



**AGREEMENT OF CULTURAL AND ACADEMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN  
THE ESCUELA POLITÉCNICA DEL EJÉRCITO ESPE, ECUADOR,  
AND THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, USA**

**INTERVENING**

On the one hand, the Escuela Politécnica del Ejército, hereinafter “ESPE”, represented by its Rector, Coronel E.M.C. José Mauricio Chávez Charro, and the Regents of the University of New Mexico, on behalf of its Latin American and Iberian Institute (hereinafter “UNM”), represented by its President, Dr. Robert G. Frank, and by its Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Chaouki T. Abdallah, in accordance with the following statements and clauses:

**DECLARATIONS**

1. **THAT** according to the Organic Law of Higher Education LOES of Ecuador published in Official Register No. 298, of Tuesday October 12, 2010, the ESPE is a public institution with full legal ability to enter into contractual agreements; its mission is to train professionals and researchers of excellence, to generate, apply and disseminate knowledge and to implement alternative solutions to community problems, in order to promote the integral development of Ecuador.
2. **THAT** in accordance with the statement above, the ESPE is involved in higher education, training of professionals, scientific research, and the study of social problems at a national level.
3. **THAT** the ESPE is governed by constitutional regulations and, in order to fulfill its goals, promotes social service above any personal interest.
4. **THAT** the ESPE wishes to enter into an Agreement of Academic and Cultural Cooperation with the University of New Mexico through its Latin American and Iberian Institute under the terms and conditions established in the clauses of the present agreement.
5. **THAT** in order to carry out and execute the present agreement, Sr. Crnl. E.M.C. José Mauricio Chávez Charro, Rector of the ESPE, may designate as his representatives the person or persons considered appropriate to carry out the task.
6. **THAT** the ESPE designates the following address for the effects of the present agreement:



Escuela Politécnica del Ejército  
 Avenida Gral. Runiñahui, s/n, ESPE  
 Sangolquí, Ecuador

**THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO THROUGH ITS  
 LATIN AMERICAN AND IBERIAN INSTITUTE DECLARE:**

1. **THAT** it is an institution of higher education established by decree by the Territorial Legislature in 1889 with full legal standing. UNM's main responsibility is to serve the citizens of the State of New Mexico by providing educational opportunities at post-secondary and graduate level, to foster and conduct scientific and humanistic research; to give adequate knowledge and understanding to the highest possible number of citizens to become responsible members of a democratic society and to provide other services that increase the general culture and well being of the people.
2. **THAT** according to UNM's policy and procedures, the Provost is authorized to enter into agreements of cooperation with other institutions of higher education.
3. **THAT** UNM's organic structure includes the Latin American and Iberian Institute, which has the following functions: to foster, develop and supervise fulfillment of convenios and agreements between academic and administrative units at UNM with Latin American and Iberian counterparts; and to jointly integrate appropriate work programs and to supervise their development.
4. **THAT** UNM designates the following address for the effects of the present agreement:

Latin American and Iberian Institute  
 801 Yale NE, MSC02 1690  
 1 University of New Mexico  
 Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87131-0001  
 USA

**WHEREAS** UNM and the ESPE are linked by common academic and cultural interests and; whereas these two institutions wish to encourage cooperation and exchange in all academic areas of mutual interest and; whereas both institutions wish to expand the bases for friendship and educational cooperation through exchanges between the country of Ecuador and the United States of America; therefore the ESPE and UNM set forth the following clauses:





**CLAUSE 1.** The purposes of this general agreement may include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Development of joint research projects.
2. Organization of joint academic and scientific activities such as courses, conferences, seminars, symposia and lectures.
3. Exchange of teaching and research personnel.
4. Exchange of students.
5. Exchange of publications and other materials of common interest.
6. Exchange of and cooperation in cultural projects.

Cooperative projects under this general agreement may include any of the academic disciplines represented at either of the two institutions.

Both institutions agree to make available to individuals visiting from the other institution under the terms of this agreement the same academic resources and support services (libraries, laboratories, gymnasium) as those enjoyed by their counterparts at the home institution.

**CLAUSE 2.** To fulfill the objectives of this agreement, the ESPE and UNM will designate an appropriate person at each institution to coordinate the development and supervision of joint activities. Either institution may, through these coordinators, present proposals for activities covered by the present agreement.

If the parties agree to pursue a cooperative activity in any of the areas of mutual interest enumerated in Clause 1, a detailed agreement outlining the program to be undertaken shall be attached as an appendix to this agreement of cooperation.

Items to be included in the appendix are:

1. Scope of each institution's responsibilities regarding agreed upon activities.
2. Schedules for specific activities.
3. Budgets and financing sources for each activity.
4. Any other items necessary to conduct events in a smooth and efficient manner.

The coordinators will be responsible for evaluating activities covered by this agreement in accordance with the practices of their respective institutions. Appendices shall be

approved at each institution according to the normal procedures governing the types of events proposed herein.

**CLAUSE 3.** The final results of collaborative projects will be published jointly; unless there is a prior written agreement that indicates otherwise. The objective of publication is to promote academic and cultural knowledge.

**CLAUSE 4.** This agreement will become effective upon signing by both parties and shall automatically renew for successive terms of five (5) years each, unless terminated in writing as provided for in this agreement.

This agreement may be also terminated by either institution, at any time, provided that the institution wishing to terminate the agreement provide notice in writing of its intention at least six (6) months prior to the termination date.

Both institutions declare the following addresses and contact persons for the purposes of the present agreement:

**FOR THE ESCUELA POLITÉCNICA DEL EJÉRCITO**

Avenida Gral. Rumiñahui, SN, ESPE

Sangolquí, Ecuador

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Dr. Susan B. Tiano, Director, Latin American and Iberian Institute

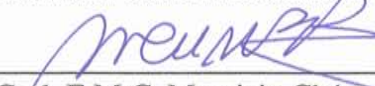
Tel. 505-277-2961 Fax: 505-277-5989 E-mail: [stiano@unm.edu](mailto:stiano@unm.edu)

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This Agreement is signed in duplicate in four (4) copies, two (2) in English and two (2) in Spanish, all contents being identical and equally valid. Both parties shall retain one copy of each.

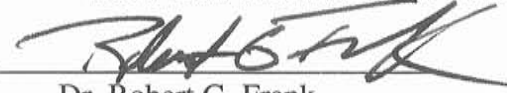
**FOR THE ESCUELA POLITÉCNICA DEL EJÉRCITO:**

  
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Crnl. E.M.C. Mauricio Chávez  
Rector

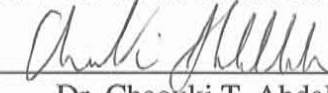
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**FOR THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO:**

  
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Dr. Robert G. Frank  
President

Date: 8/14/13

  
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Dr. Chaouki T. Abdallah  
Provost and Executive Vice  
President for Academic Affairs

Date: July 30/2013