COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
FUNDACIÓN PARA EL FUTURO DE COLOMBIA
AND
CASS BUSINESS SCHOOL, CITY, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The Fundación para el Futuro de Colombia (COLFUTURO) and Cass Business School, City, University of London (City) share an interest in strengthening bilateral cooperation in the field of education between Colombia and the United Kingdom and promoting stronger ties between the two institutions to increase the financial support available for post graduate studies of Colombian students.

The purpose of this agreement is to foster cooperation and enhance the links between the two institutions through the provision of financing for talented Colombian students admitted to post graduate degree programs at Cass Business School, City, University of London, within the Graduate Loan-Scholarship Program.

The Graduate Loan-Scholarship Program will operate as follows:

1. Colombian students interested in this Joint Graduate Loan-Scholarship Program will seek admission to the post graduate degree programs offered by Cass Business School, City, University of London (MBA Program Degree), following the normal application procedures and meeting all the standard admission requirements (including official language tests) established by Cass Business School, City, University of London.

2. Students admitted to the post graduate degree programs offered by Cass Business School, City, University of London will submit a Loan-Scholarship application to COLFUTURO, following the normal application procedures and meeting all the standard requirements established by COLFUTURO.

3. Students who are offered a place for full-time post graduate studies at Cass Business School, City, University of London and who are beneficiaries of the Loan-Scholarship Program of COLFUTURO will be eligible or considered for the financing under this agreement.

4. Cass Business School, City, University of London will provide a scholarship of 20% of the tuition fees to three eligible students admitted to the Full-time MBA Program, and are beneficiaries of the Scholarship Program of Colfuturo.

5. Cass Business School, City, University of London will offer this financial support for the duration of the Full-time MBA program.

6. COLFUTURO will provide part of the tuition fees, in accordance with its policies and procedures up to USD25,000.
7. The students are responsible for obtaining financial resources to cover all costs that are not included in this Loan-Scholarship agreement related to their program of study.

8. Each institution will designate a coordinator to implement and monitor this Joint Graduate Loan-Scholarship Program. In particular, the designated coordinators will be responsible for ensuring that:

a. Cass Business School, City, University of London and COLFUTURO provide prospective Colombian scholars with information on their programs of interest and guidance on how to apply to Cass Business School, City, University of London.

b. Cass Business School, City, University of London provides COLFUTURO with all the relevant promotional materials and brochures on the Full-time MBA Program offered by Cass Business School, City, University of London to encourage interest among prospective Colombian students.

c. Cass Business School, City, University of London provides all Colombian students admitted to their graduate degree programs information on the Loan-Scholarship Program of COLFUTURO and encourages these students to contact and submit an application to COLFUTURO.

d. COLFUTURO informs Cass Business School, City, University of London of successful candidates by sending the list of Colombian students admitted to Cass Business School, City, University of London and selected as beneficiaries of the Loan-Scholarship Program of COLFUTURO.

e. Cass Business School, City, University of London will select from the list mentioned in Clause 8 item d, the students who will be granted the University scholarship mentioned in Clause 4.

f. COLFUTURO provides Cass Business School, City, University of London with institutional information on COLFUTURO and pertinent details on its Loan-Scholarship Program and the payment scheme (see Annex 1) and that the designated coordinator of Cass Business School, City, University of London ensures that all relevant teams of City, University of London (i.e., Finance and student Academic Services in charge of student accounts) accept the terms of COLFUTURO’s Loan-Scholarship Program.

g. Both institutions have the obligation to inform the other party of any change in the designated coordinator or signatory in charge of this agreement.

9. The designated coordinators are:

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10. Both institutions will promote the agreement to prospective Colombian graduate students.

11. City, University of London is not a party to the agreement between the student and Colfuturo, and has no responsibility on the conditions set out in Annex 1.

12. COLFUTURO pays annual tuition fees directly to the universities in two installments:
First payment: November 15th, Student must submit the corresponding invoice to COLFUTURO not later than October 31st. Second payment: March 15th, Student must submit the corresponding invoice to COLFUTURO not later than February 28th. If the payment is not made on these dates, the Student will be responsible for the outstanding fees in line with City’s instalment dates. City reserves the right to withdraw the student from the programme if payment is not made within these terms.
13. Neither Party will share personal or sensitive data of a student at any time, and in any event where sharing of such data is required both parties will obtain written consent from the student identifying clearly stating the purpose for which the data is being shared.

This agreement shall remain in force from the date of signature by the designated representatives of each party and may be reviewed or renegotiated at the request of either party. Either party may terminate the agreement by providing at least thirty days prior written notice to the other party.

Paul Long
Chief Operating Officer, Cass Business School
Date: 21/8/18

Jerónimo Castro Jaramillo
Executive Director, COLFUTURO
Date: 3 Sep 2018
Annex 1
General Terms and Payment Scheme of COLFUTURO 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 up to 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 done 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 to COLFUTURO and the other currencies.

5. COLFUTURO’s selection process for the Loan-Scholarship Program is done yearly. Applicants can comply with documentary requirements when the on-line application becomes available by January 8th and up to February 28th. Results are published by the mid of May. These dates may change each call.

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 USD1,300 per month. This amount can be increased by 25%, USD1,625, if student travels with family)
   - Text books and computer allowance (maximum USD2,000 per year)
   - Debtors insurance

   COLFUTURO provides each beneficiary with a sponsorship letter indicating the total amount of the loan-scholarship.

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 annual tuition and fees (and health insurance, when this is included as part of the University's fees) directly to the universities in two instalments:

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

- First payment: November 15th, Student must submit the corresponding invoice to COLFUTURO not later than October 31st
- Second payment: March 15th, Student must submit the corresponding invoice to COLFUTURO 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. The students have financial responsibility towards the University; COLFUTURO will pay on their behalf. After the final payment is made by COLFUTURO, any outstanding balance, including those resulting from exchange rate fluctuations, must be covered by the student.

12. 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, the student must comply with all the requirements previously agreed with COLFUTURO. The scholarship is granted as follows: 20% for MBA programs and masters in the fields of administration and law, and 40% for masters in all other areas and all doctoral programs. Two additional 20% bonuses can be given as follows:

   a. Beneficiaries who work full time in the public sector or as academic or researcher will receive 10% during the first year, 5% for the second year and 5% for the third year, to get up to 20%.

   b. Beneficiaries who work in a city different from Bogotá or its metropolitan area will receive 10% during the first year, 5% for the second year and 5% for the third year, to get up to 20%.

The loan component must be paid by the beneficiary on a monthly basis, upon his or her return to Colombia, according to the established amortization period, which cannot exceed a 5-year term.