



THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

**AGREEMENT OF ACADEMIC COOPERATION**

Agreement of Academic and Cultural Cooperation between the Catholic University "Ntra. Sra. de la Asunción" Regional Site of Asunción, hereinafter denominated UCA, represented by its Prorector Ing. Geronimo Bellassai, and on the other hand The University of New Mexico, hereinafter designated as UNM for the purposes of the present Agreement, represented by its President Dr. William C. Gordon and by its Provost Dr. Brian L. Foster, in accordance with the following statements and clauses:

**The Catholic University "Ntra. Sra. de la Asunción declares:**

1. That it is a Catholic institution of higher university culture with full legal ability to enter contractual agreements, in accordance with the Decree No. 9350 of March 22, 1960 issued by the Presidency of the Republic of Paraguay, and that its principal responsibility is to serve the citizens of Asunción, Paraguay, offering them educational opportunities at the post-secondary and post-graduate levels; promote and carry out scientific and humanistic research; provide a maximum number of citizens with adequate understanding and knowledge in the preparation of responsible members of a democratic society; and to offer other services which increase the culture and well-being of the people.
2. That it is governed by constitutional regulations and, in order to fulfill its goals, it is guided by a purpose of social service above any personal interest.
3. That it is interested in establishing an agreement of academic and cultural cooperation with the University of New Mexico, through the Latin American and Iberian Institute, under the terms and conditions established in the clauses of the present agreement.
4. That in order to carry out and execute the present agreement, Ing. Geronimo Bellassai, Prorector of the Catholic University "Ntra. Sra. de la Asunción" may delegate his representation to the person or persons he may deem convenient.



**The University of New Mexico declares:**

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 levels, to foster and conduct scientific and humanistic research; to give adequate knowledge and understanding to the highest 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 General Statute the President is its legal representative.
3. That UNM's organizational structure includes the Latin American and Iberian Institute, which has the following functions: to foster, develop and supervise the fulfillment of convenios and agreements between academic and administrative units at UNM with Latin American and Iberian counterparts. To jointly integrate appropriate work programs and supervise their development.
4. That UNM designates the following address for the effects of the present agreement: Latin American and Iberian Institute, The University of New Mexico, 801 Yale N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87131-1016, U.S.A.

Whereas UNM and UCA 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 these two institutions wish to expand the bases of friendship and cooperative educational exchanges between the Republic of Paraguay and the United States of America, therefore UCA and UNM agree to the following:

**CLAUSES**

FIRST: The purposes of this general agreement 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 or 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 teaching or research personnel and to students visiting from the other institution the same academic and recreational resources and support services (libraries, laboratories, gymnasium) as those enjoyed by their counterparts at the home institution.

SECOND: To fulfill successfully the objectives of this agreement, the UCA and the UNM will designate an appropriate person at each institution to coordinate the development and realization of joint activities. Either institution may, through these coordinators, present proposals for activities covered by the present agreement.

The specific details for the proposed activities will be defined in an appendix which will become part of this general agreement upon signing by the appropriate authorities at both institutions.

Items to be included in the appendix are:

1. Scope of each institution's responsibilities regarding agreed-upon activities.
2. Preparation of a schedule for specific activities.
3. Preparation of budgets and sources of financing for each activity.
4. Any other items necessary for the efficient conduct of each activity.

The persons designated as coordinators will be responsible for evaluating activities covered by this agreement in accordance with the practices of their respective institutions. Every appendix will be approved at each institution in accordance with the normal procedures governing the types of activities proposed herein.

THIRD: This agreement has no termination date and will start on the date of its signing by both parties. This agreement may be amended by mutual accord of both institutions. Either signatory party may terminate its participation in this agreement, providing notice at least three months in advance.



FOURTH: The final results of collaborative projects will be published jointly by both institutions for academic purposes, and for social or cultural promotion.

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

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This Agreement is signed in duplicate in both English and Spanish in the cities of Albuquerque, New Mexico and of Asunción, Paraguay, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of the month of September in the year 2000.

FOR UCA



Geronimo Bellassai  
Prorector  
Universidad Católica "Ntra. Sra. de la Asunción"  
Sede Regional Asunción

For UNM

Handwritten signature of William C. Gordon.

Dr. William C. Gordon  
President  
The University of New Mexico

Handwritten signature of Brian L. Foster.

Dr. Brian L. Foster  
Provost  
The University of New Mexico