

RELIC Student Agreement EMJM Scholarship Holders

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**EMJM Responsible Leadership in Cultural and Religious Heritage
EMJM Scholarship Holder Student Agreement
Academic Year of Enrolment 2027-2028**

The University of Groningen, established at Broerstraat 5, 9712 CP Groningen, The Netherlands, **Coordinating Institution** of the Erasmus Mundus Master programme Responsible Leadership in Cultural and Religious Heritage (RELIC), represented by its President, Prof. Dr. Christoph Jedan, and acting on behalf of the **RELIC Partnership**, of the one part,

and:

Surname(s)/family name(s):

First Name(s):

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy):

Place of Birth (Place, Country):

Nationality/ies:

Country of residence *at the time of RELIC enrolment* (ca. May/June 2027):

Passport/ID document number:

Passport/ID expiration date (dd/mm/yyyy):

Telephone number:

E-mail:

the Student, of the other part, together referred to as **“the Parties”** to this Agreement,

HAVE AGREED to the following terms and conditions:

Section 1: Purpose

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5. The Student will have full access to information on the RELIC curriculum on the dedicated EMJM RELIC website (www.relic.eu) and via the STER, annexed to the RELIC PA, and amended from time to time. Each student cohort additionally will have access to a Student Handbook to be made available in advance of the start of each academic year, and which, for example, further details course information. General information on RELIC shall be added to the virtual platform to which all RELIC students and staff have access, made available by the Coordinating Institution.

Section 3: Mobility Periods

1. The RELIC Full and Academic Associated Partners, located respectively in Programme and Partner Countries, are:
 - University of Groningen, The Netherlands (Full)
 - Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona, Spain (Full)
 - Jagiellonian University, Poland (Full)
 - The Cyprus Institute, Cyprus (Full)
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2. The Student is obliged to participate in RELIC compulsory physical mobility periods, consisting of a minimum of four study periods in four countries, in accordance with the requirements of the curriculum of RELIC as an EMJM.
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8. The Student enrolls in the fourth semester for the Intensive Immersion Course at Cyl and the rest of the fourth semester for the completion of the master's programme at one of the RELIC partners, including Cyl, after prior application and approval by the Programme Examination Committee. The Partner Institutions are committed to facilitating the Student's preferences wherever deemed practical and appropriate. In addition, the Student enrolls in August of their final year for the master's thesis for the duration of one month also at the University of Groningen, the Netherlands.
9. The fourth-semester host will be selected by the Student mid-third semester at the latest, and needs to be approved, in any case, by the RELIC Programme Examination Committee.



10. Changes to the original learning pathway as established for an individual Student can only be changed in well-motivated cases, and with the approval of the PEC.
11. As part of the RELIC obligatory course trajectory, the Student agrees to take part in the RELIC Leadership Skills Courses, a 38 ECTS RELIC-specific part of the curriculum. One of the modules is an Intensive Immersion Course taught at Cyprus at the beginning of semester 4 (February). All the modules require physical presence of the students. The Student is aware that the EMJM program establishes that compulsory mobility periods can never be replaced by virtual mobility.
12. The Student is aware that they:
 - a. Must obtain at least 20 ECTS of the first semester modules of the Degree Programme before they are allowed to start as regular students at their second semester host.
 - b. Must obtain at least 50 out of 60 ECTS of the first year of the Degree Programme before being allowed to start as regular students in semester three.
 - c. Must obtain at least 75 ECTS before being allowed to start their master's thesis in semester four.

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2. Variations in types of registration may occur depending on the individual mobility pathway of the Student and local rules and regulations for registration of students in force at the different Partner Institutions.
3. The Student commits themselves to:
 - a. Attend assiduously and participate fully in any RELIC module, with the objective of successfully passing these. Full participation implies: preparation, attendance, and active participation in all educational activities of the RELIC EMJM, as well as taking all the required exams and evaluations, including, if applicable, re-sits.
 - b. Produce and submit, under the (co)supervision of a supervisor at UG, a Master thesis.
4. The Student enrolled at the RELIC Partner Institution(s) has the same rights and obligations as regular degree students at that institution, and Partners will provide the student with appropriate supervision, assessment and support services in accordance with their professional standards.
5. The mobility periods referred to will be recognised by the respective institutions as integral parts of the qualification for which the Student is preparing, as long as the Student is successful in the respective examinations and/or assessments.
6. The Student, upon successful completion of the RELIC curriculum in which they meet all of the degree requirements, will receive a multiple (i.e. usually triple) master's degree from their RELIC Full Partner Institution hosts, in accordance with applicable local and general RELIC rules and regulations.

Section 5: Financial

1. The RELIC Student who is an **EMJM Scholarship holder** and who has received a Scholarship Award Letter from the Coordinating Institution, is entitled to receive:

- a. A Participation Fee (incl. tuition fee) waiver, as referred to in the RELIC Partnership Agreement, Article 11. Any contributions from the EACEA towards Institutional Costs, transferred by the EACEA to the Coordinating Institution in accordance with the Grant Agreement, will be distributed directly by the Coordinating Institution to the Partner Institutions;
 - b. A maximum monthly EMJM Student Scholarship of EUR 1.400, with a maximum total of EUR 33.600 for the entire duration (24 months) of the programme. The Coordinating Institution transfers the Student Scholarship directly to the Student, in their personal European bank account, taking into account the provisions of numeral 11 of this Section in particular (please note that Students without a SEPA European bank account will be required to create such an account);
 - c. A health and personal liability insurance compliant with EACEA requirements, taken out by the RELIC Secretariat on behalf of the RELIC Partnership, as referred to in the PA, Article 15;
 - d. If applicable, support for individual needs, via the “Contribution to individual needs of students with disabilities”. Such support may be provided to the Coordinating Institution under the EMJM programme, provided that the general eligibility conditions set in the Grant Agreement are fulfilled, which is to be determined at the discretion of the Coordinating Institution.
2. The Student is ineligible to receive an EMJM Student Scholarship in case they have previously received an Erasmus+ EMJM scholarship or an Erasmus Mundus Master/Doctoral Course scholarship. The Student is aware and agrees that as an EMJM Scholarship holder, they cannot benefit from another EU grant during the period in which they receive EMJM support. The Student agrees to inform the RELIC Secretariat without delay in case one of the situations as described above was or has become applicable to them.
 3. Upon arrival at the Coordinating Institution that hosts the Student in the first semester, the Student will have to open a local bank account. If the Student already has a European bank account with SEPA, they may not need to open a new bank account – Students are asked to contact the Secretariat if it is unclear whether they require a new account. The EMJM Student Scholarship will be paid, by bank transfer, to this account. It is the responsibility of the Student to inform the RELIC Secretariat without delay of their bank account information and any relevant changes – if the correct information is not relayed to the Secretariat, Students may experience delays or other problems in the receipt of scholarship payments.
 4. The Student is aware that RELIC “Participation Fees” as mentioned under numeral 1.a of this Section cover their participation in all mandatory (mobility) modules of RELIC within the Consortium. This refers to the actual participation in/attendance of RELIC mandatory modules and activities only, and does not cover the costs for travel, accommodation, visa etc.
 5. The EMJM Student Scholarship as referred to under numeral 1.b of this Section aims to cover travel, visa, installation and subsistence costs, including, but not limited to, study, research, placement activities, thesis preparation and defence, in line with the requirements of RELIC.
 6. The Student is only entitled to receive the benefits as mentioned under numeral 1 of this Section if they continue to fulfil their academic obligations, including those mentioned under Sections 2 and 3, and/or any other specific regulation established by the EACEA for the EMJM programme,



and remain enrolled as a regular degree student at one of the RELIC Full Partners, with a maximum duration of the RELIC programme as mentioned under Section 2.

7. The Student commits to proper management of their Student Scholarship. They are responsible for ensuring that sufficient funds are available throughout the study programme in order to be able to participate in all mandatory study activities. The RELIC Partnership is not responsible to provide the Student with additional funding in case they have insufficient remaining funds to participate in the mandatory RELIC study activities.
8. The Student agrees that the RELIC Secretariat at the Coordinating Institution may deduct costs incurred by the Partnership for items mentioned under numeral 5 of this Section (excluding subsistence costs) from the Student Scholarship. This includes, but is not limited to, travel to official RELIC activities at Partner Institutions or Associated Partners and, if applicable, visa applications, provided that such have been/will be (pre-)financed by the Secretariat or one of the Consortium Partners. The deduction of costs from the individual Student Scholarship may be distributed over multiple monthly payments, in case this is considered desirable by the Student and deemed administratively feasible by the Coordinating Institution.
9. The RELIC Secretariat will keep an overview of (pre-)financed costs mentioned and keep record of official proof of expenditure. Overviews and records shall be shared with the Student, without delay, upon their written request to the RELIC Secretariat. In those cases where costs are variable (e.g. individual travel), the Secretariat will aim to request prior approval of the Student for such expenditure.
10. The Student is obliged to transfer any amounts due to the Coordinating Institution, acting on behalf of the Partnership, for costs incurred by one or more of the Partner Institutions for (pre-)financing on their behalf, in case the Student drops out of the Programme and it no longer is possible to deduct costs from the monthly Student Scholarship.
11. In case of a necessary extension of the Student's registration in RELIC as a degree student beyond the nominal duration of two years or 24 months (i.e. in case the Student has not been able to meet the RELIC degree requirements within that period), the Student is aware and agrees that, in principle:
 - a. The Student is no longer entitled to receive an EMJM Scholarship.
 - b. The Consortium may charge Participation Fees, in accordance with legal and administrative rules and regulation in place at the Partner Institution(s) involved.
 - c. The Student is responsible to take out a health and personal liability insurance of the same standards as mentioned under numeral 1.c of this Section for the duration of the extension, and as long as the student is registered as a RELIC degree student. Proof of insurance should be provided to the Secretariat for the entire extension period.
12. The Student Scholarship will be paid out to the Student on a monthly basis, in a maximum of twenty-four instalments. Payments, in principle, will be made the last week of each month to cover the subsistence costs of the following month. The first payment will be made as soon as the Student has opened a local bank account and provided the RELIC Secretariat with the relevant personal and bank account details.
13. Student Scholarship payments will cease after the nominal two-year duration of the RELIC programme or in case of de-registration from the RELIC programme (i.e. from one or more of the underlying local master programmes at the relevant Partner(s) in which the Student is enrolled as



a degree-seeking student). The Student agrees to reimburse the RELIC Coordinating Institution for any EMJM funds they have unlawfully received, i.e. beyond their period of enrolment as a degree-seeking student in the RELIC programme (e.g. the Student has received their Student Scholarship for November in the last week of October, and de-registers per 1 November).

Section 6: Implementation

1. Relevant Partner-specific information concerning the programme (e.g. Welcome Event, exams, re-sits, holidays, graduation ceremony), code of conduct (e.g. attendance requirement, leave of absence, course exclusion, notification of student drop-out) and the regulations pertaining to the individual master's degrees that are part of RELIC will be communicated by the respective Partner Institutions that host the Student.
2. Local rules and regulations of the Partner Institution at which the student is enrolled apply in regards to courses/modules taken as part of RELIC, examinations, re-sits, grading, etc.
3. Generally, a grade equal or superior to "E" under the ECTS Grading Table has to be obtained in order to be awarded the number of credits (expressed in or converted to ECTS) corresponding to the course taken. RELIC Partner Institutions have different grading systems in place. An indicative grading table is annexed to the RELIC STER, and available in the Student Handbook that is updated annually.
4. At each Partner Institution, the RELIC Director of Study and/or Course Coordinator, will be the primary point of contact for the Student regarding the services to the students, such as: visa and housing support; administrative support regarding enrolment and registration; study support: counselling, training, mentoring; local language courses
5. The Student agrees that Partner Institutions may share amongst each other their individual information pertaining to their registration as a degree-seeking student in RELIC. This concerns, for example, information on grades, transcripts and other required data as a prerequisite for the successful implementation of RELIC and includes, for example, with the purpose of Full Partners being able to award the degree(s).
6. The Student commits to behave in a responsible and ethical manner during their studies. They will commit no fraudulent act (such as, but not limited to, plagiarism of (academic) work, cheating, falsification). They furthermore declare not to misuse or abuse the access that is granted as part of RELIC to equipment and installations at any RELIC (Associated) Partner. The Student is aware that breach of this commitment on their part will be dealt with by the relevant local and RELIC governing bodies, and may cause the exclusion of the student from RELIC.
7. The Student must inform the RELIC Secretariat and, if applicable, the Director of Study and/or Course Manager at their hosting institution immediately of any circumstances (health problems; personal circumstances) which may hinder the fulfilment of their obligations in RELIC.

Section 7: Individual Student details

Section 7a: Semesters 1-3

1. The expected period of registration of the Student in RELIC is: 01-09-2027 until 31-08-2029
2. The Student will enrol at the following Partner Institutions in their first year of RELIC, with a first-semester start date in the first week of September. Dates for specific introduction events at the

University of Groningen will be communicated with the Student as soon as they have been established.

Semester	Partner
1	University of Groningen, The Netherlands
2	Universidad de Guanajuato, Mexico or Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, India
3	Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona, Spain or Jagiellonian University, Poland

Section 7b: Semester 4

3. This section is to be updated as early as possible during the third semester, but by 31-12-2028 at the latest.

Semester	Partner
4	Cyprus Institute, Cyprus, and XXX

4. In accordance with this schedule, the Student is expected to graduate by 08/2029.

Section 7c: Support for individual needs

8. The Student **will/will not** be eligible (to apply) for support for individual needs as referred to under numeral 4.d. **In case of eligibility:**
SPECIFY

Section 8: Surveys & Information request

The Student commits to provide their full cooperation in the case of EMJM surveys, evaluations, or requests for information from:

- The European Commission's Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)
- Any of the RELIC Partner Institutions, provided that such survey/evaluation/ request for information is part of RELIC or a Partner Institution's standard procedures (e.g. course evaluations), or in case of pre-approval by the Programme Management Committee or any of the other RELIC governing bodies.
- Any external agency responsible for accreditation of the master's programmes on which RELIC is built, or in case procedures have been initiated to accredit RELIC as a joint master's degree programme.

In case of doubts or questions, Students should contact the RELIC Secretariat.

Section 9: The Erasmus Community

1. The Student is encouraged to promote their membership of the selective Erasmus Mundus Student community during the course of their registration in RELIC, which may include but is not limited to social media. To that purpose, the Student additionally may be offered by the Secretariat to:
 - a. Become a member of dedicated RELIC social media groups
 - b. Provide a testimonial about their RELIC experience to be shared via RELIC and institutional communication channels
 - c. Become a RELIC ambassador to provide assistance to prospective students who consider applying
2. The Student is encouraged to become a member of the Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association (EMA) upon their graduation from RELIC
3. The Student commits to making appropriate referencing to RELIC as a European-funded Erasmus Mundus master's programme in official outputs related to their participation in RELIC. In case the Student has received individual financial support from the Partnership and/or European Commission (e.g. EMJM Scholarship) for their participation in RELIC, this shall be officially mentioned in articles and publications which they have (co-)authored.

Section 10: Other

1. The RELIC Partnership is exonerated from any responsibility for accidents, illnesses, injuries, issues related to delays in visa/residence permit application procedures, losses or damages to persons or goods resulting from or in any way related to the activities that are object of the present contract.
2. The award of the EMJM Student Scholarship does not create or entitle an employer-employee relationship between the RELIC Coordinating Institution and/or one of the Partner Institutions and the student.

Section 11: Modification of the Contract and dispute resolution conditions

1. Any modifications to the present Agreement must be communicated and confirmed in writing. Any event or situation that may impact the individual Student's registration in the RELIC programme or the successful execution of any of the clauses in this Agreement, must be communicated by the Student, and without delay, to the RELIC Secretariat. Any contractual modifications shall be mutually agreed upon between the Student and the relevant RELIC authorities. The RELIC Secretariat will issue a formal confirmation of such modifications, in writing and in any case signed by the Student and the RELIC President, on behalf of the Partnership.
2. Without prejudice to applicable provisions of national law, the RELIC Partnership in the case of breach of contract by the Student, reserves the right to unilaterally terminate the present Agreement, and to do so without recourse to any legal procedure, other than adequate communication to the Student.

Section 12: Signatures

SIGNED AND AGREED BY

The RELIC Partnership, represented by its President Prof. dr. Christoph Jedan,

Date: DD-MM-YYYY

Place: Groningen

Signature:

By signing this Agreement, I declare that I have read, understood and accept the conditions laid down in the Student Agreement, and that I commit to inform the RELIC Secretariat without delay in case of not being able to comply with its requirements.

The Student, **FULL NAME**

Date:

Place:

Signature:

Update 4th semester mobility pathway

SIGNED AND AGREED BY

The RELIC Partnership, represented by its President Prof. Dr. Christoph Jedan,

Date:

Place:

Signature:

The Student, **FULL NAME**

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RELIC Student Agreement Non-EMJM Scholarship Holders

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 3. The RELIC Participation Fee will be charged via an invoice to the Student by the RELIC Coordinating Institution. The Student should pay fees in accordance with the instructions as provided along with the invoice. Students will be invoiced per academic year.
 4. In case the RELIC Participation Fee is not received by the RELIC Coordinating Institution by the payment deadline(s) as established, the RELIC Partnership reserves the right to de-register the Student from the programme per the first day of the month following the invoice’s expiration date. The Student will then be invoiced for the RELIC Participation Fee as corresponding with the months in which they were enrolled but for which they have not made payments accordingly.
 5. In case the Student themselves decides to de-register from the programme, they will inform the RELIC Coordinating Institution as soon as possible. De-registration is possible per the first day of the next month following the notification. In case the student has paid RELIC Participation Fees for periods beyond their enrolment, they may submit a request for reimbursement of such fees with the RELIC Coordinating Institution.
 6. The Student is aware that, in principle, they will not receive EMJM support for travel, visa, installation and subsistence costs, including, but not limited to, study, research, placement activities, thesis preparation and defence, in line with the requirements of RELIC.
 7. The Student is aware that they will have to ensure that they have access to sufficient funds throughout the study programme (from external and/or their own funds) in order to be able to participate in all mandatory study activities. The RELIC Partnership is not responsible to provide the Student with (additional) funding in case they have insufficient (remaining) funds to participate in the mandatory RELIC study activities.
 8. In case this is considered convenient by the Student and the RELIC Partnership, the Partner Institution(s) may decide to pre-finance activities or procedures related to the successful execution of RELIC. This includes, but is not limited to, travel to official RELIC activities at Partner Institutions or Associated Partners and, if applicable, visa applications. The Partner Institution(s) will only do so with prior consent of the Student.
 9. Upon arrival at the Coordinating Institution that hosts the Student in the first semester, the Student will have to open a local bank account. Any financial remunerations due will be paid, by

bank transfer, to this account. It is the responsibility of the Student to inform the RELIC Secretariat without delay of their bank account information and any relevant changes.

10. The RELIC Secretariat will keep an overview of pre-financed costs and keep record of official proof of expenditure. Overviews and records shall be shared with the Student, without delay, upon their request.
11. The Student is obliged to transfer any amounts due to the Coordinating Institution, as agreed, acting on behalf of the Partnership, for costs incurred by one or more of the Partner Institutions for pre-financing on their behalf.
12. In case of a necessary extension of the Student's registration in RELIC as a degree student beyond the nominal duration of two years or 24 months (i.e. in case the Student has not been able to meet the RELIC degree requirements within that period), the Student is aware and agrees that, in principle:
 - a. The Consortium may charge Participation Fees, in accordance with legal and administrative rules and regulation in place at the Partner Institution(s) involved
 - b. The student is responsible to take out a health and personal liability insurance of the same standards as mentioned under numeral 1.a of this Section for the duration of the extension, and as long as the student is registered as a RELIC degree student. Proof of insurance should be provided to the RELIC Secretariat for the entire extension period.

Section 6 Implementation

1. Relevant Partner-specific information concerning the programme (e.g. Welcome Event, exams, re-sits, holidays, graduation ceremony), code of conduct (e.g. attendance requirement, leave of absence, course exclusion, notification of student drop-out) and the regulations pertaining to the individual master's degrees that are part of RELIC will be communicated by the respective Partner Institutions that host the Student.
2. Local rules and regulations of the Partner Institution at which the student is enrolled apply in regards to courses/modules taken as part of RELIC, examinations, re-sits, grading, etc.
3. Generally, a grade equal or superior to "E" under the ECTS Grading Table has to be obtained in order to be awarded the number of credits (expressed in or converted to ECTS) corresponding to the course taken. RELIC Partner Institutions have different grading systems in place. An indicative grading table is annexed to the RELIC STER, and available in the Student Handbook that is updated annually.
4. At each Partner Institution, the RELIC Director of Study and/or Course Coordinator, will be the primary point of contact for the Student regarding the services to the students, such as: visa and housing support; administrative support regarding enrolment and registration; study support: counselling, training, mentoring; local language courses
5. The Student agrees that Partner Institutions may share amongst each other their individual information pertaining to their registration as a degree-seeking student in RELIC. This concerns, for example, information on grades, transcripts and other required data as a prerequisite for the successful implementation of RELIC and includes, for example, with the purpose of Full Partners being able to award the degree(s).
6. The Student commits to behave in a responsible and ethical manner during their studies. They will commit no fraudulent act (such as, but not limited to, plagiarism of (academic) work, cheating,



falsification). They furthermore declare not to misuse or abuse the access that is granted as part of RELIC to equipment and installations at any RELIC (Associated) Partner. The Student is aware that breach of this commitment on their part will be dealt with by the relevant local and RELIC governing bodies, and may cause the exclusion of the student from RELIC.

7. The Student must inform the RELIC Secretariat and, if applicable, the Director of Study and/or Course Manager at their hosting institution immediately of any circumstances (health problems; personal circumstances) which may hinder the fulfilment of their obligations in RELIC.

Section 7: Individual Student details

Section 7a: Participation Fees

1. The expected period of registration of the Student in RELIC is: 01-09-2027 until 31-08-2029.
2. The Student is obliged to pay an annual Participation Fee to the Coordinating Institution, unless a waiver is given to the student. The level of the Participation Fee has been set to EUR 5,000 per year for EU/EER-students and EUR 10,000 per year for non-EU/EER students.
3. In exception to article 2, for the cohort 2027-2029, the RELIC Consortium applies, **a complete waiver of the participation fees during the regular duration of the programme (24 months)**. This waiver can be revoked in case of unsuccessful study and/or extension of the study period.

Section 7b: Semesters 1-3

4. The Student will enrol at the following Partner Institutions in their first three semesters of RELIC, with a first-semester start date in the first week of September. Dates for specific introduction events at the University of Groningen will be communicated with the Student as soon as they have been established – please note that these events may be held just before the actual starting date.

Semester	Partner
1	University of Groningen, The Netherlands
2	Universidad de Guanajuato, Mexico or Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, India
3	Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona, Spain or Jagiellonian University, Poland

Section 7c: Semester 4

5. This section is to be updated as early as possible during the third semester, but by 31-12-2028 at the latest.

Semester	Partner
4	Cyprus Institute, Cyprus, and XXX

6. In accordance with this schedule, the Student is expected to graduate by 08/2029.

Section 7d: Support for individual needs

7. The Student **will/will not** be eligible (to apply) for support for individual needs as referred to under numeral 4.d. **In case of eligibility:**
SPECIFY

Section 8: Surveys & Information request

The Student commits to provide their full cooperation in the case of EMJM surveys, evaluations, or requests for information from:

- a. The European Commission's Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)
- b. Any of the RELIC Partner Institutions, provided that such survey/evaluation/ request for information is part of RELIC or a Partner Institution's standard procedures (e.g. course evaluations), or in case of pre-approval by the Programme Management Committee or any of the other RELIC governing bodies.
- c. Any external agency responsible for accreditation of the master's programmes on which RELIC is built, or in case procedures have been initiated to accredit RELIC as a joint master's degree programme.

In case of doubts or questions, Students should contact the RELIC Secretariat.

Section 9: The Erasmus Community

1. The Student is encouraged to promote their membership of the selective Erasmus Mundus Student community during the course of their registration in RELIC, which may include but is not limited to social media. To that purpose, the Student additionally may be offered by the Secretariat to:
 - a. Become a member of dedicated RELIC social media groups
 - b. Provide a testimonial about their RELIC experience to be shared via RELIC and institutional communication channels
 - c. Become a RELIC ambassador to provide assistance to prospective students who consider applying
2. The Student is encouraged to become a member of the Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association (EMA) upon their graduation from RELIC
3. The Student commits to making appropriate referencing to RELIC as a European-funded Erasmus Mundus master's programme in official outputs related to their participation in RELIC. In case the Student has received individual financial support from the Partnership and/or European Commission (e.g. EMJM Scholarship) for their participation in RELIC, this shall be officially mentioned in articles and publications which they have (co-)authored.

Section 10: Other

1. The RELIC Partnership is exonerated from any responsibility for accidents, illnesses, injuries, issues related to delays in visa/residence permit application procedures, losses or damages to persons or goods resulting from or in any way related to the activities that are object of the present contract.
2. The award of the EMJM Student Scholarship does not create or entitle an employer-employee relationship between the RELIC Coordinating Institution and/or one of the Partner Institutions and the student.

Section 11: Modification of the Contract and dispute resolution conditions

1. Any modifications to the present Agreement must be communicated and confirmed in writing. Any event or situation that may impact the individual Student's registration in the RELIC programme or the successful execution of any of the clauses in this Agreement, must be communicated by the Student, and without delay, to the RELIC Secretariat. Any contractual modifications shall be mutually agreed upon between the Student and the relevant RELIC authorities. The RELIC Secretariat will issue a formal confirmation of such modifications, in writing and in any case signed by the Student and the RELIC President, on behalf of the Partnership.
2. Without prejudice to applicable provisions of national law, the RELIC Partnership in the case of breach of contract by the Student, reserves the right to unilaterally terminate the present Agreement, and to do so without recourse to any legal procedure, other than adequate communication to the Student.



Section 12: Signatures

SIGNED AND AGREED BY

The RELIC Partnership, represented by its President Prof. dr. Christoph Jedan,

Date: DD-MM-YYYY

Place: Groningen

Signature:

By signing this Agreement, I declare that I have read, understood and accept the conditions laid down in the Student Agreement, and that I commit to inform the RELIC Secretariat without delay in case of not being able to comply with its requirements.

The Student, **FULL NAME**

Date:

Place:

Signature:

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SIGNED AND AGREED BY

The RELIC Partnership, represented by its President Prof. Dr. Christoph Jedan,

Date:

Place:

Signature:

The Student, **FULL NAME**

Date:

Place:

Signature: