

COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME BETWEEN
“BECAL ” AND “UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE”

1. STATEMENTS

- 1.1. This Agreement is made between the **NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAMME OF “CARLOS ANTONIO LÓPEZ”** (Programa Nacional de Becas “Carlos Antonio Lopez”) of the Republic of Paraguay (hereinafter **BECAL**) located in Chile St. 252, Asunción, Paraguay and **UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE**, incorporated by Royal Charter, a charitable body registered in Scotland with registration number SC015263 (having its principal office at 16 Richmond Street, Glasgow, G1 1XQ, United Kingdom) referred to as **“UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE”**

Each a “Party” and together the “Parties”

- 1.2. **BECAL** and **UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE** share an interest in strengthening cooperation in the field of education between Paraguay and **UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE**, and enhancing the links between **UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE** and its academic counterparts in Paraguay.
- 1.3. **BECAL** and **UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE** 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 STRATHCLYDE - BECAL JOINT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME”**, 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 Paraguayans nationals wishing to pursue postgraduate Courses.

2. DEFINITIONS

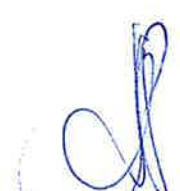
- 2.1. **“Confidential Information”** means each Party's confidential information disclosed by that Party for the purposes of this Agreement and identified as confidential before or at the time of disclosure;
- 2.2. **“Course”** means a programme of Study at the **UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE** based in Glasgow, Scotland;
- 2.3. **“Intellectual Property”** means any patents, trade marks, registered designs, copyright, data, software, materials unregistered design right, database right or semi-conductor topography right, rights in and to trade or business names, know-how or Confidential Information, and any similar or analogous rights or forms of protection in any part of the world.
- 2.4. **“Schedule 1”** means the Schedule 1 to this Agreement;
- 2.5. **“Scholarship”** means the **UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE - BECAL JOINT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME** being financial support provided to Sponsored Students which for the purposes of this Agreement is delivered in the form of a tuition



fee discount of up to 15% on a Course by UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE and funding made available by BECAL as detailed in the Schedule 1 to support the Sponsored Student in funding their studies with the UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE;

3. AGREEMENT

The Parties agree that the Scholarship will operate as follow:

- 3.1. Paraguayan nationals interested in the Scholarship will seek admission to either, postgraduate degree Courses including Masters by coursework and research, PhD Courses or Postdoctoral Courses (“Eligible Courses”) offered by **UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE** following the normal application procedures and meeting all the standard admission requirements of the **UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE** including all English language requirements established by **UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE**.
 - 3.2. Paraguayan nationals with unconditional academic offers from the **UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE** will submit a scholarship application to **BECAL**, following its application procedures and meeting all the requirements established by **BECAL**.
 - 3.3. Paraguayan nationals who are selected as beneficiaries of the Scholarship by **BECAL** will be offered the Scholarship (Sponsored Students). Sponsored Students should exhibit their Scholarship offer to the **UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE**.
 - 3.4. **UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE** will in accordance with the Schedule 1 provide a discount up to the value of **15%** on tuition fees to all Sponsored Students enrolled in Eligible Courses.
 - 3.5. **BECAL** pledges to provide funding in accordance with the Schedule 1 to Sponsored Students to be able to undertake the nominated Courses.
 - 3.6. **BECAL** will, in accordance with the Schedule 1, fund a total of **50,000 US\$** for each **Master’s student** awarded with a Scholarship. The funding amount includes tuition fees and additional expenses such as health insurance, stipend, flights, and other benefits made available to the Sponsored Students as set out in the Schedule 1. Funding will first be allocated towards tuition and any remaining funds will be allocated towards the remaining expenses.
 - 3.7. **BECAL** will, in accordance with the Schedule 1, fund a total of **90,000 US\$** for each **PhD student** awarded with the Scholarship. The funding amount includes tuition and additional expenses such as health insurance, stipend, flights, and other benefits made available to the Sponsored Students as set out in the Schedule 1. Funding will first be allocated towards tuition and any remaining funds will be allocated towards the remaining expenses.
 - 3.8. **BECAL** will, in accordance with the Schedule 1, fund a total of **30,000 US\$** for each **Postdoctoral student** awarded with the Scholarship. The funding amount includes tuition and additional expenses such as health insurance, stipend, flights, and other benefits made available to the Sponsored Student as set out in the Schedule 1. Funding will first be allocated towards tuition and any remaining funds will be allocated towards the remaining expenses.
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- 3.9.** 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 the Scholarship during the period of their enrolment at **UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE** in accordance with the Student responsibilities detailed in Clause six (6) of this Agreement.
- 3.10.** For the purpose of adequate implementation and monitoring of this Agreement, each of the Parties hereby pledges to designate a representative (the “Representative”), who will be responsible for ensuring the activities listed below:
- 3.10.1.** That **UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE** and **BECAL** provide prospective Paraguayan nationals with information on the Courses of interest to the nationals and guidance on the process to apply to study at **UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE**.
- 3.10.2.** The Parties agree that no personal data will be shared between them.
- 3.10.3.** That **UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE** provides **BECAL** with all relevant promotional material and prospectuses in order to encourage interest in the Courses.
- 3.10.4.** That **UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE** will provide admission decisions to all Paraguayan nationals who have applied to the **UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE** in line with its normal processes and encourages these students to contact and submit an application to **BECAL**.
- 3.10.5.** That **BECAL** provides **UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE** with institutional information on **BECAL** and pertinent details of the funding provided by **BECAL**.
- 3.10.6.** **BECAL** will provide the necessary financial arrangements for Sponsored Students in accordance with the Schedule 1.
- 3.10.7.** That each Party has the obligation to inform the other Party of any change in the Representative for this Agreement.
- 3.10.8.** The designated current Representatives of this Agreement are:

For UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE	For BECAL
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4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF STRATHCLYDE

- 4.1. UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE** will enroll all confirmed and selected Sponsored Students as full-time students for the duration of their enrolment.
- 4.2. UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE** will provide orientation for the Sponsored Students.
- 4.3. UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE** will provide advice on housing options to Sponsored Students and on any procedures to be followed.
- 4.4. UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE** will provide the appropriate academic counselling and other support to Sponsored Students.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF BECAL

- 5.1. BECAL** will be responsible for providing appropriate funding to Sponsored Students in accordance with the Schedule 1.
- 5.2. BECAL** will be responsible for payment of living allowances to Sponsored Students in accordance with the Schedule 1.
- 5.3. BECAL** will be responsible for covering appropriate health insurance costs for the Sponsored Students in accordance with the Schedule 1.
- 5.4.** Subject to clause 5.5, **BECA**L will facilitate the promotion of this arrangement on a year round basis, and will promote the Scholarship.
- 5.5.** Marketing and advertising of the Agreement will be conducted by both Parties within their respective institutions. The Parties will each be entitled to use the other's crest, name and related promotional material in marketing activities under this Agreement but for no other purpose. All promotional material, publications and any subsequent revisions pertaining to the carrying out of activities under this Agreement must be approved by the other Party prior to publication or issue.
- 5.6. 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 collaboration with the Sponsored Student..

6. RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENTS

- 6.1. BECAL** will be responsible for providing appropriate funding to Sponsored Students in accordance with the Schedule 1.
- 6.2.** Remain enrolled at **UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE** and participate in their Course.
- 6.3.** Obtain an appropriate visa for the defined study period in **UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE**. **UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE** will provide the necessary documentation to support the visa application and **BECA**L will provide the financial support described in the Schedule 1.
- 6.4.** Obtain the appropriate health insurance, funding for which is provided by **BECA**L in accordance with the Schedule 1.

- 6.5. Sponsored Students, will be subject to the procedures, policies; ordinances and regulations governing students at **UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE** and subject to the student discipline procedures for academic and non-academic misconduct of the **UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE**.
- 6.6. Complaints by or about Sponsored Students, including allegations of harassment, will be dealt with in accordance with the policies and procedures of **UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE**.

7. SETTLEMENTS OF DISPUTES

- 7.1. Disputes relating to this Agreement will be solved wherever possible by mutual friendly discussion between the Parties. Any decision agreed in relation to a dispute must be acknowledged by an exchange of letters between the Parties. Parties agree that the exchange of letters can be done by email.
- 7.2. In case of disputes regarding the interpretation and fulfilment of this Agreement, these shall be settled in good faith by negotiation and agreement between the Parties.
- 7.3. 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 Representatives established in this Agreement.
- 7.4. Any dispute between the Parties arising out of any matter relating to this Agreement which cannot be resolved by the Representatives of each Party shall be referred to a senior officer (or equivalent) of each of the Parties.
- 7.5. The Parties acknowledge that this Agreement is subject to government regulations and legislation in the jurisdiction of each Party. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, both Parties agree where possible to cooperate in good faith to do all things reasonably necessary to give effect to any government directions, declarations or orders that may be made under government regulations and legislation.
- 7.6. Notwithstanding clause 7.5, in the event of any conflict between the Parties arising from this Agreement, the dispute shall be governed by the laws of the defendant in any dispute, action, proceedings or claim and the courts of the defendant shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine such dispute, action, proceeding, or claim.
- 7.7. Notwithstanding the existence of a dispute, the parties must continue to perform their obligations under this Agreement.

8. FINAL PROVISIONS

- 8.1. The present Agreement shall come into effect on the date of the last signature by the undersigned representatives of each Party and shall initially be in force for 5 years unless terminated in accordance with this Clause 8 or extended by written agreement of both Parties.
- 8.2. This Agreement may be terminated by either Party by giving at least thirty days' notice to the other Party via email. Notices should be directed to international@strath.ac.uk and FAO Head of Legal legal-services@strath.ac.uk for UNIVERSITY OF STRATHCLYDE and becariosbecasenelexterior@hacienda.gov.py / consultasbecal@hacienda.gov.py for BECAL Sponsored Students enrolled at



UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE at the time of the termination will be able to complete their studies with the Scholarship as if this Agreement had not been terminated.

- 8.3. FORCE MAJEURE:** Neither Party shall be deemed to be in breach of this Agreement if it is unable to carry out any provision of it for any reason beyond its control including (without limiting the generality of the foregoing) acts of God, legislation, fuel shortages, war, fire, flood, drought, failure of power supply embargo, civil commotion, epidemic, pandemic, international health emergency and employee action.
- 8.4. CONFIDENTIALITY:** Any Confidential Information will not without prior written consent of the owning Party be used, published or disclosed. The foregoing obligations relating to confidentiality shall not apply to information which is within or subsequently enters the public domain through no fault of the Party receiving such information. **BECAL** acknowledges that **UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE** must comply with the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 or any analogous regulations in respect of Confidential Information (or any other information) relating to this Agreement and before making a disclosure of such information it shall make an analysis as to whether the Confidential Information or other information requested is capable of benefiting from an exemption from disclosure. In the event that **UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE** considers that disclosure is legally required and makes the requested disclosure, no liability shall attach thereto.
- 8.5. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY:** The Parties acknowledge that ownership of each Party's Intellectual Property introduced by a Party for the purposes of this Agreement shall remain with the owning Party.
- 8.6.** This agreement is to be signed in in English and in Spanish, both texts being identically authentic. In the event of any ambiguity or discrepancy between the versions in different languages, the English version shall prevail.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this Agreement consisting of this and the preceding 7 pages and the Schedule 1 attached to it is signed as follows:



For UNIVERSITY of
STRATHCLYDE



Professor Sir Jim McDonald
Principal & Vice-Chancellor
University of Strathclyde

Date : 12th Aug 2025

For BECAL



General Director of Training for
Development

Date:



Viceminister of Human Capital and
Organizational Management

Ministry of Economy and Finance

Date:

SCHEDULE 1

BECAL shall provide sponsored students with the following benefits:

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS AND DISTRIBUTION

- The maximum amounts of funding, vary according to the Course to be undertaken. They are detailed below:
 1. Master's degrees: up to fifty thousand United States dollars (USD 50.000); for a length of 24 months
 2. Doctorates: up to ninety thousand United States dollars (USD 90.000); for a length of 48 months
 3. Post-doctorates: up to thirty thousand United States dollars (USD 30.000); for a length of 24 months
 4. Semester abroad for undergraduates students: up to ten thousand United States dollars (USD 10.000); for a length of 6 months
- The benefits contemplated to be covered up to the maximum amount established for each Course are:
 1. Payment of tuition fees for the Course
 2. Health insurance.
 3. VISA payment fee allowance (100 USD)
 4. Round-trip air tickets.
 5. Settling allowance in the foreign country. (500 USD)
 6. Monthly allowance corresponding to the country and city of assignment
<https://becal.gov.py/v2/monto-por-pais-de-destino/>
 7. Annual purchase of required educational materials. (500 USD)
 8. Settling allowance upon return to Paraguay. (500 USD)
- In the case of doctoral studies, a supplementary payment is made for spousal and child support.

TUITION FEES

- Tuition fees for international students studying at the UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE will be at the standard overseas rate that is agreed annually by the University Court and will be paid by the student to the UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE.
- In recognition of this agreement between UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE and BECAL, all students entering under the terms of this agreement will receive a discount of 15% on the tuition fees for the Course.
- No scholarship will be awarded to Paraguayan nationals registering with UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE out with the terms of this Agreement.

- Students are only able to receive one Scholarship. If an individual receives and accepts more than one offer of a Scholarship, only one Scholarship, the Scholarship of greater value, will be awarded.
- Tuition fees will be paid directly to UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE by the Sponsored Student.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE AMOUNTS

- Tuition fees are paid directly to the Sponsored Student by bank transfer. The Sponsored Student is responsible for payment of tuition fees to UNIVERSITY of STRATHCLYDE.
- Payments of the other benefits are made by bank transfer to the Sponsored Student's accounts set up specially for them in a Paraguayan Bank called Banco Nacional de Fomento, in accordance with the distribution of amounts for the benefits previously made and agreed with the Sponsored Student at the time of signing the contract, taking into account the maximum amounts for each type of programme. Once the amount of tuition fees has been covered, the remaining amount is distributed according to the Sponsored Student's decision, and may or may not cover the other benefits offered by BECAL.
- In case the student stays for 24 months and BECAL's amount cover only for the first 12 months, the Sponsored Student needs to provide a document stating they have ways to cover the remaining fee.

