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GENERAL ACADEMIC COLLABORATION AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BY AND BETWEEN **UNIVERSIDAD DE GUADALAJARA**, **MEXICO**, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "UDEG", REPRESENTED BY ITS RECTOR GENERAL, MTRA. KARLA ALEJANDRINA PLANTER PÉREZ, ASSISTED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL, MTRO. CÉSAR ANTONIO BARBA DELGADILLO, AND **UNIVERSITY OF MUENSTER**, **GERMANY**, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "UM", REPRESENTED BY ITS RECTOR, PROF. DR. JOHANNES WESSELS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS AND CLAUSES:

STATEMENTS

"UM" declares**:**

I. That it is constituted for the first time by the Royal University of Münster (1843): Supreme Cabinet Order of 16 April 1843 on the establishment of a University in Münster, furthermore by the Cabinet Order of 1 July 1902 and most recently by the Act on Higher Education Institutions in North Rhine-Westphalia (Higher Education Act) of 16 September 2014 (Article 1 of the Higher Education Future Act of 16 September 2014 (GV. NRW. p. 547)).

II. That its representative is empowered to enter into this type of Agreement, as established in Section 16 of the Act on Higher Education Institutions in North Rhine-Westphalia (Higher Education Act) of 16 September 2014, as amended on 9 December 2025.

III. Among its purposes of UM are the following: Promotion of research and teaching.

IV. That it indicates, as its legal domicile, the property located at Schlossplatz 2, 48149 Muenster, Germany.

"UDEG" declares**:**

I. That it is a public body, decentralized from the Government of the State of Jalisco, with autonomy, legal personality and property ownership rights, in accordance with the provisions of Article 1° of its Organic Law, published by the Local Executive on January 15th, 1994, in execution of the decree number 15,319 of the Honorable Congress of the State of Jalisco.

II. As stated in sections II and III of Article 5° of the Organic Law of the university, its purposes are to organize, carry out, promote and disseminate scientific, technological, and humanistic research; as well as to recover, preserve, increase and disseminate culture.

III. That it is an attribution of Universidad de Guadalajara, in accordance with Article 6°, Section III of its Organic Law, to carry out teaching, research and cultural dissemination programs, pursuant to the principles and guidelines established in Article 3° of the Political Constitution of the United Mexican States.

IV. That the Rector General is the highest executive authority of Universidad de Guadalajara and its legal representative, in accordance with Article 32° of the Organic Law of the university.

V. That the Secretary General is responsible for certifying acts and deeds under the terms of Article 40° of the Organic Law of the university.

VI. That it indicates as legal domicile the property located at Avenida Juárez 976, Colonia Centro, Postal Code 44100, in Guadalajara, Jalisco, México.

CLAUSES

FIRST. The objective of this Agreement is to establish the bases and criteria on which "UDEG" and "UM" may undertake joint academic, scientific, and cultural collaborative actions, for the fulfillment of the educational functions they perform.

SECOND. Both Parties agree that, prior to the execution of the specific agreement(s), they may propose cooperative actions in the following areas:

a) Exchange of students;

b) Exchange of academic personnel;

c) Development of research projects;

d) Collaborative programs in virtual modality such as: Virtual Mobility; Mirror Classes; and Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL), among others;

e) Design and organize courses, conferences, symposiums, degree courses, training and continuing education programs, among others, that are of interest and that bring academic, scientific and cultural benefits to both Parties;

f) Exchange of publications and other materials of common interest;

g) Other activities agreed upon by the Parties for the execution of this Agreement.

THIRD. The Parties agree to financially support the work programs, projects and activities that originate out from this Agreement, to the extent of their budgetary availability.

FOURTH. The Parties agree that the work programs derived from this Agreement shall be elevated to the category of specific collaboration agreements, once signed by their institutional representatives, and shall be considered annexes to this instrument.

FIFTH. The specific agreements will describe, with all precision and as appropriate, the activities to be developed, the responsibility of each of the Parties, the budget for each activity, the definition of the sources of financing, the personnel involved, the facilities and equipment to be used, the work schedule, as well as everything necessary to determine with precision the purposes and scope of each of said agreements, which will be the operative instruments of this Agreement.

SIXTH. The Parties agree to regulate, in the corresponding specific agreement, the ownership of the copyrights of the materials developed as a result of the jointly undertaken activities, as well as the industrial property rights, certificates of invention, and registration of models, which may derive from the research work.

SEVENTH. The Parties shall designate their personnel responsible for the administration and follow-up of the activities arising from this Agreement, who also shall propose the signing of specific agreements.

EIGHTH. Both Parties will jointly or separately seek, before other institutions, governmental agencies, and national and international organizations, to obtain the necessary resources for the development of the programs and the activities relating to the specific agreements, if such resources cannot be provided either completely or partially by the Parties.

NINTH. In the development of the work programs, both Parties agree to respect the current and applicable regulations of each of them.

TENTH. If, as a result of an act of force majeure, including without limitation, an act of God, war, riot, labor dispute, strike or threat thereof, intervention of a government agency or instrumentality or other occurrence beyond the control of either Party, either Party is substantially hindered in performing its obligations hereunder then, that Party shall have the right, upon notifying the other of the occurrence of the act of force majeure, to suspend performance of its obligations pursuant to this Agreement until the event of force majeure has passed.

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Once these events have been overcome, the activities may be resumed in the manner and terms determined by the Parties.

ELEVENTH. The personnel designated by each of the Parties for the joint performance of any action or activities arisen from this Agreement shall continue to be under the absolute direction and dependence of the Party with which they have established their labor relationship or have been hired; therefore, there shall be no relationship whatsoever with the other Party and in no case shall they be considered substitute employers, and therefore, each of them assumes the responsibilities that correspond to them due to such relationship.

TWELFTH. The Parties agree to consider as confidential all information related to the activities of "UDEG" to which "UM" has access insofar as the information is written or in other tangible form or electronically transmitted – is marked as "confidential" or marked with a similar note or are to be regarded as obviously confidential from the perspective of an objective third party, and vice versa, as a result of this Agreement, and which is not public.

The information is not to be considered as confidential if it:

a) was rightfully known to the receiving Party prior to its disclosure without an obligation to maintain confidentiality;

b) is generally known to the public at the time of its disclosure or becomes generally known through no wrongful act on the part of the receiving Party, provided that the confidential information is not deemed to be generally known, merely because parts of it are or will be generally known;

c) becomes known to the receiving Party through rightful disclosure by a third party without an obligation to confidentiality;

d) is independently developed by the receiving Party without reference to or reliance upon the confidential information or in accordance with the exceptions of lit. a) – c) or e); or

e) has been cleared for publication by the disclosing Party in writing.

Disclosure by the receiving Party of confidential information, that has been disclosed to it by the disclosing Party, in response to a valid order by a court or governmental body or as otherwise required by law shall not be considered to be a breach of this Agreement or a waiver of confidentiality for other purposes, provided that - however only insofar as legally admissible - the receiving Party provides prior written notice of such disclosure to the disclosing Party for the purpose of taking reasonable and lawful actions to avoid and/or minimize the extent of such disclosure.

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THIRTEENTH. This General Academic Collaboration Agreement shall enter into force when it is signed by both Parties and shall be in force for a period of five (5) years. In the event of separate signatures, the date of the second signature shall be taken as the initial date. This Agreement may be renewed, modified or terminated if either Party so requests the other Party at least six (6) months in advance and in writing. If there are ongoing collaborative actions, they shall not be affected by the termination of this Agreement.

FOURTEENTH. This Agreement may be renewed or modified by the will of the Parties during its term, in accordance with the applicable regulations and through the corresponding legal instruments, with the Parties being obligated to the new stipulations as of the date of signature.

FIFTEENTH. The Parties declare that the signing of this Agreement and the commitments undertaken herein are the result of their good faith, and therefore they will take all necessary actions for its due compliance; in the event of any discrepancy in its interpretation, such discrepancy will be resolved by mutual accord.

If any provision of this Agreement is or becomes wholly or partially invalid, void or unenforceable, this shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Agreement.

Having read the present instrument, the Parties being aware of the content and scope of each of its clauses and indicating the absence of malice, dishonesty or any other reason that vitiates their consent, they sign this Agreement. Two (2) copies of this Agreement shall be signed and each Party keeps one of the records, both versions with equal content and legal validity.

Place: Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico
Date: 06 AGO 2026

Place: Muenster, Germany
Date: 29/6/26

UNIVERSIDAD DE GUADALAJARA

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DR. PREEYA VETTIKUZHA
ACTING HEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

This signature page corresponds to the GENERAL ACADEMIC COLLABORATION AGREEMENT between University of Muenster, Germany, and Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico, and forms part of the full document consisting of six (6) pages, including this final page. ----------