



SPECIFIC AGREEMENT FOR THE EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS AND ACADEMIC PERSONNEL, EXECUTED BY THE UNIVERSIDAD DE GUADALAJARA, MÉXICO, HEREIN REFERRED TO AS "UDEG", REPRESENTED IN THIS ACT BY ITS RECTOR GENERAL, MIGUEL ÁNGEL NAVARRO NAVARRO, PH.D., ASSISTED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL, JOSÉ ALFREDO PEÑA RAMOS, M.A., AND BIELEFELD UNIVERSITY, GERMANY, HEREIN REFERRED TO AS "UB", REPRESENTED IN THIS ACT BY REKTOR PROF. DR.-ING. GERHARD SAGERER; AS PURSUANT TO THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS AND CLAUSES:

#### STATEMENTS

- I. That, in keeping with their normative laws and regulations, they are higher education institutions with full legal capacity to establish commitments, and that their essential aims are teaching, extension and research.
- II. That the persons signing this agreement state under oath that their legal status grants them the power to bind in the terms of this agreement the institutions they represent.
- III. That they consider the promotion and support of teaching, research and university extension to be of primary importance for the development of their countries, in the fulfilment of the objectives, aims and functions that the State and society have conferred on them, for which reason it is their will to come to an agreement based on the following:

## CLAUSES

1. The objective of the present agreement is to establish the basis for an exchange program for undergraduate, graduate students and academic personnel.

# **Exchange of Undergraduate and Graduate Students**

- **2.** Each party will select and nominate students to participate in this exchange program, in accordance with the procedures and requirements set forth by the host university. Admittance of exchange students remains within the discretion of the host university.
- 3. The exchange of students under this program will take place in accordance with the academic calendar of the host university, and may last for up to a full academic year as required by each academic program.
- **4.** Students selected for this exchange program will be allowed to select and take courses at the host university in the subject areas covered by this agreement (see clause 7), provided that the courses correspond to the same level and/or are equivalent to those offered by their home university.
- **5**. The home university will submit the required certified documents of the students selected to the host university, for admittance purposes, by the deadline set by the host university.





- 6. Students participating in this exchange program will pay registration fee to their host university. The host university will not charge them any tuition fees. Students from the "UDEG" coming to the "UB" will have to pay the social fee each semester, for which they get the Student Card that entitles them to free public transportation (tram and busses), reduced meals in the student cafeteria and other reductions. In winter term 2018/19 this social fee is 290,30€ per term.
- 7. Both institutions agree to keep the number of exchange students equitable. A maximum number of twelve (6) semester slots per academic year are distributed as follows:
  - 3 semester slots for the exchange program DAAD ISAP (International Study and Training Partnerships): students coming to Bielefeld for the summer term or students going to Guadalajara in the winter term.
  - 3 semester slots for those who are not participating in the DAAD ISAP or the Double Degree programs for students studying in the subject areas Humanities, History, Sociology or Political Sciences.

Any compensation for an unequal number of students must be made within the next academic vear.

- 8. At the end of the academic term the host university will send the home university an official transcript of the grades obtained by each exchange student subject to the condition that the exchange students took the required steps to apply for the transcript. The conversion of academic records will be made according to the home institution's regulations and criteria. If so requested, the host university will provide course descriptions and résumés of the professors who taught the courses attended by the exchange students, as well as information about the grading and evaluation system used.
- 9. Students selected for the exchange will have the same academic and administrative rights and responsibilities applied by the host university to its own students. Exchange students must follow the regulations of the host university, and they will be held accountable in case of non-compliance. Their home university will be informed of any such non-compliance. Exchange students - except students in the Double Degree Program - will not be eligible for a degree awarded by the host university as part of the exchange.
- 10. It is the responsibility of the exchange students to obtain the proper visas in their home country.
- 11. The exchange students will be responsible for all additional expenses in this exchange program, including, but not limited to, transportation, housing, meals and health insurance.
- 12. The host university will provide academic advisory and counselling services to exchange students during their stay.





# **Exchange of Academic Personnel**

- 13. Both institutions agree to revise annually the number of academics sent and received, and to keep the number of participating academic personnel equitable over the term of this Agreement.
- 14. The Universities according to their abilities can help the academic exchange personnel to obtain resources to cover their transportation expenses, housing, meals and health insurance. The home university is responsible for paying the academic personnel their salary.
- 15. The academic personnel participating under this agreement will make the necessary arrangements according to the current regulations of each party, to receive authorization to leave their academic activities for the period of academic stay at the host university.
- 16. The academics participating in the program will be responsible for all additional expenses, such as transportation, housing, meals and health insurance.
- 17. Both parties agree that academic personnel participating in the exchange will maintain their work relationship with their home university.
- 18. The host university will give the visiting academic personnel an official letter stating the activities realized at the host university once the stay is concluded.

## General regulations

- 19. The academic extension programs of the UDEG offered by its university enterprises, the Colegio de Español y Cultura Mexicana and the Sistema Corporativo PROULEX-COMPLEX are not included in this agreement.
- 20. This Agreement will be valid for 5 five years and shall have effect on expiration of the running GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR ACADEMIC COLLABORATION (signed on June 4th 2014, valid until June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019). This agreement will be valid until June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. This agreement can be terminated in writing by either party with a lead time of at least six (6) months. Should there be any projects in active exchange status, the agreement may not be terminated until their completion.
- 21. The parties state that the signing of this agreement and the commitments contained therein, are made in good faith and, therefore they will undertake all actions necessary for its proper execution; any discrepancy in the interpretation of the agreement will be resolved by common accord.





Having read this document, both institutions being aware of the contents and extent of each clause and affirming that there is no deceit, reticence, or any other reason that might corrupt its approval, both institutions sign in duplicate, in English and Spanish, both versions with the same content and validity.

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