Collaborative Agreement

between

The University of Southern California and Fundación Guatefuturo

The University of Southern California and Fundación Guatefuturo both have an interest in strengthening bilateral co-operation in the field of education between Guatemala and United States of America, and enhancing the links between the University of Southern California 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 the University of Southern California. The purpose of this agreement is to provide shared financing for Guatemalan students at the University of Southern California, 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 their admission, following the normal application procedures, and meeting all the standard admission requirements established by University of Southern California, including all English language requirements.

2. Students unconditionally accepted by the University of Southern California 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 the University of Southern California, and who are selected for a loan-scholarship by Guatefuturo, will then be eligible for shared financing under this agreement.

4. The University of Southern California will provide tuition scholarships to selected students. For students who have already received a scholarship offer from the University of Southern California, those funds will be counted toward this agreement for shared financing.

   a. 50% tuition for 2-year Master of Science in Engineering Students in the Viterbi School of Engineering, for one (1) eligible student. Application fee waivers available for students with a Grade Point Average equivalent to 3.0 on the US 4.0 scale. The application fee waiver is open to all eligible applicants who request the waiver prior to submitting their application for admission to USC Viterbi.

   b. USC Annenberg will fund 50% tuition for one (1) graduate student in the School of Communication (Master of Communication Management or M.S. in Digital Social Media) and one (1) graduate student in any Master’s degree in Journalism (MS in Journalism, MA in Specialized Journalism, MA in Specialized Journalism the Arts) or M.A. in Strategic Public Relations.

   c. 40% tuition for Master of Building Science, Master of Landscape Architecture, or Master of Heritage Conservation, and 35% for Master of Advanced Architectural Studies and Master of Architecture programs in the USC School of Architecture, for a minimum of one (1) eligible student.

   d. $10,000 per year for up to 2 years for the Master of Public Administration, Master of Public Policy, Master of Planning, Master of Health Administration or Master of Nonprofit Leadership and Management in the Price School of Public Policy, for up to five (5) eligible students.
e. $5,000 for students in the 1-year Master of Science in Applied Psychology, for one (1) eligible student.

f. For LL.M scholarship recipients supported under this agreement, USC Gould School of Law will provide up to five candidates a 50% tuition scholarship for up to one (1) year.

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 program of study.

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 the University of Southern California provides Guatefuturo with all relevant promotional material and prospectuses in order to encourage interest in its programs in Guatemala.

b. That the University of Southern California provides all Guatemalan students unconditionally accepted by the University of Southern California 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 the University of Southern California.

d. That the necessary financial arrangements are made for confirmed students.

8. The designated coordinators are:

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9. Both institutions will promote the agreement to prospective Guatemalan graduate students.

10. This agreement shall not create any rights, including without limitation third party beneficiary rights, in any person or entity not a party to this agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and fully supersedes any prior agreements or understandings with respect thereto. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California without giving effect to principals of conflicts or law. Each of the parties hereto agrees that any and all disputes or claims which may arise under or in connection with this Agreement or any matter related hereto, shall be resolved by submitting such dispute to an impartial, neutral arbitrator who shall be authorized to facilitate the resolution of such dispute. The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association. The ruling of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties hereto. The arbitration shall be conducted in Los Angeles, California.
This agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years 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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