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Dr. Mahmoud Hamada  
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Dear Dr. Hamada:

On behalf of the Haskayne School of Business at the University of Calgary, I am pleased to invite you to our Finance Area as a Visiting Professor for the period January 3 through January 17, 2007. It is understood that at the end of your appointment at the University of Calgary, you will return to your permanent position at the School of Finance & Economics, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia.

The purpose of your visit is for research collaboration with my colleague John van der Hoek and Dr. Robert Elliott on modeling electricity prices. You will not be teaching any courses. You will receive reimbursement for airfare and accommodation expenses via Dr. Elliott's research grants. As your host, Dr. Elliott will make all necessary arrangements regarding office and computer privileges.

In order to comply with Canada's Immigration regulations, please note that as a citizen of Australia, you do not need to obtain a Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) in order to enter Canada and that you may apply for a work permit upon arrival to Canada, at a Canadian Port of Entry.\* In this connection, it is our understanding that as a Visiting Professor, you are exempt from advance confirmation by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRDC) under Regulation R205(b), Confirmation Exemption Code C22. Please note that you must hold a permanent position at your home institution to be admissible as a Visiting Professor under this Confirmation Exemption Code.

To obtain a work permit, please submit this letter of invitation, as well as a statement from your home institution confirming that you hold a permanent position there to which you will return when your appointment at the University of Calgary terminates. You also require a valid passport as proof of your citizenship.\*\* It will be necessary for the passport to be valid for the entire length of your stay in Canada.

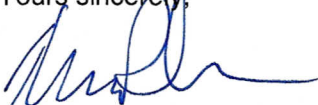
All documents and information required to apply for a work permit are available on the Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) website at <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/applications/work.html>. The cost of the work permit is \$150.00 Canadian.

If you are accompanied by school-age children, it is no longer necessary to obtain study permits for your children to attend primary or secondary (K-12) school.

As your stay in Canada will be temporary, you will not be covered by Alberta Health Care. In case you do not have "out-of-country" coverage under your medical insurance plan in your country of residence, you may purchase medical insurance as a visitor to Canada at your own cost (i.e. through Simpson Group Medical Services Inc., website: <http://www.simpson-group.com>).

If you have any questions regarding this letter of invitation as a visiting professor, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Thomas R. Rohleder, PhD  
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\* For a complete list of countries and territories whose citizens require visas in order to enter Canada as visitors, please refer to the CIC web site at: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.html>.

\*\* Citizens or permanent residents of the United States do not require a passport but must carry evidence of their citizenship or permanent resident status, such as a birth certificate, Alien Registration Card or "Green Card."

**Please note that contravention of a provision of Section 127 of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (i.e. failure to disclose (1) possession of a criminal record, (2) previous immigration problems, (3) previous illegal work in Canada, (4) a serious medical condition or history of an applicant or an accompanying dependent, or (5) failure to report changes of conditions of work since the issuance of a work permit) is guilty of an offense and liable for prosecution in the criminal courts of Canada.**