LETTER TO PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

On behalf of the University of Chile, we send our warmest greetings, wishing that your families, colleagues, and university community are safe and sound.

From 2020 to date, the University of Chile has implemented virtual work as the teaching and management methodology, carrying out its activities remotely to provide the correct development of the spatial distancing of students, teachers, and staff members, thus ensuring the mitigation of the serious health consequences derived from the pandemic in our country.

During 2020, The Office of International Relations (DRI), through the Student Mobility Program (PME), conducted follow-ups and guidance to exchange students in our institution and abroad, who completed their classes in remote mode and were able to return home safely. For the first semester of 2021 (March to July), the University of Chile made the decision to postpone the inbound and outbound mobility of students, taking into consideration the international health context and ensuring the safety of all students.

In view that the pandemic (Covid-19) and its consequences are still present, added to the similar situation in which our partner universities find themselves, we inform the postponement of inbound and outbound international face-to-face mobility for the second semester of 2021 (August to December). We hope to announce the next calls for the first semester 2022 (March to July) in due time, if the global health scenario allows it.

In this sense, during 2021, the PME will continue to develop initiatives that promote international virtual mobility for students, through the associations and networks in which the University of Chile participates, as well as through existing bilateral agreements. To this end, we will communicate future calls to promote international virtual mobility of our students, both incoming and outgoing, so that you can share with us your respective academic offers for the coming semesters.
We reiterate our appreciation for the commitment and cooperation of all institutions of higher education in the uncertain and unprecedented times we face globally. We are confident that together we will address these great challenges, carrying out our mission of advancing research, teaching and outreach.

If you have any questions or requests, please direct them to pme@u.uchile.cl, as well as to the student mobility coordinators: Yohad Zacarias - yzacarias@uchile.cl (outbound students) and Osvaldo Guzmán - oguzman@uchile.cl (inbound students).

Warmly,

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