the withdrawal of any Visiting Scholar whose conduct warrants such action, in consultation with Srinakharinwirot University before finalizing such action, if necessary.

The cost of this program is computed on a sliding scale based on U.S. dollars for two (2) Visiting Scholars (\$21,795). The cost of additional Visiting Scholars is negotiable upon request. Payment is due upon commencement of the program.

The term of this agreement is May 16, 2008 through May 15, 2009. This Memorandum of Agreement is renewable for subsequent years upon mutual consent of both parties.

Each party shall be responsible for any and all liability, claim, loss, damage, suit or judgment arising directly out of the acts of that party or its officers, employees, agents, representatives or students. Neither party shall be liable for the acts of the other, nor shall they be liable for the acts of participants.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement signed by their respective officers duly authorized as of the date and year written.

**THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, SUNY ON
OF BEHALF AND IN CONJUNCTION
WITH THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW
YORK COLLEGE AT CORTLAND**

BY: Mark Abbey

NAME: Mark Abbey

TITLE: Contracts and Grants Specialist

DATE: 4/29/08

**SCIENCE EDUCATION CENTER
SRINAKHARINWIROT UNIVERSITY**

BY: S. Leungsakul

NAME: Associate Professor Sumalee Leungsakul

TITLE: Acting Director of Science Education Center

DATE: March 31, 2008

Thai Project Expectations

Expectations of Faculty Sponsor/Mentor: Dr. White	Expectations of Thai Visiting Scholars (J-1 Visas)	Expectations of SUNY Graduate Student
<p>10% of time during the academic year</p> <p>Weekly individual & group meetings with students for advisement, course and school visit coordination, guidance and progress checks on student dissertation proposal writing.</p> <p>Assist in all projects and student commitments.</p> <p>Facilitate administrative logistics and support services as needed for academics and a positive cultural experience at SUNY Cortland.</p> <p>Coordinate, as needed, transportation to conferences.</p> <p>Arrange transportation as needed to Syracuse Hancock International Airport.</p> <p>Assist in the acquiring of SUNY Cortland ID cards.</p> <p>Assist in the process of moving into the arranged living accommodations.</p> <p>Supervise and mentor the SUNY Cortland graduate student.</p>	<p>100% commitment through – out the academic year</p> <p>Complete chapters 1-3 of their dissertation proposals prior to returning to Thailand in May of 2009.</p> <p>Provide letters of progress to SWU Science Education center in October and December 2008, a public presentation of progress to Dr. Nason or his designees and faculty, staff, & students of SUNY Cortland in February 2009, and a final letter of progress in April 2009.</p> <p>Audit a minimum of 3 courses per semester, 2 in education and one in the content area of their dissertation.</p> <p>Provide a session on Thai culture to the University and Cortland community.</p> <p>Attend the Fall and Spring sessions of the outdoor education programs at the Raquette Lake facility.</p> <p>Attend at least one international/national research or science conference.</p> <p>Attend the New York state Science Teacher's conference.</p>	<p>20 Hours per week during the academic year</p> <p>Weekly individual & group meetings with Thai visiting scholars for guidance and progress checks on student dissertation proposal writing.</p> <p>Aid Thai Visiting Scholars in completing all aspects of work at SUNY Cortland.</p> <p>Provide proper guidance and introduction to local activities.</p> <p>Work with Thai Visiting Scholars to produce a joint paper for publication on the comparison of the Thai and U.S. educational systems.</p> <p>Assist faculty sponsor in the program as needed.</p> <p>Maintain accurate record of Thai Visiting Scholars contact hours and accomplishments.</p> <p>Note:</p> <p>SUNY Cortland graduate student will demonstrate the ability to correctly write using APA style and show the ability to critically review current educational research literature published in peer reviewed journals.</p>

The Research Foundation of SUNY on behalf of and in conjunction with SUNY Cortland and Srinakharinwirot University, May 16, 2008 - May 15, 2009 (2 Visiting Scholars)

A. Personnel

1a. PI, O. White; 10% effort contributed during the academic year	0	0
1b. Summer salary, 1.5 months @ 100% effort	8351	8,351

Subtotal		8,351
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B. Benefits

1a. O. White AY Salary @ 43.34%		0
1b. O. White Summer Salary @ 14.5%		1,211

Subtotal		2,422
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Total Personnel and Benefits		10,772
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C. Programmatic Expenses

1. International Travel to Thailand (1 trip for 1.5 weeks)	3200	3200
2. Local travel to Syracuse airport (.445 per mile x 65 miles x 4 round trips)		116
3. Regional travel to acclimate Visiting Scholars to the area (65 participants at \$30 per night for 3 days)		500
4. Supplies	450	450
5. Visiting Scholars health insurance @ \$1,087 per scholar x 2	2174	2,174
6. Cultural events		1,500
7. Long distance telephone @ \$20/mo x 12 months		240

Total Other Direct Costs		8,180
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TOTAL DIRECT COSTS		18,952
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Indirect Costs @ 15% TDC		2,843
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Total Project Costs		21,795
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