COMMISSION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE
between the United States of America, Belgium & Luxembourg

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE COMMISSION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE AND THE UNIVERSITE DE MONS (UMONS)

The Commission for Educational Exchange Between the United States of America, Belgium, & Luxembourg administers grants for educational and cultural exchange to Belgian and American citizens looking to study, research, or lecture in the partner country. While most of the funding comes from the Belgian and United States governments for awards whose eligibility is defined autonomously by the Commission, some awards are sponsored by specific accredited Belgian and American universities solely for Fulbright applicants coming to or from their institutions.

These awards must be created with a minimum $15,000 or euro equivalent donation that will be complemented with approximately $7,000 worth of traditional Fulbright benefits, including:
- $1,000 or euro equivalent travel stipend,
- U.S. Department of State sickness & accident insurance,
- Visa sponsorship,
- Pre-departure information,
- In-country programming, and
- Fulbright alumni post-grant network

Awards are promoted by the Commission, who also administers the grants via the normal Fulbright competition process. The Commission will select successful candidates, which must be simultaneously admitted and confirmed to an US host institution and approved by the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB). University donors will also have access to the Commission’s advice about International Institutional Partnerships and will be given preferential consideration for any Fulbright Specialist or Fulbright Intercountry Lecturer Grant applications they submit.

Given the above, the Commission for Educational Exchange hereby enters into an agreement to administer Fulbright awards financially supported by the Université de Mons (UMONS), who fulfills the role of “donor” as mentioned in this contract. UMONS hereby agrees for each competition process to commit 12.000 EUR (approximately 15000 USD) to fund one master candidate or one doctoral candidate or one postdoctoral candidate applying independently from UMONS to self-specified host institutions in the United States. This agreement is valid during the next 3 years in which funds will be placed in the King Baudoin Foundation: BE10 000-0000004-04 (BIC code: BPOTBEB1) in exchange for the aforementioned benefits provided by the Commission.

Note that the eligibility criteria are only valid in the domains of specialization of UMONS. Also, UMONS has the right to postpone the award if no suitable candidate is found.

This contract has a 3-year term starting in December 2014 but can be terminated by either party, or by mutual agreement, at any time upon fulfillment of all of the aforementioned obligations for that current academic year. A renewal of the contract can be envisaged only upon agreement between the parties.

Signed on behalf of the UMONS
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