



Collaborative Agreement

between

**Queen's University Belfast
and
Fundación Guatefuturo**

Queen's University Belfast and Fundación Guatefuturo both have an interest in strengthening bilateral cooperation in the field of education between Guatemala and United States of America and enhancing the links between Queen's University Belfast and its academic counterparts in Guatemala. An important means of fostering such cooperation and links is the provision of loan-scholarship opportunities to talented Guatemalan students wishing to pursue graduate degree programs at Queen's University Belfast. The purpose of this agreement is to provide shared financing for Guatemalan students at Queen's University Belfast, 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 Queen's University Belfast, including all English language requirements.
2. Students unconditionally accepted by Queen's University Belfast 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 Queen's University Belfast, and who are selected for a loan-scholarship by Guatefuturo, will then be eligible for shared financing under this agreement.
4. Queen's University Belfast will provide a scholarship of 20% off the tuition to eligible students.
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 program. In particular, named coordinators will be responsible for ensuring:
- a) That Queen's University Belfast provides Guatefuturo with all relevant promotional material and prospectuses to encourage interest in its programs in Guatemala.
 - b) That Queen's University Belfast provides all Guatemalan students unconditionally accepted in Queen's University Belfast 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 Queen's University Belfast.
 - d) That the necessary financial arrangements are made for confirmed students.

The named coordinators are:

For Queen's University Belfast
Ally Larkin
Global Sponsors Manager
International Office

For Guatefuturo
Marta Barrera de Donis
Loan-Scholarship
and Administrative Coordinator

7. Both institutions will publicize 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.



Mr Gordon Brown
Head of Global Student Recruitment
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Juan José Ramírez Ochoa
Executive Director
Guatefuturo

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