Letter of Intent

on

Newcastle-Indonesia Doctoral Training Centre (NIDTC)

BETWEEN

1) The University of Newcastle upon Tyne, King’s Gate, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 7RU, UK;

and

2) Universitas Indonesia, Jalan Salemba Raya No. 6, Jakarta 10430

By this Letter of Intent, Universitas Indonesia and the University of Newcastle upon Tyne (collectively referred to hereinafter as the “Universities”) declare their shared intent to establish a Doctoral Training Centre by which may bring together each University’s strengths in research and teaching to create an integrated centre of excellence for doctoral training, promoting research training interactions between Newcastle University and Universitas Indonesia and leading to capacity building in the Indonesian academy, in line with the following Aims and Objectives.

Subject to successful negotiations, the Doctoral Training Centre will be referred to as the Newcastle-Indonesia Doctoral Training Centre (NIDTC) to be governed under the terms of a comprehensive collaboration agreement which will embrace the principles set out in this Letter of Intent.

NIDTC will initially focus on the broad areas of medicine, dentistry, biomedical sciences, life sciences and nutrition, building upon the established interactions in these areas, including the Joint Doctoral Programme in Biomedical Sciences. It is anticipated that the complimentary focus of the two Universities’ research and teaching expertise in science and engineering and humanities and social sciences will allow expansion into these additional areas within a short timescale.
Aims & Objectives of the NIDTC

NIDTC’s mission will be to offer Indonesian postgraduate students a world-class doctoral training experience and develop further Indonesian research capabilities.

This will be achieved by:

- Recruiting and training high-calibre postgraduate students from Indonesia;
- Delivering advanced, cutting-edge, multidisciplinary doctoral training programmes, including on Newcastle University-Universitas Indonesia Joint Doctoral Training programmes;
- Providing responsive student supervision and support;
- Facilitating exchange of UK staff and students with Indonesian universities;
- Providing mentoring and supervision to NIDTC students by Universitas Indonesia faculty; and
- Collaborating with other Indonesian and UK universities

Activities of the NIDTC

NIDTC’s key activities encompass:

- Recruiting and selecting postgraduate students to as part of the NIDTC;
- Coordinating the provision of doctoral training for Indonesian students;
- Supporting the transition of Indonesian students into doctoral training in Newcastle;
- Supporting the transition of Indonesian students to Indonesian academy;
- Monitoring the progress of NIDTC students; and
- Promoting links between NIDTC students and Indonesian/UK universities.

Both Universities understand that all financial arrangements will have to be negotiated and will depend on the availability of funds. Each University shall be responsible for and bear all of its own costs, risks and liabilities arising out of its obligations and efforts in accordance with the provisions of this Letter of Intent. This Letter of Intent is not intended to create any obligations for breach of which any damages may be sought by or awarded to either University.

The Universities intend to co-operate in good faith to achieve the establishment of the NIDTC. This does not create any legally binding rights or obligations but reflects the intentions of the Universities to work together in good faith to achieve that purpose.
This Letter of Intent is not intended to be and shall not be construed to create or give effect to a joint venture, association, partnership or other business organisation or agency arrangement and neither University shall have the authority under this Letter of Intent to bind the other without the prior written approval of the other University.

Following agreement, this Letter of Intent shall terminate after 1 year, subject to mutual agreement to renew. Either University may terminate the Letter of Intent at any time by mutual consent or by three months' notice in writing.

**Signatories**

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*Pro-Chancellor and Chair of Council*
*University of Newcastle upon Tyne*

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