



**Collaborative Agreement  
between  
The University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Education  
and  
Fundación Guatefuturo**

The University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Education and Fundación Guatefuturo both share a commitment to enhancing bilateral cooperation in the field of education between Guatemala and the United States of America, and to strengthening the ties between The University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education (Penn GSE) and its academic counterparts in Guatemala. A key strategy for fostering such cooperation and connections is the provision of loan-scholarship opportunities to talented Guatemalan students wishing to pursue graduate degree programs at Penn GSE. The purpose of this agreement is to offer shared financing for Guatemalan students at Penn GSE, 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 following the standard application procedures and meeting all the admission requirements established by Penn GSE, including all English language requirements.
2. Students unconditionally accepted by Penn GSE will submit a loan-scholarship application to Guatefuturo, following the standard application procedures and meeting all the requirements set by Guatefuturo.
3. Students offered admission to a master's degree program at Penn GSE and selected as beneficiaries of the Loan-Scholarship Program of Guatefuturo will be eligible or considered for the shared financing under this agreement. Students must unroll in the Penn GSE program on a full-time basis. The following GSE programs are excluded from this agreement:
  1. Online-only master's degrees
  2. Certification-Only programs
  3. Part-time only programs
  4. Students enrolled in Independent School Teaching Residency Program, Medical Education Program, School Leadership, and Urban Teaching Residency Programs.
  5. All Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) and Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) programs

4. Penn GSE will provide a minimum scholarship of \$20,000 to all master's degree students who have been selected as beneficiaries of the Loan-Scholarship Program of Guatefuturo. This scholarship may be combined with other scholarships offered by GSE up to the cost of tuition and fees.
5. Penn GSE scholarships are disbursed entirely in the first year of the program for students enrolled in programs comprised of 10 or 12 Course Units. Students enrolled in programs comprised of 20 Course Units will have their scholarship(s) disbursed evenly over each fall and spring term.
6. Guatefuturo will cover 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 need to secure any additional funds required to cover the full costs of their study program from other sources.
7. Each institution will designate a named coordinator to implement and monitor the program. In particular, named coordinators will be responsible for ensuring:
  - a) That Penn GSE provides Guatefuturo with all relevant promotional material and prospectuses to encourage interest in its programs in Guatemala.
  - b) GSE will post information about the Guatefuturo partnership on its website.
  - c) That Guatefuturo forwards the details of the selected students to The University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Education.
  - d) That the necessary financial arrangements are made for confirmed students.

The named coordinators are:

For Penn GSE:  
Jason Cronk  
Director, Recruitment & Financial Aid

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

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

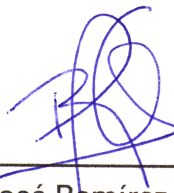
This agreement shall remain in force from the date of signature by the undersigned representatives of each party and may be reviewed or renegotiated at the request of either party. Either party may terminate the agreement on thirty days written notice to the other party.



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Jason Presley, Ph.D.  
Vice Dean  
The University of Pennsylvania  
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Date: 6/4/2024



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Juan José Ramírez Ochoa  
Executive Director  
Guatefuturo

Date: June, 3rd of 2024.