



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

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**1. STATEMENTS**

- 1.1. This agreement is made between the National Program of Foreign Postgraduate Scholarships «*Don Carlos Antonio López*» (Programa Nacional de Becas de Postgrado «Don Carlos Antonio Lopez») of the Republic of Paraguay (hereinafter **BECAL**) located in Chile St. 252, Asunción, Paraguay and «**COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**», jointly referred as the «Parties» herein.
- 1.2. **BECAL** and **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY** share an interest in strengthening bilateral cooperation in the field of education between Paraguay and **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**, and enhancing the links between **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY** and its academic counterparts in Paraguay.
- 1.3. **BECAL** and **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY** by entering into this agreement, aim to foster cooperation and enhance the links between both institutions and agree to establish and administer the **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY - 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 **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY - 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, and PhD programs offered by **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY** following the normal application procedures and meeting all the standard admission requirements including all English language requirements established by **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**.
- 2.2. Paraguayan students unconditionally accepted by **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY** 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. **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY** will provide a discount to the value of **33%** of the tuition fees to all Paraguayan Sponsored Students enrolled in postgraduate degree programs at one of the **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY** based campuses of the university.
- 2.5. **BECAL** pledges to provide appropriate funding to **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY** for Paraguayan Sponsored Students who are selected as beneficiaries of the program offered by **BECAL** to be able to undertake the nominated course at **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**.

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- 2.6. **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. 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.
- 2.7. **BECAL** will, in accordance with **BECAL** guidelines and financial aid limits, fund a total of **90.000 US\$** for each **PhD student** awarded with the scholarship. The student's program duration must not exceed 48 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.
- 2.8. **BECAL** will, in accordance with **BECAL** guidelines and financial aid limits, fund a total of **30.000 US\$** for each **Postdoctoral student** awarded with the scholarship. The student's program duration must not exceed 12 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.
- 2.9. **BECAL** will, in accordance with **BECAL** guidelines and financial aid limits, fund a total of **10.000 US\$** for each **undergraduate student** awarded with the scholarship. The student's program duration must not exceed 6 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.
- 2.10. All **BECAL** students are eligible to receive the Global Partner Award scholarship. The Partner award is a minimum of **\$5,000** per year, applied to the non-resident base tuition rate, and based on the Global Partner Award Scholarship Terms and Conditions.
- 2.11. 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 **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY - BECAL JOINT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**, during the period of their enrolment at **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY** in concordance with the Student responsibilities detailed in section five (5) of this agreement.
- 2.12. 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:
  - 2.12.1. That **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY** 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 **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**.

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- 2.12.2. That **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY** provides to **BECAL** with all relevant promotional material and prospectuses in order to encourage interest in its programs in Paraguay.
- 2.12.3. That **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY** provides timely admission decisions to all Paraguayan students at **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**, and encourages these students to contact and submit an application to **BECAL**.
- 2.12.4. That **BECAL** provides **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY** with institutional information on **BECAL** and pertinent details of this **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY - BECAL JOINT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**.
- 2.12.5. **BECAL** will provide the necessary financial arrangements for confirmed and selected Paraguayan Sponsored Students in accordance with **BECAL** guidelines and financial aid limits.
- 2.12.6. 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.
- 2.12.7. The designated current representatives of this agreement are:

For <b>COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY</b>	For <b>BECAL</b>
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### 3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

- 3.1. **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY** will enroll all confirmed and selected Paraguayan Sponsored Students as full-time students for the duration of their enrolment.
- 3.2. **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY** will provide orientation for the Sponsored Students.
- 3.3. **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY** will provide advice on housing options to Sponsored Students and on any procedures to be followed.
- 3.4. **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY** 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 **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY** 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 **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY - 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 States of America, 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 **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY - BECAL JOINT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**, Paraguayan Sponsored Students are responsible for remaining enrolled at **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY** throughout their participation in the Masters programs established in **BECAL** guidelines.
- 5.2. Paraguayan Sponsored Students are required to obtain an appropriate visa for the defined study period in **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**. **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY** 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 **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY** are responsible for obtaining the appropriate Health Insurance.
- 5.4. Sponsored Students, will be subject to the general regulations governing graduate students at **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY** and subject to the normal disciplinary policies of **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY** as well as to **BECAL** scholarships programs 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 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.

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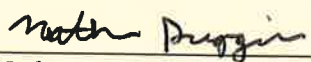
- 6.3. If there is a difference in the interpretation or implementations of this agreement, both parties will endeavour to resolve it by informal discussions between the respective Activities Coordinators established in this agreement. If the parties cannot resolve the dispute, they agree to submit to 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 a 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 **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY** at the time of the termination will be able to complete their studies with the agreed financial support from **BECAL** and **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**
- 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.

For **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**


for **BECAL**

  
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Alejandra Bogado Tervit  
Encargada de la atención del Despacho de la Coordinación General del «Programa Nacional de Becas de Postgrado en el Exterior «Don Carlos Antonio López»».

Date: January 29, 2024

Date: 19/06/2024

  
Carlos Fernández Valdovinos  
Minister of Economy and Finance

Date: 19/06/2024