

**AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION**  
**between**  
**Dipartimento di Fisica 'Ettore Pancini',**  
**Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II,**  
**Italian Republic**  
**and**  
**Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology, and**  
**Research Institute for Interdisciplinary Science,**  
**OKAYAMA UNIVERSITY**  
**Japan**

Dipartimento di Fisica 'Ettore Pancini' dell' Università' degli Studi di Napoli Federico II, Italian Republic (hereinafter referred to as "UNF), and Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology / Research Institute for Interdisciplinary Science, Okayama University, Japan (hereinafter referred to as "OU" ), in recognition of their common interests in developing bilateral relations are convinced that cooperation between the three institutions contributes to cultural enrichment, scientific progress, and the consolidation of friendship between the two countries, agree to establish the following Agreement of Cooperation.

**I**

This Agreement will generally promote activities in the following principal areas:

- Exchange of Ph.D. students
- Exchange of faculty and staff personnel
- Collaborative research, educational and cultural programs
- Exchange of research information

**II**

Specific mechanisms for the implementation of cooperative and collaborative activities named above shall be established and described in the corresponding Appendix to this Agreement.

**III**

All activities developed under the auspices of this Agreement will respect and conform to the corresponding norms, traditions and regulations of each institution, its country and region.

#### IV

If any dispute arises between the parties, they shall respond in good faith and endeavor to reach an amicable settlement. Disputes that cannot be amicably resolved shall be subject to legal measures including arbitration and lawsuit.

#### V

In case of results obtained during the research programs mentioned in this Agreement or its Appendices, the partners commit to keep one another informed. The publication, use and protection of the results obtained during the common research programs mentioned in this Agreement or its Appendices, must be provided in accordance with the specific procedures of each country involved in obtaining the said results. It is agreed that the partners will meet to negotiate specific agreements to resolve individual cases concerning intellectual property rights.

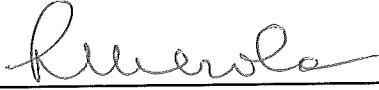
#### VI

1. This Agreement is established for a period of five years, effective from the date of signing.
2. In order to enhance the efficacy of their cooperative activities, UNF and OU agree that it shall be possible to introduce changes and additions to this Agreement by means of mutually agreed upon additional written clauses.
3. At the end of each five-year period, this Agreement may be renewed by mutual written consent after assessment of the partnership.

#### VII

A duplicate original English version of this Agreement is hereby signed by the authorized representatives of UNF and OU.

For Università degli Studi di Napoli  
Federico II:



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Professor Leonardo Merola  
Director  
Dipartimento di Fisica 'Ettore Pancini',  
Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico  
II

Napoli,

Date :

August 31, 2017

For Okayama University:



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Professor Kenji Tomioka  
Dean  
Graduate School of Natural Science and  
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Okayama,

Date : August 22, 2017



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**Ph.D. STUDENT EXCHANGE APPENDIX**  
**to**  
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In accordance with Section II of the Agreement of Cooperation signed by these three parties, the following mechanisms designed to encourage and facilitate exchange of Ph.D. students are hereby established:

1. Ph.D. Students may be exchanged for periods up to one academic year.
2. Up to 2 exchange Ph.D. students will be admitted to each institution per year. The universities agree to achieve full reciprocity, that is, to exchange an equal number of Ph.D. students by the end of this Agreement period.
3. Initial selection of Ph.D. students will take place at the home institutions. Ph.D. students must be enrolled at the home institutions at the time of application and throughout the exchange.
4. The host institution reserves the right to deny admission to any Ph.D. student who does not meet its admission criteria.
5. Ph.D. Student applications should be received at the host institution by the appointed time.
6. Exchange Ph.D. students can be enrolled in a full-time course load at the host institution for the duration of the program.
7. Ph.D. Students who participate in the exchange program will not receive a Ph.D. degree from the host institution.
8. At the end of the Ph.D. student exchange program, each host institution will send the home institution an official record of coursework completed at the host institution.

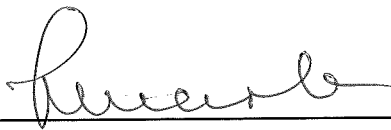
9. Each institution will assess academic work completed at the partner institution and will award credit to its exchange Ph.D. students in accordance with its own academic policies and regulations.

10. Exchange Ph.D. students interested in living in university housing will be provided assistance and information as far as possible in regard to accommodations. Exchange Ph.D. students, however, will be responsible for their own housing costs.

11. The host institution will waive entrance examination fee, enrollment fee and tuition fee for the incoming exchange students and will inform them in a timely fashion concerning fees and expenses for which the exchange Ph.D. student will be responsible.

12. This Appendix shall be effective for the same period as the Agreement of Cooperation and may be amended in writing upon mutual agreement of the three parties.

**For Università degli Studi di Napoli  
Federico II:**



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