

## **Collaborative Agreement**

**between**

### **University of Essex and Fundación Guatefuturo**

University of Essex and Fundación Guatefuturo both have an interest in strengthening bilateral co-operation in the field of education between Guatemala and United Kingdom and enhancing the links between University of Essex 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 University of Essex. The purpose of this agreement is to provide shared financing for Guatemalan students at University of Essex, 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 Essex, including all English language requirements.
2. Students unconditionally accepted by University of Essex 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 in eligible University of Essex's postgraduate taught or postgraduate research programs, and who are selected for a loan-scholarship by Guatefuturo, will then be eligible for shared financing under this agreement.
4. University of Essex will provide a scholarship of 20% off the tuition to eligible students admitted both to University of Essex and Guatefuturo provided that the students complete their programme in the standard period. The scholarship of 20% off tuition is not applicable to Guatefuturo loan-scholarship recipients enrolled in any of the postgraduate programmes of the East 15 Acting School.
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.



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 University of Essex provides Guatefuturo with all relevant promotional material and prospectuses in order to encourage interest in its programs in Guatemala.
- b) That University of Essex provides all Guatemalan students unconditionally accepted in University of Essex 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 University of Essex.
- d) That the necessary financial arrangements are made for confirmed students.

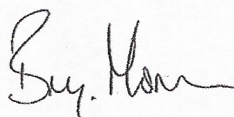
The named coordinators are:

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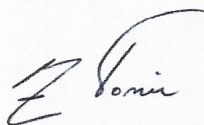
7. Both institutions will publicise the agreement to prospective Guatemalan graduate students.

This agreement shall remain in force from the date of signature by the undersigned representatives of each party and will be in effect for three years. This agreement 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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Registrar and Secretary  
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