



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

UNIVERSIDAD DE GUADALAJARA (GUADALAJARA, JALISCO, MEXICO)

AND

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY (ONTARIO, CANADA)

In this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") Lakehead University and Universidad de Guadalajara, (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties" or singularly as "Party"), wishing to encourage and facilitate international education opportunities for their students and faculty, and seeking to promote the process of internationalization at their respective institutions, declare their mutual interest in exploring co-operation as follows on the basis of equality and reciprocity of benefits:

- 1. The Parties wish to collaborate in planning for, developing, and establishing opportunities for their students and faculty at Lakehead University ("Lakehead") and Universidad de Guadalajara ("UDG"), respectively.
- 2. Areas of potential cooperation between the Parties include but are not limited to:
 - a) Joint development of academic, scientific and technological projects for the benefit of both Parties.
 - b) Inter-institutional participation of faculty members in research.
 - c) Inter-institutional exchange of students each year, with numbers arranged on the basis of reciprocity.
- 3. Any actual collaboration in a particular area shall be negotiated in a specific agreement between the Parties completely separate from this MOU, once signed by their representatives. The specific proposed agreement will describe, in precise detail and with complete accordance, the activities to be developed, the responsibilities of each party, the budget for each activity, a definition of the sources of finance, the personnel involved, the facilities and equipment to be used, a working calendar, and anything else necessary to precisely determine the aim and scope of each of the said agreements that will be the operative documents of the present Agreement.
- 4. Collaboration will be coordinated through the Office of Lakehead University International at Lakehead and the Office of International Affairs at UDG.
- 5. Under this MOU, and in any collaboration arising from this MOU, neither Party will incur any financial obligations resulting from the actions of the other Party without a prior agreement in writing, completely separate from this MOU, to accept specific financial obligations. It is understood by the Parties that any agreement pertaining to financial matters will be conditional upon the availability of funds for each Party.
- 6. This MOU will be in effect from the latest date of signature, and shall continue for a period of 5 (five) years unless:

a) both Parties agree in writing to terminate it; or

- b) either Party gives at least six (6) months written notice of termination to the other Party.
- 7. While in effect this MOU may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Parties.
- 8. This MOU is not binding on the Parties and contains no enforceable legal obligations.

The Parties demonstrate good faith in signing this document signifying their intent to carry out all the actions set out herein. If a discrepancy should occur over interpretation of this document, the Parties intend to resolve it by mutual accord.

Both Parties, having read the present document and with the understanding of the content and extent of each of its clauses, indicating the absence of malice, dishonesty or any other reason to nullify their consent, this document is signed in duplicate, both versions with the same content and validity.

The following signatures are affixed as acknowledgement and notification of the terms of this MOU:

For Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico	For Lakehead University, Ontario, Canada:
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