

**COOPERATION AGREEMENT
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
JOINT GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
BETWEEN
THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES**

The University of New Mexico of the United States of America (**UNM**) and The National Council of Science and Technology of the United Mexican States (**CONACYT**) hereinafter referred to as "the parties";

DESIRING to promote, develop and strengthen the relationship between both countries;

RECOGNIZING that granting fellowships to Mexican citizens to fulfill postgraduate studies in The United States will contribute to the improvement of the relationship between both Nations;

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION the provisions of the Basic Agreement of Scientific and Technological Cooperation between the Government of the United Mexican States and the Government of the United States of America, signed in Washington D.C., on June 15th, 1972 and its annex on September 22, 1994.

The parties agree as follows:

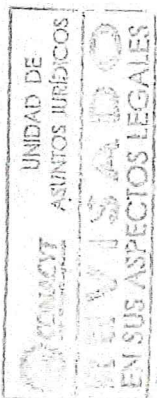
**ARTICLE 1
Objective**

This Cooperation Agreement has the objective of establishing a joint program called **CONACYT - UNM**, to grant postgraduate Master and PhD fellowships Studies.

This Agreement aims to support all Mexican students accepted and enrolled in any Master or PhD program at **UNM**.

**ARTICLE 2
Granting of Fellowships**

1. Mexican students at **UNM**:
 - a) In accordance with **UNM's** standard criteria and policies governing Amigo International Scholarships and/or departmental assistantships, **UNM** will offer in-state tuition for up to **10 (ten)** Mexican students under this joint fellowship program enrolled at **UNM** in a master degree for up to **2 (two)**



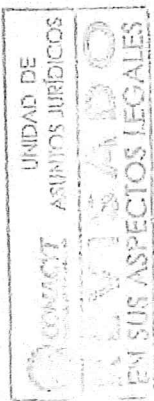
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years and for up to **10 (ten)** PhD students for up to **4 (four)** years, under this Agreement.

- b) According to its established guidelines, **CONACYT** will pay the in-state tuition for those years in the Masters and PhD programs (as established in the Article 2.1a) and will also provide a stipend and a support for health insurance for up to **2 (two)** years for all master students and **4 (four)** years to all PhD students, under this Agreement.
 - c) All Mexican students accepted on any graduate programs at **UNM** will receive all the benefits offered by the University to its students.
 - d) **UNM** will provide Mexican students with documentation indicating admission to the University, but it will be the student's responsibility to obtain the necessary visas. **UNM** will also provide information on how the student's visas are generally obtained.
 - e) **UNM** will propose an academic contact person that may offer assistance and support to the students financed by **CONACYT** under this Agreement.
2. **UNM** agrees to send invoices to **CONACYT** showing in detail the in-state tuition as specified in Article 2.1.a of this Agreement in accordance with **UNM's** standard Third-Party Payment Process.
 3. **UNM** recognizes that it is the student responsibility to cover the fees identified as "Student fees" (where applicable) and that **CONACYT** will have **NO** obligations or commitment of payment of this type of fee or any other fee charged to the student, for the duration of this Agreement.
 4. In order for **CONACYT** students to continue receiving the support established in this Agreement, the students must be enrolled full-time at **UNM** and maintain a good academic and disciplinary standing.
 5. **UNM** recognizes that those students supported by the present Agreement who have obtained a Master's degree from an accredited Mexican University through a program registered in the "Programa Nacional de Posgrados de Calidad (PNPC)" certified by **CONACYT**, will be able to fully attend any PhD program from **UNM** to which they are admitted in accordance with **UNM's** standard criteria and procedures with the purpose of receiving the rank of Doctor of Philosophy.

ARTICLE 3
Short Fellowship visits

1. Fellowship visits to **UNM**:
 - a) According to their established guidelines, **CONACYT** may propose visits of Mexican Master Students for up to **6 (six)** months and Mexican PhD



students for up to **12 (twelve)** months to **UNM** with the purpose of gaining experience in specific research projects.

- b) **CONACYT** will pay to all visiting Mexican Master and PhD students the stipend and a support for health insurance for the duration of the Fellowship visit to **UNM**.

2. Fellowship visits to **México**:

- a) According to their established guidelines **UNM** may propose visits of Master students for up to **6 (six)** months or PhD students for up to **12 (twelve)** months to any accredited Mexican University registered in the "Programa Nacional de Posgrados de Calidad (PNPC)" certified by **CONACYT**, with the purpose of gaining working experience in specific research projects.
- b) **CONACYT** will pay to all visiting **UNM** Master and PhD students, accepted in any Mexican University, the stipend and a support on medical service provided by ISSSTE for the duration of their fellowship visit to México.

With regard to the short fellowship visitors, the Agreement will apply from the date of its signing and applications will be open throughout the year.

ARTICLE 4
Financing

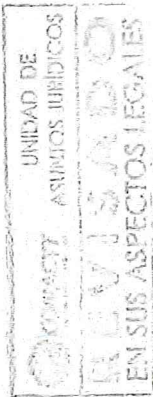
The parties agree to finance the fellowship program in accordance with the provisions of the previous Article with the possibility of finding alternate ways of financing, based on the requirements of each particular case.

The execution of this Agreement is subject to budget availability from all parties, as well as to any legal provisions in force, and therefore it does not constitute in any way a commitment of resources in subsequent fiscal years, any additional expenses or future economic obligations.

ARTICLE 5
Coordination Areas

Each party will designate an Activities Coordinator who will be in charge of the follow-up and evaluation of the fellowship program, and keeping the parties informed at all times.

The Activities Coordinators designated by the parties are:



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ARTICLE 6
Handling of Information

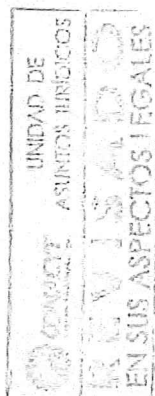
All Students will be subject to the Rules and Regulations of the graduate program in which they study, including but not limited to, the University's policies on intellectual property, patents and handling of information.

ARTICLE 7
Dispute Resolution

If there is a difference in the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement, both parties agree that they will endeavour to resolve it by informal discussions between the respective Activities Coordinators identified in this Agreement. If the parties cannot resolve the dispute, they agree to submit to an alternative resolution, subject to the rules that the parties themselves decide to adopt.

ARTICLE 8
Early Termination

If either party decides to terminate this Agreement, it must be done by written communication addressed to the other party **6 (six)** months in advance.



The conclusion of this Agreement shall not affect the cooperation activities and currently enrolled student degree programs that have been formalized during its term, unless the parties expressly agree otherwise.

Final Provisions

This Agreement will enter into force on the date of its signing and will end on **December 31st, 2021**. It may be extended by mutual consent and written agreement of both parties prior to its expiration, and after an evaluation of the results of the Agreement.

This Agreement may be modified by mutual consent of the parties, formalized through written communications specifying the date on the entry into force of such modifications.

SIGNED ON JULY 15TH, 2016 IN 4 (FOUR) ORIGINAL COPIES, 2 (TWO) IN SPANISH LANGUAGE AND 2 (TWO) IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE, BOTH TEXTS BEING EQUALLY AUTHENTIC.

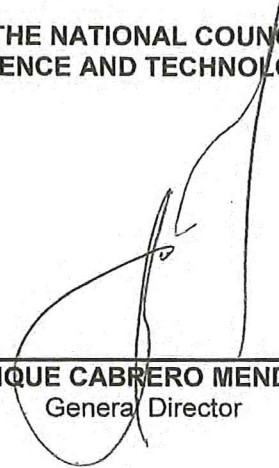
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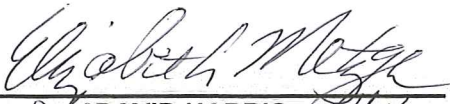
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