



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY - SANTANDER GROUP AGREEMENT

Applications Academic Year 2013/2014

1. BASIC UNDERSTANDING

The agreement with the University of California, Berkeley stipulates exemption from **tuition fees** for applicants from Santander Group university members. All other expenses will be underwritten by the students, including registration/health insurance fee, visa documentation preparation fee and visiting student researcher fee.

The fee waiver only applies for auditing courses, not for concurrent enrollment which signifies that the students will follow **non-degree studies**, i.e., students under the agreement will not receive a degree from the University of California, Berkeley and will not be registered as full-time students at the University of California, Berkeley.

2. ELIGIBILITY

The exchange is open to **graduate students** (fifth year or above in some countries).

The number of exchanges to be awarded in the academic year 2013/2014 is **eight**. The duration of studies is **one semester**, either Fall (August-December) or Spring semester (January-June). Applicants have to clearly identify in their application the semester they are applying for.

Please refer to <http://schedule.berkeley.edu/> for the specific dates of the academic year.

The acceptance of any participants to this programme will be at the discretion of the host institution.

N.B.: The agreement is open to all areas except: The UC Berkeley School of Law, The Haas School of Business, The Berkeley Graduate School of Journalisms. The administration cannot require a department or school to accept non-degree exchange students if the receiving unit declares itself impacted. Some departments are perennially in that situation; others are there from time to time or for a particular sub-unit.

3. DEADLINES

There is one deadline per year for applications to both the Fall and Spring semester. **The deadline** for the document submission is **1st March 2013**

4. PROCEDURE

Applications must be sent electronically at sgadmin@sgroup.be and in paper to the Santander Group Secretariat, at the following address:

Santander Group
European Universities Network
Rue de Stassart 119
B – 1050 Brussels
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Only **one** application is allowed per member university.

Further information about the administrative procedure can be obtained at the SG Secretariat. Applicants should get information about Berkeley from normal academic sources and define the activities (courses, etc.) that each candidate proposes to undertake.

5. DOCUMENTS

The application packet should include the following documents *:

1. Nomination Letter from Home Institution
2. Application form found at www.sgroup.be under News and Events. Please note that the form must be typed.
3. Statement of Purpose / Academic Interest - a letter from the student describing his/her academic preparation and plan of study abroad.
4. Curriculum Vitae
5. Official Transcripts (in English or with translation)
6. Grading Key (comparison with grades to Berkeley System) - subject transcript of grades and grading scale used by the home University; in case a first degree has already been obtained, the same information as above on transcript of grades;
7. Letters of Recommendation
8. List of Courses applicant wishes to take at UC, Berkeley

* Please note that Documents 7 and 8 are optional.

Santander Group Secretariat
18th October, 2012