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TO: Council of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

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SUBJECT: Student Exchange Agreement – Universiteit Leiden/Leiden University

I am seeking approval for graduate students to be included in the student exchange agreement McGill has with Universiteit Leiden/Leiden University.

McGill first partnered with Leiden in 2006 and has enjoyed a very successful exchange to date. Although not explicitly included in the previous agreement, graduate students have participated in the exchange. In order to reflect this accurately, it is Leiden's request that we now have a provision for graduate students in our renewal.

Our proposal therefore is to amend the original agreement, which was approved by the Academic Policy Committee in 2006, to include graduate students at the master's level, for a renewal term of five years.

Some general information on Universiteit Leiden/Leiden University is provided below, as well as some information especially pertinent to graduate studies.

Universiteit Leiden/Leiden University

The oldest university in the Netherlands, Leiden is a member of the Coimbra Group (an association of long-established European multidisciplinary universities of high international standard committed to creating special academic and cultural ties in order to promote, for the benefit of its members, internationalization, academic collaboration, excellence in learning and research, and service to society), and the League of European Research Universities (a group of European research-intensive universities committed to the values of high quality teaching within an environment of internationally competitive research). Comprised of nine faculties and two schools, the University has approximately 17,000 students and 4,000 staff.

Leiden University works on a bachelor-masters system of education, offering approximately 50 bachelor's and 70 master's degree programmes.

The character of Leiden University can be summed up in her guiding principles: an international orientation, a research-intensive strength; maintenance of the quality of education and research.

Graduate studies

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leiden_University#Graduate_studies

Leiden University offers more than 100 graduate programs leading to either M.A., M.Sc., M.Phil., or LL.M. degrees. The M.Phil. is a special research degree and only awarded by selected departments of the university (mostly in the fields of Arts, Social Sciences, Archeology, Philosophy, and Theology).

Some of the notable graduate programs are:

- Air and Space Law
- Asian Studies
- Bioinformatics
- Chemistry
 - Industrial Ecology M.Sc. (track)
- DNA Computing
- Biopharmaceutical Sciences
- European Law
- European and International Business Law
- European Union Studies
- Evolutionary and Ecological Sciences
- Functional Genomics
- History
- ICT in Business
- Public International Law
- International Relations and Diplomacy
- International Tax Law
- Islamic Studies
- Life Science and Technology
- Linguistics
- Mathematics
- Media Technology
- Nanoscience
- Philosophy of a Specific Discipline
- Toxicology

The University in figures

<http://www.about.leiden.edu/facts/facts-and-figures.html>

Teaching

Number of students

In the 2011/2012 academic year

Total number of students enrolled	19,328
<i>Including bachelor's</i>	<i>13,092</i>
<i>Including master's/post doctoraal</i>	<i>6,236</i>

First year intake

In the 2011/2012 academic year

First year bachelor's	4,102
Master's	3,233
International students as % of total master's intake	19%

Diplomas awarded in the 2010/2011 academic year

Bachelor's	2,981
Master's	2,312

Research

PhDs, academic publications and activities by academic staff in 2011

PhDs	334
Academic publications	5,203
Activities by academic staff (in fte)	1,084