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## COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM BETWEEN «THE NATIONAL PROGRAM OF FOREIGN POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP “DON CARLOS ANTONIO LOPEZ”» AND «THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW»

### 1. STATEMENTS

1.1. This agreement is made between the National Program of Foreign Postgraduate Scholarships «*Don Carlos Antonio Lopez*» (Programa Nacional de Becas de Postgrado en el Exterior «Don Carlos Antonio Lopez») of the Republic of Paraguay (hereinafter BECAL) located in Chile St. 252, Asunción, Paraguay and «The University of Glasgow», jointly referred as the «Parties» herein.

1.2. BECAL and The University of Glasgow share an interest in strengthening bilateral cooperation in the field of education between Paraguay and The United Kingdom and enhancing the links between the University of Glasgow and its academic counterparts in Paraguay.

1.3. BECAL and The University of Glasgow by entering into this agreement, aim to foster cooperation and enhance the links between both institutions and agree to establish and administer THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW - BECAL JOINT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, under the terms and conditions contained in this agreement.

1.4. An important means of fostering such cooperation is through the awarding of scholarships to all interested Paraguayan students wishing to pursue postgraduate programs.

### 2. AGREEMENT

The Parties agree that THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW - BECAL JOINT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM will operate as follow:

2.1. Paraguayan students interested in this program will seek admission, to postgraduate degree programs including Master's by coursework and research offered by The University of Glasgow following the normal application procedures and meeting all the standard admission requirements including all English language requirements established by The University of Glasgow.

2.2. Paraguayan students unconditionally accepted by The University of Glasgow will submit a scholarship application to BECAL, following its application procedures and meeting all the requirements established by BECAL.

2.3. Paraguayan students who are selected as beneficiaries of the scholarship program offered by BECAL (Sponsored Students) will be eligible to be considered for shared financing under this agreement.

2.4. The University of Glasgow will provide a discount to the value of 15% of the tuition fees to all Paraguayan Sponsored Students enrolled in postgraduate degree programs at the The University of Glasgow.

2.5. BECAL pledges to provide appropriate funding to The University of Glasgow for Paraguayan Sponsored Students who are selected as beneficiaries of the program offered by BECAL to be able to undertake the nominated course at The University of Glasgow. BECAL will, in accordance with BECAL guidelines and financial aid limits, fund a total of 50.000 US\$ for each Master's student awarded with the scholarship fellowship. The student's program duration must not exceed 24 months. The funding amount includes tuition and additional expenses such as health insurance, stipend, flights, and other benefits established in BECAL's terms and conditions document. Funding will first be allocated towards tuition and any remaining funds will be allocated towards the remaining expenses stated in BECAL's terms and conditions document.



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2.6. Paraguayan Sponsored Students are responsible for obtaining financial resources to cover any further amounts required to meet other costs and expenses that are not included in this THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW - BECAL JOINT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, during the period of their enrolment at The University of Glasgow, in concordance with the Student responsibilities detailed in section five (5) of this agreement.

2.7. For the purpose of adequate implementation and monitoring of this agreement, each of the Parties hereby pledges to designate a representative, who will be responsible for ensuring the activities listed below:

2.7.1. That The University of Glasgow and BECAL provide prospective Paraguayan scholars with information on the programs of interest to the scholars and guidance on the process to apply to study at The University of Glasgow.

2.7.2. That The University of Glasgow provides to BECAL with all relevant promotional material and prospectuses in order to encourage interest in its programs in Paraguay.

2.7.3. That The University of Glasgow will encourage all Paraguayan postgraduate students unconditionally accepted into The University of Glasgow, to contact and submit a funding application to BECAL.

2.7.4. That BECAL provides The University of Glasgow with institutional information on BECAL and pertinent details of this THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW - BECAL JOINT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

2.7.5. BECAL will provide the necessary financial arrangements for confirmed and selected Paraguayan Sponsored Students in accordance with BECAL guidelines and financial aid limits.

2.7.6. That each party has the obligation to inform the other party of any change in the designated coordinator or signatory in charge of the implementation and monitoring of this agreement.

2.7.7. The designated current representatives of this agreement are:

<b>For University of Glasgow</b>	<b>For BECAL</b>
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### 3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

3.1. The University of Glasgow will enrol all confirmed and selected Paraguayan Sponsored Students as full-time students for the duration of their enrolment.

3.2. The University of Glasgow will provide orientation for the Sponsored Students.

3.3. The University of Glasgow will provide advice on housing options to Sponsored Students and on any procedures to be followed.

3.4. The University of Glasgow will provide the appropriate academic counselling and other support to Sponsored Students.



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#### 4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF BECAL

- 4.1. BECAL will be responsible to provide appropriate funding to Paraguayan Sponsored Students who are selected as beneficiaries of the Scholarship program offered by BECAL to be able to undertake the nominated course at The University of Glasgow in accordance to the section 2.5 of this agreement.
- 4.2. BECAL will be responsible for payment of living allowances according to BECAL guidelines and financial aid limits.
- 4.3. BECAL will be responsible to cover appropriate medical insurance costs for the Sponsored Students in accordance to the section 2.5 of this agreement.
- 4.4. BECAL will facilitate the promotion of this arrangement on a year round basis, and will promote the scholarships to be awarded under this THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW - BECAL JOINT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.
- 4.5. BECAL will provide financial support, to the Sponsored Students in order to obtain their appropriate visa for the defined study period in The United Kingdom, in concordance and compliance with the specific responsibilities for Sponsored Students listed on section 2.5 of this agreement.

#### 5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENTS

- 5.1. In order to maintain the financial support and benefits described in this THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW - BECAL JOINT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, Paraguayan Sponsored Students are responsible for remaining enrolled at The University of Glasgow throughout their participation in the Master's programs established in BECAL guidelines.
- 5.2. Paraguayan Sponsored Students are required to obtain an appropriate visa for the defined study period in The United Kingdom. The University of Glasgow will provide the necessary documentation to support the visa application and BECAL will provide the financial support described in section 4.5 of this agreement.
- 5.3. Paraguayan Sponsored Students attending The University of Glasgow are responsible for obtaining the appropriate Health Insurance.
- 5.4. Sponsored Students, will be subject to the general regulations governing graduate students at The University of Glasgow and subject to the normal disciplinary policies of The University of Glasgow, as well as to BECAL scholarships programmes rules applicable.

#### 6. SETTLEMENTS OF DISPUTES

- 6.1. Matters not included in this agreement or those related to it, will be solved wherever possible by mutual friendly discussion between the Parties. Any decision agreed upon must be acknowledged by an exchange of letters between the Parties.
- 6.2. In case of disputes regarding the interpretation and fulfilment of this agreement shall be settled and negotiate in good faith by mutual agreement between the Parties.
- 6.3. If there is a difference in the interpretation or implementation of this agreement, both parties will endeavour to resolve it by informal discussions between the respective Activities Coordinators established in this agreement. If the parties cannot resolve the dispute, they agree to submit to an alternative dispute resolution, subject to the rules that the parties themselves mutually agree to adopt.
- 6.4. Notwithstanding the existence of a dispute, the parties must continue to perform their obligations under this agreement.



## 7. FINAL PROVISIONS

7.1. The present agreement shall come into effect on the date of its last signature by the undersigned representatives of each party and shall initially be in force for 5 years.

7.2. The present agreement may be amended by mutual consent by means of notification in writing signed by both Parties, specifying the date on which such an amendment shall come into effect and what that amendment is.

7.3. This agreement may be terminated by either Party by giving at least thirty days' notice to the other Party in writing. Sponsored students enrolled at The University of Glasgow at the time of the termination will be able to complete their studies with the agreed financial support from BECAL and The University of Glasgow.

7.4. Termination of this agreement shall not affect the conclusion of any cooperation actions that may have been undertaken during its period of force.

7.5. This agreement is to be signed in three (3) originals in English and three (3) originals in Spanish, both texts being identically authentic and with equal validity.

\_\_\_\_\_ for **The University of Glasgow**

**Ms Rachel Sandison**  
Deputy Vice Chancellor - External  
Engagement  
Date: 24/07/2023

\_\_\_\_\_ for **BECAL**

**Andrea Picaso**  
General Coordinator  
Date: 24/07/2023

**Oscar Llamosas Díaz**  
Minister of Finance  
Date: 24/07/2023