



## **Collaborative Agreement**

## between

## The University of Bath and Fundación Guatefuturo

The University of Bath, Claverton Down, Bath, BA2 7AY, United Kingdom and Fundación Guatefuturo, Zona Pradera. Torre II, Boulevard Los Próceres 18 calle 24-69 zona 10, Cdad. de Guatemala 01010, Guatemala, both have an interest in strengthening bilateral co-operation in the field of education between Guatemala and the United Kingdom, and enhancing the links between the University of Bath 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 Bath. The purpose of this agreement is to provide shared financing for Guatemalan students at the University of Bath, 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 normal application procedures, and meeting all the standard admission requirements established by the University of Bath, including all English language requirements.
- 2. Students unconditionally accepted by the University of Bath 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 Bath, and who are selected for a loan-scholarship by Guatefuturo, will then be eligible for shared financing under this agreement.
- 4. The University of Bath will provide a partial tuition fee waiver to eligible students as follows:
  - a. One-year postgraduate taught master's, 20%
  - b. Postgraduate research, 25%
- 5. The University of Bath will offer this tuition fee waiver for the prescribed fulltime duration of the sponsored student's program.

- 6. The fee waiver cannot be applied with any other tuition fee discount or University of Bath scholarship.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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 Bath provides Guatefuturo with relevant promotional material and prospectuses in order to encourage interest in its programs in Guatemala.
  - b) That the University of Bath provides all Guatemalan students unconditionally accepted by the University of Bath 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 Bath by 31<sup>st</sup> August each year.
  - d) That the necessary financial arrangements are made for confirmed students.
  - e) Gutefuturo will provide each student with an official Financial Guarantee Letter, which the student should supply to the University of Bath prior to or at registration.
- 9. The named coordinators are:

For the University of Bath Ruth Roberts Ministry and Sponsor Liaison Manager internationalsponsorship@bath.ac.uk For Fundación Guatefuturo Mrs. Marta Barrera de Donis Loan-scholarship and Administrative Coordinator to: marta.barrera@guatefuturo.org Cc. juan.ramirez@guatefuturo.org

- 10. Both institutions will publicise the agreement to prospective Guatemalan graduate students.
- 11. The Parties shall comply with all applicable laws, statutes, regulations, and sanctions relating to anti-bribery and anti-corruption, data protection and non-discrimination.
- 12. Neither Party shall attempt to limit or exclude any liability that may not be excluded by law. Subject to the provisions of this clause, the liability of the University of Bath shall be limited to £1000 in respect of this Agreement.

- 13. This agreement shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years from the date of signature by the undersigned representatives of each party, covering new sponsored students registering for relevant University programmes in the academic years 2025/26, 2026/27, 2027/28, 2028/29 and 2029/30. This Agreement will be reviewed during its 5th year of implementation, and the Parties will jointly determine if it shall be renewed. At any other time, the agreement may be reviewed or renegotiated at the request of either party.
- 14. Either party may terminate the agreement on thirty days written notice to the other party. In the case of termination or upon the expiry of this Agreement, students already registered under the arrangements detailed in this Agreement will continue to receive the agreed fee waiver from the University and funding from the Sponsor for the remainder of the normal prescribed duration of the programme of study for which they were registered under this Agreement.
- 15. This Agreement is governed by English law and is subject to the jurisdiction of the English courts.

Professor Julian Chaudhuri Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education & Global) University of Bath

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Juan José Ramírez Ochoa Executive Director Guatefuturo

Date: 29 January 2025

Date: 22 January 2025