

Collaborative Agreement

between

Bahçeşehir University and Fundación Guatefuturo

Bahçeşehir University and Fundación Guatefuturo both have an interest in strengthening bilateral co-operation in the field of education between Guatemala and Turkey and enhancing the links between Bahçeşehir University 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 Bahçeşehir University. The purpose of this agreement is to provide shared financing for Guatemalan students at Bahçeşehir University, 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 Bahçeşehir University, including all English language requirements.
2. Students unconditionally accepted by Bahçeşehir University 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 Bahçeşehir University, and who are selected for a loan-scholarship by Guatefuturo, will then be eligible for shared financing under this agreement.
4. Bahçeşehir University shall apply a fixed tuition fee of 9,000 USD (for the whole program) for both thesis and non-thesis master's programs (except Executive MBA and Clinical Psychology programs), regardless of the applicant's GPA or the type of program. This fixed fee will replace the standard tuition fees of 14,000 USD for thesis master's programs and 12,000 USD for non-thesis master's programs. All PhD programs offered by Bahçeşehir University shall be subject to a 100% tuition waiver for eligible candidates.
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 Bahçeşehir University provides Guatefuturo with all relevant promotional material and prospectuses in order to encourage interest in its programs in Guatemala.
- b) That Bahçeşehir University provides all Guatemalan students unconditionally accepted in Bahçeşehir University 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 Bahçeşehir University.
- 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 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.

Sabri Versan
Director of International Office
Bahçeşehir University

Juan José Ramírez Ochoa
Executive Director
Guatefuturo

Date: April 11th, 2025



Date: April 22nd, 2025

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