



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between the

National University of Asunción, Paraguay

and

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey – Camden Campus

Based on the belief that the expansion and strengthening of the scientific and educational cooperation is the value, by this means, we agree to sign a Memorandum of Understanding, identified as: The National University of Asunción ("UNA"), represented by Prof. Mst. ABEL BERNAL, located at Avda. Spain 1098 in Asunción, Republic of Paraguay and Rutgers The State University of New Jersey ("Rutgers"), Camden, New Jersey, United States of America represented by Barbara A. Lee and Phoebe A Haddon, located at 303 Cooper Street, Camden, NJ 08102-1519

1. Purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding

The purpose of this Memorandum is to facilitate the implementation of concrete education and research activities between faculty and students from the two universities in order to:

- Promote the role of the UNA as an anchor for solving problems in local communities, through professional development on innovative practices focused on training leaders.
- Develop leadership skills within the Educational System in Paraguay.
- Create new ideas to change the education in the country, the region and the community.
- Inspire the next generation of Paraguayan entrepreneurs focused on the resolution of existing and emerging problems.

This Memorandum establishes the principles and conditions under which the cooperation will take place. Activities and cooperative projects in particular will be the subject of the future specific agreements, whose areas are specified in Article 2.



The UNA is a highly integrated and synergistic educational community, a major national and international center for academic management, and scientific and technological production and innovation in science, arts, culture and sports. It is committed to society improvement, efficient and transparent in its management, and a promoter of sustainable development. It is the reason why the UNA is committed to the establishment of strategic alliances with national and international agencies to fulfill its mandate.

The Mission of UNA is the preparation of professionals and researchers who have ethical principles and an innovative spirit, who are committed to collaborative approaches, critical thinking and socially responsibility. These professionals and researchers will contribute to the search the truth, the creation and difussion of the scientific and technological knowledge, and strengthen its national and international rol in the process of sustainable development, through education, research and extension.

Rutgers, has the mission of satisfying the educational needs of the citizens through undergraduate, graduate and continuing education programs; innovative research to contribute to the medical, environmental, social and cultural well-being of the state, as well as to help the economy and the state's businesses and industries; and to perform public service to support the needs of the citizens of the state and its local and departmental leaders. This favors the alliance with UNA as it shares the same goals and purpose for which they were created.

2. Cooperation Areas (Scope)

The cooperation shall include areas or programs offered in either of the two universities that both deem desirable and feasible, and that both parties believe will contribute to the promotion and development of the cooperation.

CHARACTERIZATION OF THE PLAN

IDENTIFICATION OF NEEDS

- To strengthen the methodologies implemented by the faculty in the teaching-learning process through innovative practices to achieve objectives.
- To acquire innovative and adequate tools for the implementation of successful teaching-learning strategies in the classroom.



PRIORITIZATION OF NEEDS

- To train the faculty of UNA in the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) that enable students to develop specific skills to help them resolve problems that affect their communities.

DEFINITION OF ACTIVITIES

Annex of a Plan and Work Schedule, which will be part of this Agreement.

Cooperation can be through activities such as:

- Exchange of undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate faculty;
- Exchange of undergraduate and graduate students (Master's and Doctoral Programs);
- Academic exchange of UNA faculty, researchers and administrative staff;
- Innovation projects focused on good practices for faculty, which have had positive results and that will be shared with various academic units of UNA;
- Participation and organization of scientific seminars and exhibitions;
- Joint publications;
- Joint research and development projects;
- Cooperative projects in continuing education;
- Curriculum development.

3. Terms of Cooperation

The terms of cooperation for each specific activity to be implemented under this Memorandum of Understanding, including funding, must be discussed and agreed in writing and by both parties prior to initiation. Any agreement initiated must be framed in accordance with the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding, as indicated above.



Each University shall designate a coordination Unit that will be responsible for the development and management of the agreed-upon cooperative activities.

The collaborating institutions will work together to identify and secure the funding for the cooperative activities.

As a rule, and in particular, the parties are committed to managing the resources needed to ensure the successful development of the projects.

4. Renewal, Termination and Amendments

This Memorandum of Understanding shall apply for a period of **five (5) years** from the date of the last signature, with the understanding that it can be terminated by the representatives of the parties in each case, with six months' written notice, unless otherwise agreed to by mutual agreement. The Memorandum may be amended or extended by written agreement of the parties. Four copies of this Memorandum will be printed and signed, two in English and two in Spanish.

In case of any discrepancy between the language versions, the English version prevails, and the matter shall be referred to a public translator, in order to settle any inconvenience.

5. Coordination

To facilitate the development of the agreement and ensure its proper execution, Prof. Mst. LUZ MARIA E. MARTINEZ VILLANUEVA, General Director of the National University of Asunción and the Prof. GLORIA BONILLA-SANTIAGO, Ph.D., of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, will facilitate the communication between the academic units and will advise on the evaluation of activities.

6. Legal Identity

The Chancellor, Prof. Mst. ABEL BERNAL CASTILLO, acts as the legal representative of the National University of Asunción.

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. BARBARA A. LEE, acts as the legal representative for Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties here to have offered their signatures:

For Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, United States of America

Position of Authorized Representative: CHANCELLOR, RUTGERS UNIVERSITY-CAMDEN

Name of Authorized Representative: PHOEBE A. HADDON

Date: Signature: *Phoebe A. Haddon*

Position of Authorized Representative: SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Name of Authorized Representative: BARBARA A. LEE

Date: 9/5/17 Signature: *Barbara A. Lee*

Sign of the Memorandum of Understanding by the National University of Asunción, Paraguay

Position of Authorized Representative: CHANCELLOR OF THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF ASUNCIÓN

Name of Authorized Representative: PROF. MST. ABEL BERNAL CASTILLO

Date: Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*