



**Shanghai Ocean University (herein SHOU)
and
University of Algarve (herein UAlg)
Agreement on Joint Graduate Student Training**

To enhance international collaboration on graduate student training and research, SHOU and UAlg agree to cooperate on graduate student training at Doctoral and Masters level. The two parties agree:

1. SHOU will send three to five students per year to work toward Master of Science or Doctoral degrees. The graduate training is to start in the first semester of 2015/2016 and will continue for five years. The training agreement may be renewed upon mutual agreement.

2. The duration of training for doctoral students is three to five years - three to four years if they are selected among SHOU doctoral candidates, and four to five years if they are selected from SHOU masters candidates. The duration of training towards the Master's degree is generally two years.

3. Acceptance of SHOU graduate students by UAlg will follow normal application process with acceptable transcripts and documentation. English language proficiency will be evaluated by UAlg personnel. SHOU will use the CET level (College English Test) to evaluate language proficiency for recruitment of both master and doctoral candidates, and if available TOEFL/IELTS scores will be given priority consideration. Enrolled candidates will be encouraged to take TOEFL/IELTS exams during their study period at UAlg. Nevertheless, the progress of students towards their degrees will be monitored on an annual basis. This provision may be changed for future students admitted under this agreement if student performance is not deemed acceptable by UAlg Master's or doctoral degrees committees.

4. SHOU will provide the doctoral students with funds of RMB 100,000 per year, and the master's students with funds of RMB 70,000 per year during the study period to cover tuition fees and all living expenses, including health insurance and round trip travel arrangements. Official documents on such provisions will be provided to UAlg External Relations Office. The UAlg External Relations Office will provide the necessary documentation for students' visa applications.

5. A students' committee will include one major professor at UAlg and one co-major professor from SHOU. Other members of the supervisory committee will be selected according to UAlg postgraduate regulations and individual program policies.



6. Master's students will complete the number of ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) required by the UAlg Master's degree. A minimum of two thirds credits required for the Master's degree will be taken at UAlg.

7. Doctoral students may have to complete course work according the UAlg doctoral degree requirements.

8. Any publications or presentations developed from the work done by the student during the course of his or her research will show appropriate acknowledgment to both universities, SHOU and UAlg.

9. As part of the degree requirements, doctoral and master's students must complete an oral defense of their thesis or dissertation at UAlg. Master's students will also have to fulfill SHOU thesis defense requirements.

10. Upon fulfillment of all UAlg degree requirements, UAlg will award the Master of Science or Doctoral degree, as appropriate. Master's students will also receive their degree from SHOU. However, the degree will be awarded to master's students only after fulfillment of both UAlg and SHOU defense requirements.

11. The general policies regarding academic eligibility of the respective parties fully apply to the SHOU sponsored graduate students. A student who is unable to achieve a cumulative graduate GPA of 3.0 or 14 in the Portuguese grading scale shall be responsible for paying full tuition. A student who is unable to raise his/her cumulative GPA to 3.0 after two consecutive semesters will be required to withdraw from the program, terminate his/her study at UAlg, and refund to SHOU the support funds provided by SHOU.

11. The Agreement will be effective upon signature by representatives of SHOU and UAlg and will be in force until any of the signatories request for its revision or cancelling with at least 6 months' notice.



Date
Jian Gao
Director of Graduate School,
Shanghai Ocean University



Date
António Branco
Rector, University of Algarve