**AGREEMENT**

Between the Swedish Defence University (hereafter “SEDU”), and [organisation] (hereafter) [abbreviation], each a Party, regarding postgraduate studies.

Background and purpose

The purpose of this Agreement is to regulate the mutual responsibilities of SEDU and [organisation] in relation to study financing and certain other terms of postgraduate studies in pursuit of a PhD degree at SEDU.

Validity

This agreement is valid provided that *[name of PhD student]* is admitted to the SEDU PhD programme in accordance with existing rules.

Obligations of the Swedish Defence University

SEDU undertakes, following an application by [PhD student’s name] and subject to guarantees regarding funding and other terms agreed to by [organisation] to accept [PhD student’s name] (referred to below as the “PhD student”), for postgraduate studies in [War studies / Political Science with a focus on crisis management and security] assigned to [department*]*.

Admission requires that the PhD student can be admitted in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations and SEDU’s internal regulations and guidelines in this field.

The PhD student is admitted to postgraduate education for a period corresponding to a maximum of four years full-time studies for doctoral degrees. SEDU is responsible for ensuring that the postgraduate studies are conducted in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations and SEDU’s internal regulations and guidelines in this field and that the education fulfils the University’s quality requirements. SEDU will guarantee that the PhD student receives supervision, expenses and will cover other costs in accordance with the University’s rules.

Obligations of the *[organisation]*

[Organisation] undertakes to ensure that the PhD student, in his or her employment, can spend at least 50 percent of his/her working hours on the education. In accordance with the Higher Education Act, the PhD student must be given the opportunity to devote sufficient time to postgraduate studies to complete these within eight years for a PhD degree (or four years for a licentiate degree). In addition to this time, there are opportunities for extension due to sick leave, parental leave, etc.

[organisation] will cover the PhD students’s salary for the duration of the agreement and will in addition give the SEDU a contribution of 125 000 SEK annually.

Supervisor

SEDU will appoint supervisor(s) in accordance with the general study programme of the respective research subjects. In addition to these, a second supervisor (if carrying a PhD degree) or a (mentor can be appointed at [organisation] if this is deemed likely to improve the quality of the education.

The supervisor's obligations and duties are described in SEDU’s "Quality Plan for Postgraduate Education".

Publication

In case of publication of research results connected with the dissertation, it must be clear that the PhD student is active at both SEDU and [organisation] and, where applicable, the logotypes of both parties should be visible on the cover of the publication.

Employer liability

FHS does not accept any employer liability through this Agreement for the PhD student or any other employee at [organisation]. However, ordinary working environment regulations also cover PhD students who mainly attend the SEDU.

Term

This Agreement shall come into force after both Parties have signed the Agreement and shall remain effective until and including [20yy-mm-dd].

Early termination

The Agreement can be terminated by either Party with three months’ mutual notice if the Agreement is not implemented, if the PhD student passes the exam before the deadline, interrupts the postgraduate studies or is denied the right to supervision and other relevant resources.

The Agreement can also be terminated by either Party with three months’ mutual notice if a Party cannot perform its obligations under the Agreement as a result of a law, regulation or other burdensome decision beyond the control of the Party and which was not known when the Agreement was concluded.

Amendments and supplements

Amendments and supplements to this Agreement shall be made in writing and signed by both Parties to be valid.

Disputes

Disputes concerning the interpretation or application of this agreement or related legal relationships shall be settled by a jointly appointed mediator. If the Parties are unable to reach an amicable agreement, each Party shall appoint a mediator and these shall jointly appoint a third mediator. The mediators shall resolve the dispute by way of a majority decision. The costs of mediation shall be split equally between the Parties.

This Agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with Swedish law.

Signature of Agreement

This Agreement has been made in three identical counterparts, one for each of the Parties and one for the PhD Student.

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I have read this Agreement and understand the conditions in relation to the research studies agreed herein.

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[Name]

PhD student