

AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION

BETWEEN

Universidad Autónoma de Bucaramanga

AND

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

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- to promote interest in the teaching and research activities of the respective institutions; and
- to deepen the understanding of the economic, cultural and social issues environment of the respective institutions.

II.

To achieve these goals, UTRGV and UNAB will, insofar as the means of each allow:

- promote institutional exchanges by inviting faculty and staff of the partner institutions to participate in a variety of teaching and/or research activities and professional development;
- receive undergraduate and graduate students of the partner institution for periods of study and/or research;
- organize symposia, conferences, short courses, and meetings on research issues;
- carry out joint research and continuing education programs; and
- exchange information pertaining to developments in teaching, student development and research at each institution.

III.

Each institution shall designate a coordinator to oversee and facilitate the implementation of this Agreement. The coordinators, working with other appropriate administrators at the respective universities, shall have the following responsibilities:

- to promote academic collaboration at both faculty, graduate and undergraduate student levels for research and study;
- to act as principal contacts for individual and group activities and to plan and coordinate all activities within their institutions as well as with the partner institution;
- to distribute to each institution information about the faculty, facilities, research, publications, library materials and educational resources of the other institution; and
- to meet periodically to review and evaluate past activities and to work out new ideas for future cooperative agreements.

IV.

This general Agreement of Cooperation shall be identified as the parent document of any program agreement executed between the parties. Further agreements concerning any program shall provide details concerning the specific commitments made by each party and shall not become effective until they have been reduced to writing and executed by the duly authorized representatives of the parties. The scope of the activities under this agreement shall be determined by the funds regularly available at both institutions for the types of collaboration undertaken and by financial assistance as may be obtained by either institution from external sources.

V.

All travel and living expenses will be the responsibility of the home institution, except as stipulated in any specific program agreement. The host institution will assist professional staff engaged in teaching or research to find local living facilities.

VI.

Upon approval by each institution, this agreement shall remain in effect for a period of three (3) years unless terminated earlier by either institution. Such termination by one institution shall be effected by giving the other institution at least ninety (90) days advance written notice of its intention to terminate. If such notice is given, this agreement shall terminate: (a) at the end of such ninety (90) days; or (b) when all students enrolled in a course of study under the agreement at the time such notice is given have completed their respective courses of study under the agreement, whichever event occurs last. Termination shall be without penalty. If this agreement is terminated, neither UTRGV nor UNAB shall be liable to the other for any monetary or other losses which may result.

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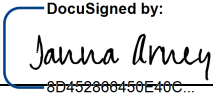
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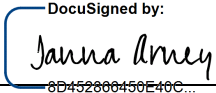
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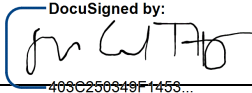
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Guidelines

UTRGV prioritizes international partnerships that meet the following principles:

Alignment with UTRGV vision and goals

Articulation of learning, academic, and/or research objectives to be achieved through the potential partnership.

Academic parity

Ranking and accreditation of the international institution.

Articulation of the value added to the existing academic / research curricula of UTRGV.

Sustainability

Fiscal resources available to engage in this international partnership.

Strength of interest and recruitment methods to support levels of participation.

Articulation of evaluation mechanisms to determine the success of the partnership.

Intellectual and geographic diversity

The geographic diversity of the partnership in relationship to existing partnerships.

Academic requirements (dual degree program agreements only)

Strength of pairing between existing UTRGV undergraduate or master degrees and those of the international institution.

Strength of pairing between existing UTRGV academic requirements and those of the international institution.

Administrative information required to establish an international partnership includes:

Proposed UTRGV sponsor details

1. UTRGV Sponsor Name

Dr. Arjun Singh

2. UTRGV Sponsor Department

Hospitality and Tourism Management Department

3. UTRGV Sponsor Email

arjun.singh@utrgv.edu

4. UTRGV Sponsor Phone Number

956-665-0457

5. Does the department Chair/Dean Approve?

Yes

Relationship with proposed international partner institution.

UTRGV Sponsor Responsibilities

UTRGV Sponsor

The UTRGV sponsor is responsible to: be the primary contact and liaison with administrators at the respective partner institution; arrange the initial resources needed to facilitate the partnership, including access to research, facilities, publications and services; address any concerns or disputes that may arise relating to the terms and conditions of the partnership; review, evaluate, and report program activities and establish improvements for future agreements.

6. Do you accept the UTRGV Sponsor responsibilities?

Yes

No

Proposed Partner Details

Institutional Information

7. Institution Name

Universidad Autónoma de Bucaramanga - UNAB.

8. Institution Physical Address

Avenida 42 No. 48 – 11, Bucaramanga - Colombia.

9. Institution Contact Name

Natalia Hernández León.

10. Institution Contact Title

Head of the National and International Relations Office.

11. Institution Contact Email

relinter@unab.edu.co; nhernandez6@unab.edu.co

12. Institution Contact Phone Number

+57 7 6436111 ext. 360

Institutional Contact Responsibilities

The proposed partner contact is responsible to: coordinate and facilitate activities of the partnership; be the primary university contact and be available to coordinate with IPP office staff, and students (if Program Agreement), advising them regarding exchange admission, courses, housing; plan and coordinate all activities and communication within universities.

13. Why should this agreement be created?

For both parties to be protected and binded by the legal content of the agreement

14. What collaboration/projects have already been fostered?

Non

15. How will UTRGV benefit from this agreement?

As students undertake exchange programs to anchor their educational experiences and exposure, it increases utility for both students and the institution. This agreement will provide us with international connections.

16. What collaborations/activities will result from this agreement?

Faculty Led programs, Student exchange programs, students studying globally