



## FRAMEWORK COOPERATION AGREEMENT

By and between

## UNIVERSITY OF CLERMONT AUVERGNE (UCA) - FRANCE

Public Experimental institution (tertiary level), registered under SIRET 130 028 061 00013, code APE8542Z to the French register of companies and establishments, located 49 Boulevard François Mitterrand, – CS 60032 - 63001 Clermont-Ferrand Cedex 1, France, represented by its President, **Mr. Mathias BERNARD**,

And

## UNIVERSIDAD DE GUADALAJARA (UDEG) - MEXICO

A public body, decentralized from the State Government of Jalisco; a legal entity with full autonomy and property ownership rights, conforming to what is stated in article 1° of its Organic Law, promulgated by the Local Executive on the 15th day of January, 1994, in execution of the decree number 15319 of the Honorable Congress of the State of Jalisco.

As stated in article 6°, section III of its Organic Law, this institution undertakes programs for teaching, research and the diffusion of cultural awareness, in agreement with the principles and directions laid out in article 3° of the Political Constitution of the Mexican United States. That indicates, as its legal domicile, the property located in Juárez Avenue, number 976, Colonia Centro, Postal Code 44100, in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico.

Represented by its Rector General, Dr. Ricardo VILLANUEVA LOMELÍ;

Hereafter referred to as the Parties.

Seeking to establish partnership to promote the exchanges of people, experiences and activities in the fields of higher education and research, the Parties agree the following:

Article 1: The cooperation between the two Parties may cover various activities, including:

Exchanges of professors, researchers and administrative staff,

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- The development of research programmes,
- Participation to conferences, workshops and seminars,
- Exchanges of students for academic stays, training or internships,
- Exchanges of information, documentation and scientific publications,
- Co-supervision and co-direction of doctoral thesis,
- Implementation or participation to double degrees/ joint diplomas/ international or European projects.
- Article 2: Each activity will be separately negotiated and agreed between the faculties, schools or institutes which carry out the specific project and will be described in a specific agreement referring to the present Agreement, to be signed by the legal representatives of both Parties. All the specific agreements will be submitted to the same rules as the present Agreement, as well as to their own particular provisions.
- Article 3: The implementation of any of the activities listed in Article 1 shall depend upon the availability of resources and financial support at the partner universities. The present Agreement does not imply any financial commitment between the two Parties.

The Parties may, by mutual agreement, apply for grants or subsidies under intergovernmental agreements and through European and international agencies to help achieving their mutual cooperation objectives.

- Article 4: Throughout the duration of this Agreement and even after its expiry or termination, the Parties agree to respect the confidentiality of information and documents which may have been communicated to each other during the execution of the Framework Agreement. They also undertake to respect the confidentiality terms agreed upon in the specific agreements derived from this Framework Agreement. Accordingly, the Parties shall not disclose such information or documents to any third Party. Each Party shall take the necessary measures to observe this requirement.
- Article 5: This Agreement and its specific agreements may be amended or modified by mutual agreement. Amendment(s) and modification(s) shall be additional written agreements made and signed between the appropriate authorities of the two institutions.
- Article 6: This Agreement will come into effect on the date of the last signature of both Parties and remain valid for 5 (five) years. On expiry, the Agreement is to be renewed according to the same procedure as its original enactment. This Agreement may be reminated by either of the Parties in writing by registered

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letter, with acknowledgement of receipt with a 6 (six) months' notice. If there are ongoing collaborative actions, they shall not be affected by the termination of this Agreement.

Article 7: 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. Litigation related to the interpretation or performance of this Agreement and which could not be amicably settled between the Parties or by mutual accord, shall be referred to the competent court.

Article 8: Having read the present full document, 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 in English, in two (2) original copies, both with the same content and validity.

Place: Cl- Ferrand, France

Date: 1 6 ENE 2025

Place: Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico

UNIVERSITY OF CLERMONT AUVERGNE

UNIVERSIDAD DE GUADALAJARA

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