Collaborative Agreement

between

The University of Western Australia and Fundación Guatefuturo

The University of Western Australia (UWA) and Fundación Guatefuturo (Guatefuturo) both have an interest in strengthening bilateral co-operation in the field of education between Guatemala and Australia, and enhancing the links between UWA and its academic counterparts in Guatemala. An important means of fostering such co-operation and links is the provision of loan-scholarship opportunities to talented Guatemalan students wishing to pursue graduate degree programs at UWA. The purpose of this agreement is to provide shared financing for Guatemalan students at UWA, within the framework of a joint graduate loan-scholarship program.

The joint graduate loan-scholarship program will operate as follows:

1. Students in Guatemala interested in the program will seek admission to an eligible UWA course, following the normal application procedures, and meeting all the standard admission requirements established by UWA, including all English language requirements.

2. Students unconditionally accepted by UWA will submit a loan-scholarship application to Guatefuturo, following the normal application procedures, and meeting all the standard requirements established by Guatefuturo.

3. Students who are offered a place for full-time study at UWA, and who are selected for a loan-scholarship by Guatefuturo, will then be eligible for shared financing under this agreement subject to completing all relevant forms and student visa applications.

4. UWA will offer to eligible students a 25% reduction in the applicable tuition fees (only) payable for each year of enrolment.

5. Guatefuturo will provide the remainder of the tuition and fees, as well as a stipend for living expenses, according to its established norms, i.e. up to US$25,000 per year for a maximum of two years. Students will have to provide from other sources any further amount required to meet the full costs of their programme of study including relevant insurances.

6. Each institution will designate a named coordinator to implement and monitor the programme. In particular, named coordinators will be responsible for ensuring:

   a) That UWA provides Guatefuturo with all relevant promotional material and prospectuses in order to encourage interest in its programs in Guatemala.

   b) That UWA provides all Guatemalan students unconditionally accepted by UWA with information about the loan-scholarship
program and encourages them to contact and submit an application to Guatefuturo.
c) That Guatefuturo forwards details of the selected students to UWA.
d) That the necessary financial arrangements are made for confirmed students.
e) That both parties exchange all relevant student forms required to be completed and ensure that the student completes all relevant forms.
f) That both parties comply with all legal requirements (including UWA’s compliance as a registered provider under the Education for Overseas Students Act 2000).
g) That all relevant invoices, receipts and financial reports are exchanged between the parties in a timely fashion.

The named coordinators are:

For UWA
Elizabeth Campbell
Manager (International Sponsorships)

For Guatefuturo
Juan José Ramírez Ochoa
Academic Advisor

7. Both institutions will publicise the agreement to prospective Guatemalan graduate students.

This agreement shall remain in force from the date of signature by the undersigned representatives of each party and may be reviewed or renegotiated at the request of either party. Either party may terminate the agreement on thirty days written notice to the other party.

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