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Registration Agreement

This REGISTRATION AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is by and between TURNITIN, LLC, a California limited liability company ("Turnitin") and the Institution as identified in the applicable Order (or "Customer"). Turnitin's quotation to Institution is expressly conditioned on the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The Service (as defined below) is offered to Institution conditioned upon Institution's acceptance of the terms and conditions contained herein without modification. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall govern any Orders (as defined below) hereunder, unless modified and mutually agreed to in writing.

- 1. **OVERVIEW.** Turnitin has developed and operates a unique service which allows educational institutions to check student work for possible textual matches against Internet-available resources and its own proprietary database (the "Service"). Institution desires to protect and promote academic integrity in its curriculum and students and wishes to subscribe to the Service as a tool for detecting and preventing plagiarism.
- 2. SERVICES LICENSE GRANT. During the Term (as defined below) and subject to Institution's compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Turnitin hereby grants to Institution a non-transferable, non-exclusive license to use the Service. This license shall extend to instructors employed by the Institution ("Instructors), but only for their use in classes offered through Institution and provided that Instructors shall be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and shall be bound by its provisions as members of Institution. Institution shall be responsible for ensuring their Instructors comply with the terms of this Agreement. No other license is granted by implication, estoppel or otherwise.
- 3. **USE OF SERVICE**. With respect to use of the Service, Institution shall:
 - a. abide by the Acceptable Use Policy set forth in the Usage Policy for the Turnitin.com site, incorporated herein by this reference, as may be revised by Turnitin from time-to-time. Any such revisions to the Acceptable Use Policy will be posted on the Turnitin.com site. Continued use of the Service shall constitute Institution's and its Instructors' acceptance of future revisions to the policy;
 - b. use the Service only in connection with classes offered in its own curriculum, to its own students ("Students") for the purpose of submitting Student work for evaluation and shall not rent, lease or provide access to or benefits from the Service to any other institution or individual;
 - c. use reasonable efforts to retain the confidentiality of any Service passwords;

- d. not make statements to Students that Institution is using the Service in a given class when such class is not registered (Note: even within a particular class using the Service, for purposes of fairness and equal application, Turnitin strongly recommends requiring Student submission of all papers rather than submission by Instructors only of papers singled out by Instructor);
- e. consider Turnitin's strong recommendation that the course syllabus of each course making use of the Service carry a notice substantially to the effect of the following: "Students agree that by taking this course all required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to Turnitin.com for the detection of plagiarism. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of such papers. Use of the Turnitin.com service is subject to the Usage Policy posted on the Turnitin.com site." If use of the Service is instituted after distribution of the syllabus, then Institution shall consider Turnitin's strong recommendation that equivalent written notice is provided by the Instructor to the Students;
- f. consider Turnitin's strong recommendation that students enrolling at Institution receive clear notice similar to paragraph 3(e) above in their student handbook or comparable communication at the time of enrollment; and,
- g. Turnitin may, in its sole discretion, suspend Institutions or any of its Instructor's or Student's access to the Service to (i) prevent damages to, or degradation of, the Service; (ii) comply with any law, regulation, court order, or other governmental request; (iii) otherwise protect Turnitin from potential legal liability; or (iv) address a breach of the Acceptable Use Policy set forth in the Usage Policy for the Turnitin.com site. Turnitin shall use reasonable efforts to provide Institution with notice prior to or promptly following any suspension of the Service. Turnitin shall restore access to the Service as soon as the event giving rise to suspension has been resolved.
- 4. **ORIGINALITY REPORTS AND SOURCE DATABASE**. With respect to reports evaluating textual sources ("Originality Reports") and the database of source documents ("Source Database"), Institution agrees:
 - a. to maintain any Turnitin's notices (including legal notices relating to Turnitin's proprietary rights (e.g., copyright and trademark notices) and disclaimer on the Originality Reports;
 - to exercise its independent professional judgment in, and to assume sole and exclusive responsibility for, determining the actual existence of plagiarism in a submitted paper under the acknowledgement and understanding that the Originality Reports are only tools for detecting textual similarities between compared works and do not determine conclusively the existence of plagiarism;
 - c. any disclosure of an Originality Report to any third party is at the Institution's own risk; and,
 - d. all papers submitted by Institution and/or its Instructors and Students shall be retained in the Source Database solely for the purposes of using such papers as source material to detect potential plagiarism of such papers in the future, for access by the instructor as an archive of submitted work, and for peer review if the instructor enables such option, except as expressly authorized by Students and/or Instructors.

5. **TURNITIN OBLIGATIONS**. Turnitin agrees to:

- a. enable Instructors and/or account administrators to create Instructor accounts and enable Students to create Student accounts in the Service, subject to their agreement to be bound by and adherence to, as applicable, this Agreement, and the Usage Policy on the Turnitin.com Site;
- b. create an Originality Report for each submitted paper and to use reasonable efforts to make such Originality Report available online for a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days after the set archive date for a class, with subsequent access, as available, to be provided via request to www.turnitin.com/help;
- c. use reasonable efforts to protect the security of accounts, passwords and the Source Database;
- d. comply with the then current Privacy Policy posted on the Turnitin site, incorporated herein by this reference.
- 6. **OWNERSHIP**. As between the parties, subject to the licenses granted herein and the underlying ownership rights of Students in and to the submitted papers, Turnitin owns all rights in and to the Service and all materials created by the Service, including the format of Originality Reports, and all intellectual property rights related thereto. With the exception of the limited license granted in Section 2, nothing contained herein shall be construed as granting Institution, Instructors, or Students any right, title, or interest in Turnitin's intellectual property or proprietary information. All rights in such items are expressly reserved to Turnitin.
- 7. **ORDER; PRICING AND PAYMENT**. Institution may order the Service under the terms and conditions of this Agreement via the following methods: 1) an Institution-issued Purchase Order, 2) a properly completed and fully executed Turnitin Service Pricing Agreement ("SPA"), 3) a properly completed and fully executed Turnitin Registration Agreement that includes substantially the same information as an SPA, or 4) as evidenced by Institution's payment of the applicable Service fee(s) via check or credit card (collectively, the "Order"). All Orders are deemed to include the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and all pre-printed clauses on Institution's Purchase Order are deemed deleted. All Orders are valid upon acceptance by Turnitin; Turnitin's acceptance and performance are expressly conditioned on the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
 - Pricing shall be per the applicable Order, and shall also include the maximum Student usage of the Service permitted to Institution; Institution agrees not to exceed such usage without purchasing additional usage as per the Order. Unless prescribed otherwise within an accepted Order, all payments are due net thirty (30) days from the date of invoice. Payments are deemed late thereafter and shall accrue interest at the lesser of 1.5% per month or the maximum rate and net period allowable by California law.
- 8. **SUPPORT**. Turnitin shall provide reasonable email and phone support to Institution via Institution's sole appointed primary account administrator during Turnitin's normal support hours, with any additional support provided according to the terms of an Additional Support Agreement to be entered into by the parties.

9. TERM AND TERMINATION.

a. Term. The term ("Term") of this Agreement shall consist of an initial Term and any renewal Terms. The initial Term of this Agreement shall commence on the date set forth in the Order and extend for a period of one (1) year or for the period of time specified in the Order. Thereafter, the Agreement may be renewed on the mutual agreement of the parties

- for additional renewal Terms. Prior to expiration of a pending Term, Institution's Administrator will be presented with reminders when logging onto the Service regarding the need for renewal. The pricing for such renewal, and any new terms and conditions applicable to the renewal Term will be subject to the mutual agreement of the parties.
- b. Termination for Breach. In the event of a material breach of this Agreement, the non-breaching party may provide the other party written notice of such breach and such other party shall have a period of thirty (30) days in which to cure the breach, except in the case of a payment breach, in which case the cure period shall be five (5) business days. In the event the breaching party fails to cure the breach within the cure period, in addition to whatever other remedies may be available at law or equity, the non-breaching party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon providing the other party written notice of termination.
- c. Survival. Sections 3(d), 4, 5(c)-(d), 6, and 9-13 shall survive any expiration or termination of this Agreement, regardless of the reason for such termination, and shall continue in full force and effect thereafter.
- 10. **AVAILABILITY**. Turnitin shall use reasonable efforts to make the Service available for access over the Internet at least 98% of the time during each month of the Term, except for scheduled maintenance and repairs, failures related to Institution's systems and Internet access, and any interruption in the Service due to causes beyond the control of Turnitin or that are not reasonably foreseeable by Turnitin, including, without limitation: loss or theft of data; interruption or failure of telecommunication or digital transmission links; Internet slow-downs or failure; failures or default of third party software, vendors, or products; and communications, network/internet connection, or utility interruption or failure. In the event Turnitin fails to achieve the foregoing availability requirement, Turnitin shall use commercially reasonable efforts to correct such loss or interruption as quickly as practicable.

11. WARRANTY AND DISCLAIMER; LIMITATION OF LIABILITY AND LIABILITY CAP

- a. Warranty. Turnitin warrants that to the best of its knowledge, the Service (excluding any Institution, Instructor, Student, or other third party content) does not infringe the intellectual property rights of any third party. During the Term, Turnitin warrants that it shall use reasonable efforts to provide the Service and support as set forth herein and as described on Turnitin's site and published documentation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Institution acknowledges that the Service is limited in scope by a finite database of material with which to compare a submitted work, a search process that might not have indexed the material that was used to create the submitted work, and non-access to certain proprietary databases of written work. Institution also acknowledges that Originality Reports indicate the possibility of textual matches only and that the actual determination of plagiarism is a matter subject to the professional judgment of Institution acting alone.
- b. Warranty Disclaimer. EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 11(a) ABOVE, THE SERVICE (INCLUDING THE ORIGINALITY REPORTS) IS PROVIDED ON AN "AS IS" AND "AS AVAILABLE" BASIS. TURNITIN SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIMS ALL WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND, WHETHER EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, QUIET ENJOYMENT, QUALITY OF INFORMATION, NON-INFRINGEMENT AND TITLE. NO WARRANTY IS MADE THAT THE SERVICE WILL BE TIMELY, SECURE OR ERROR-FREE. IN JURISDICTIONS NOT ALLOWING THE LIMITATION OR EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN

- WARRANTIES, TURNITIN'S WARRANTY SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE GREATEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY CALIFORNIA LAW. THE SERVICE IS ACCESSED AND USED OVER THE INTERNET. INSTITUTION ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT TURNITIN DOES NOT OPERATE OR CONTROL THE INTERNET AND THAT: (I) VIRUSES, WORMS, TROJAN HORSES, OR OTHER UNDESIRABLE DATA OR SOFTWARE; OR (II) UNAUTHORIZED USERS (e.g., HACKERS) MAY ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ACCESS TO AND DAMAGE INSTITUTION'S DATA, COMPUTERS, OR NETWORKS. TURNITIN SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH ACTIVITIES.
- c. Limitation of Liability. REGARDLESS OF THE TYPE OF CLAIM OR THE NATURE OF THE CAUSE OF ACTION, TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY CALIFORNIA STATE LAW, INSTITUTION AGREES THAT IN NO EVENT WILL TURNITIN OR ITS AFFILIATES, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS OR LICENSORS, BE LIABLE FOR: (I) ANY DECISION MADE OR ACTION TAKEN OR NOT TAKEN IN RELIANCE UPON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED THROUGH THE SERVICE; (II) FOR ANY LIABILITY ARISING FROM INSTITUTION'S DISCLOSURE OF AN ORIGINALITY REPORT TO ANY THIRD PARTY, OR (III) FOR ANY INDIRECT, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, EXEMPLARY OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO LOSS OF REVENUES AND LOSS OF PROFITS, EVEN IF TURNITIN HAS BEEN ADVISED AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES.
- d. Liability Cap. TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY CALIFORNIA STATE LAW, TURNITIN AND ITS AFFILIATES, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS OR LICENSORS' TOTAL CUMULATIVE LIABILITY ARISING UNDER OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT AND THE SERVICE, WHETHER IN CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE, WILL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNTS PAID TO TURNITIN BY INSTITUTION UNDER THIS AGREEMENT DURING THE TWELVE (12) MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE EVENT GIVEN RISE TO LIABILITY. SOME JURISDICTIONS DO NOT ALLOW THE LIMITATION OR EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES; IN THOSE JURISDICTIONS TURNITIN'S LIABILITY UNDER THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE GREATEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW. THE LIMITATION OF LIABILITY AND LIABILITY CAP SHALL APPLY EVEN IF THE EXPRESS WARRANTIES SET FORTH ABOVE FAIL OF THEIR ESSENTIAL PURPOSE.
- e. Third-Party Products. In connection with the Service, Turnitin may make available to user, or Customer may separately license certain third party products (collectively, the "Third Party Products"). Except as otherwise provided in the third party licensor's license agreement, if any, accompanying the Third Party Products, Customer shall have a limited, non-transferable (except to a successor entity), non-exclusive license to use the Third Party Products solely in connection with the Services. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THE THIRD PARTY LICENSOR'S LICENSE AGREEMENT, IF ANY, ACCOMPANYING THE THIRD PARTY PRODUCTS, THE THIRD PARTY PRODUCTS ARE PROVIDED "AS-IS," WITHOUT WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND AND TURNITIN AND THE THIRD PARTY LICENSOR DISCLAIM ALL WARRANTIES WITH RESPECT TO THE THIRD PARTY PRODUCTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF NON-INFRINGEMENT, TITLE, MERCHANTABILITY, AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. IN NO EVENT WILL TURNITIN OR THE THIRD PARTY LICENSOR BE LIABLE TO CUSTOMER OR ANY THIRD PARTY FOR ANY DIRECT, INDIRECT, PUNITIVE, EXEMPLARY, INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF THE THIRD PARTY PRODUCTS, EVEN IF THEY HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES OR LOSSES.

- 12. **INDEMNIFICATION**. TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY CALIFORNIA STATE LAW, Institution shall defend and indemnify Turnitin and hold it and its affiliates, officers, directors, employees, agents, and licensors ("Indemnified Parties") harmless from any and all claims, losses, deficiencies, damages, liabilities, costs, and expenses (including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees and all related costs and expenses) incurred by the Indemnified Parties as a result of any claim, judgment, or adjudication related to or arising from: (a) Institution's breach of its obligations under this Agreement; or, (b) Institution's decision not to follow Turnitin's strong recommendations set forth in Section 3(e)-(f). To qualify for the foregoing indemnity obligation, the Indemnified Parties must: (i) give Institution prompt written notice of any claim; and (ii) allow Institution to control, and fully cooperate with Institution in, the defense and all related negotiations.
- 13. **GOVERNING LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the United States of America and the State of California excluding its conflict of laws rules. The parties hereby consent to the exclusive personal jurisdiction of and venue in the federal or state courts located in the jurisdiction in which the defendant in any such action resides.
- 14. **OTHER PROVISIONS**. If subscription to the Service is via an individual department, all provisions applying to an Institution herein shall be deemed to apply to the department. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes and replaces any and all prior or contemporaneous written or oral agreements. Except as provided herein, all amendments or modifications to this Agreement must be by actual hard copy execution by an authorized signatory of each party. A party's failure to insist upon or enforce strict performance of any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any provision or right. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the balance of the Agreement, which shall remain in full force and effect and the offending provision shall be modified to the minimum extent required to render the provision enforceable. Institution may not assign or transfer this Agreement. Turnitin may assign this Agreement in the event of acquisition, merger, corporate reorganization or similar change of control event. Turnitin may use and reference Institution's name as a subscriber to the Service in connection with truthful advertising or promotion of the Service. There are no third party beneficiaries of this Agreement.