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# **COLLABORATION AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**FUNDACIÓN PARA EL FUTURO DE COLOMBIA**

**AND**

**UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, SYDNEY**

**Graduate Loan-Scholarship Program**

## A COLLABORATION AGREEMENT FOR GRADUATE LOAN-SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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FUNDACIÓN PARA EL FUTURO DE COLOMBIA of Cra 15 No. 37 – 15, Bogotá, Colombia  
("COLFUTURO")

AND

UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, SYDNEY (ABN 77 257 686 961) of 15 Broadway, Ultimo in the  
State of New South Wales, 2007, Australia (CRICOS Provider No 00099F) ("UTS")

### Background

- A. COLFUTURO is a not-for-profit institution established in 1991 in Colombia to assist Colombian professionals access further education abroad. COLFUTURO offers financial support to students to undertake postgraduate studies in an overseas university through its graduate loan-scholarship program ("**the Loan-Scholarship Program**"). For details of the Loan-Scholarship Program refer to COLFUTURO's website  
<http://www.colfuturo.org/index.php?page=7&site=1&idFile=4118&id=4118&owner=0>
- B. UTS is an Australian tertiary education institution and body corporate established under the *University of Technology, Sydney, Act 1989* (NSW). UTS is committed to its international students' program and wishes to offer financial assistance to eligible Colombian students who are admitted to COLFUTURO's Loan-Scholarship Program and who enrol in a UTS postgraduate degree program.
- C. COLFUTURO and UTS share an interest in strengthening bilateral cooperation between Colombia and Australia in the field of education.
- D. The purpose of this agreement is to foster cooperation and enhance the links between the two institutions through the provision of shared financing for those Colombian students admitted to postgraduate degree programs at UTS, and who are also selected under the Loan-Scholarship Program ("**the Joint Scholarship Program**").
- E. COLFUTURO and UTS agree to the following:

### Operation of the Joint Scholarship Program

1. Students in Colombia that are interested in the Joint Scholarship Program may seek admission to a UTS postgraduate degree program. The students must comply with the normal application procedures and meet all the admission requirements (including English language requirements) established by UTS.
2. Students who are offered admission to a UTS postgraduate degree program may submit a loan-scholarship application to COLFUTURO. The student must comply with COLFUTURO's normal application procedures and meet all the standard requirements established by COLFUTURO.
3. Students who are offered a place on a postgraduate degree program at UTS and who are then selected as beneficiaries of the Loan-Scholarship Program of COLFUTURO will become eligible for the shared financing under this agreement ("**Scholarship Students**").

### **Shared Financing Arrangement**

4. UTS will provide five full scholarships (two for Masters programs by coursework and three for Postgraduate Higher Research Degrees (HRD) ("**Tuition Fee Scholarship**") toward tuition fees for each Scholarship Student. The Tuition Scholarship Fee does not cover any compulsory Overseas Student Health Cover which students must obtain as a condition of their visa or any other living expenses.
5. COLFUTURO will provide for each Scholarship Student up to USD\$25,000 annually for a maximum financing of two years, or USD\$50,000, to cover other related costs. Any payments made under this clause 5 will be subject to COLFUTURO's policies and procedures.
6. Scholarship Students will be responsible for obtaining financial resources to cover other costs that are not covered under the Joint Scholarship Program.

### **Refund of Fees**

7. In the event that a Scholarship Student decides to discontinue their studies at UTS, the 'UTS Protocols on fees and refunds for international students' as set out at <http://www.uts.edu.au/international/prospective/studying/fees/> ("the protocols") will apply to any fees paid to UTS by the student. However, as the Tuition Fee Scholarship under this agreement is granted as a tuition fee deduction, no refund for the full and/or partial scholarship awarded to a Scholarship Student by UTS can be granted.
8. If a Scholarship Student's enrolment at UTS is discontinued in accordance with the UTS "Student and Related Rules" (which apply to all students enrolled at UTS) the Tuition Fee Scholarship will cease with immediate effect and future applications for award for the Tuition Fee Scholarship by the same student will not be considered by UTS. UTS will notify COLFUTURO as soon as is reasonably practicable of its intention to take any termination action against a Scholarship Student.

### **Cooperation by COLFUTURO and UTS**

9. COLFUTURO and UTS will designate a representative to implement, coordinate and monitor the Joint Scholarship Program. In particular, the designated representatives will take all reasonable steps to ensure that:
  - a) UTS and COLFUTURO are able to provide prospective Colombian students with information on UTS postgraduate degree programs of interest and guidance on how to apply to UTS.
  - b) UTS provides COLFUTURO with all the relevant promotional materials and brochures on the different postgraduate degree programs offered by UTS to encourage interest and ensure that correct postgraduate degree program and application information is provided to any prospective students.
  - c) COLFUTURO and UTS will promote the agreement to prospective Colombian students in a professional manner, maintaining the integrity and reputation of both institutions.

- d) COLFUTURO will amend or replace promotional materials as requested by UTS if such amendments or replacements are required by law, including without limitation the *Australian Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000* (Cth) ("the ESOS Act") and the Australian National Code of Practice for Registration Authorities and Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students ("the Code") in force under the ESOS Act.
- e) UTS provides all Colombian students admitted to their postgraduate degree program information on the Loan-Scholarship Program and encourages these students to contact and submit an application to COLFUTURO.
- f) COLFUTURO notifies UTS the successful candidates by sending the list of Colombian students admitted to UTS and selected as beneficiaries of the Loan-Scholarship Program of COLFUTURO.
- g) UTS will select from the list mentioned in Numeral 9 item e, the students who will be granted the University scholarship mentioned in Numeral 4. UTS will then inform COLFUTURO of this decision.
- h) COLFUTURO provides UTS with accurate institutional information on COLFUTURO and pertinent details on its Loan-Scholarship Program and the payment scheme as set out in Annex I to this agreement and that the designated representative of UTS ensures that relevant UTS officers (i.e., financial service officers, sponsored student support team, staff in charge of student management) understand and are informed of the terms and conditions of COLFUTURO's Loan-Scholarship Program.
- i) UTS and COLFUTURO cooperate as necessary to make the financial arrangements for Scholarship Students.
- j) UTS and COLFUTURO are notified of any change in the designated representative or charge of this agreement.

10. The designated representatives for COLFUTURO and UTS or such other representatives that may be notified to COLFUTURO or UTS from time to time are set out in clause 11.

11. A notice under this agreement must be in writing and addressed to the designated representative for each party in this clause 11

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## 12. Acknowledgements

COLFUTURO acknowledges that -

- a) UTS is required to meet certain obligations under the ESOS Act and subordinate legislation, including the Code in force under the ESOS Act which can be found at: <http://www.aei.gov.au/AEI/ESOS/default.htm>
- b) UTS is an authority bound by the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* (NSW) ('the Act') and agrees to comply with the provisions of the Act to the extent that the Act relates to any of its students or staff connected to this agreement. UTS and COLFUTURO acknowledge that the Act may, in certain cases, restrict the transfer of students' personal information between UTS and COLFUTURO and that UTS will request that each Scholarship Student complete appropriate documentation to ensure that sharing of information is possible under the Act.

### General

13. UTS and COLFUTURO will not use the other party's name or logo in any publication or for any other purpose whatsoever without the prior written consent of the other party.
14. UTS and COLFUTURO will act in good faith and commit to resolving any disputes on the terms of this Collaboration Agreement by seeking friendly, mutually acceptable resolutions. However, either party may terminate the agreement by providing at least thirty days' (30) prior written notice to the other party.
15. In the event that this agreement is terminated in accordance with clause 14 and the Joint Scholarship Program is discontinued, both parties agree that students admitted under the Joint Scholarship Program will be permitted to complete their course of study.
16. Complete or partial failure or omission by UTS and COLFUTURO to require the strict or timely compliance with any provision in this agreement will in no way affect or prejudice UTS and COLFUTURO's rights to avail themselves of all of their rights and remedies under the applicable law for a breach of that provision.

### Duration of Agreement and Review

17. This agreement will commence on the date that the agreement is signed by the parties, and if not signed on the same date, then the agreement will commence on the later of the dates of signing and will remain in force until it is terminated under the terms of this agreement.
18. The agreement may be signed in counterparts each of which is deemed to be an original and all of which constitute one and the same instrument.
19. The agreement may be reviewed or renegotiated at the written request of either COLFUTURO or UTS.

**SIGNED AS AN AGREEMENT**

Signed for and on behalf of **UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, SYDNEY**

Signed for and on behalf of **FUNDACIÓN PARA EL FUTURO DE COLOMBIA-COLFUTURO**

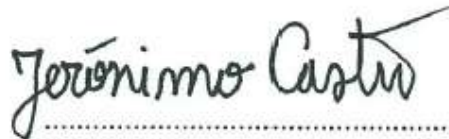
By



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Professor William Purcell  
Deputy Vice Chancellor & Vice-President  
(International & Development)

Date: 25.11.11

By



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Mr Jerónimo Castro  
Executive Director  
COLFUTURO

Date: 20 Oct 2011

## Annex 1

### General Terms and Payment Scheme of COLFUTURO's Loan-Scholarship Program

1. COLFUTURO's financing system consists of a Loan-Scholarship of up to USD25.000 annually for a maximum financing of two years, or USD50.000.
2. The applicants for the Loan-Scholarship determine the amount to be requested from COLFUTURO in accordance with COLFUTURO's policies and procedures.
3. Successful applicants or beneficiaries of this program can use the Loan-Scholarship to cover the full or partial costs of their graduate studies abroad.
4. COLFUTURO's Loan-Scholarship is granted in US Dollars. All payments to beneficiaries (i.e. settling allowance and living allowance) are made in US Dollars but COLFUTURO can pay tuition to universities in other currencies. However, COLFUTURO beneficiaries have the obligation to assume any discrepancy, arising from foreign exchange fluctuations, between the US Dollar amount requested from COLFUTURO and the other currencies.
5. COLFUTURO's selection process for the Loan-Scholarship Program is done yearly. The on-line application becomes available by mid-January and applicants can start complying with documentary requirements beginning the first week of March up to the last working day of May. Results are published between the last week of June and the first week of July each year.
6. COLFUTURO notifies partner universities immediately regarding the results of the selection process by sending them the list of COLFUTURO beneficiaries admitted to their graduate degree programs.
7. Once students are selected and notified as beneficiaries of COLFUTURO, the latter arranges a meeting with the student to explain in detail, the terms and conditions of the Loan-Scholarship. The student who accepts these terms and conditions, decides the allocation of this Loan-Scholarship taking into account the maximum amounts mentioned in item 1. The beneficiary can allocate approved financial support on the following cost items:
  - Airfare
  - Settling Allowance (one time payment of up to USD2.000)
  - Tuition
  - Health insurance
  - Living allowance (up to USD\$1,300 per month). This amount can be increased by 25%, USD\$1.625 (if a student will travel with family)
  - Text books and computer allowance (maximum USD\$2.000 per year)
  - Debtors insurance
8. COLFUTURO clearly informs the beneficiaries, which of the above items are payable directly to them and to the universities or service providers.

9. COLFUTURO pays tuition and fees (and health insurance, when this is included as part of the University's fees) directly to the universities in two installments:

For those beneficiaries who begin their programs during the second semester of the year,

- 1) First payment: November 15th, University must send invoice not later than October 31<sup>st</sup>
- 2) Second payment: March 15th, University must send invoice not later than February 28th

For those beneficiaries entering during the first semester of the year, the payment scheme is vice-versa, first payment in March and second payment in November.

10. The students are responsible for obtaining financial resources to cover other costs (that are not included in this Loan-Scholarship agreement) related to their program of study.
11. This loan turns into a partial scholarship when the student returns to Colombia and resides in the country for a pre-established period. In order to qualify for the scholarship ranging between 25% and 50% waiver of the loan, the student must comply with all the requirements previously agreed to with COLFUTURO. The loan component must be paid by the beneficiary on a monthly basis, upon his return to Colombia, according to the established amortization period, which cannot exceed a 5-year term. An additional 10% scholarship is given to beneficiaries who work full time for the government or an academic or research institution for a minimum period of one year.