

## ADDENDUM TO THE CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF PORTO AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CUENCA

The **University of Porto** (U.Porto), represented by its Rector, Professor António Sousa Pereira, and by the Dean of the **Faculty of Sciences**, Prof. Ana Cristina Freire

and

The **University of Cuenca**, represented by its Rector, Professor Pablo Vanegas Peralta

agree to establish the present Addendum to the Cultural and Scientific Agreement, signed between both universities, which will be governed by the following articles:

### ARTICLE 1

The present Addendum has as main goal to establish the conditions for students from University of Cuenca to complete the Doctoral Programme in Chemistry of the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Porto.

### ARTICLE 2

1. Under the terms of the present Addendum, the University of Porto must inform the University of Cuenca about the necessary requirements for students to apply to the Doctoral Programme in Chemistry.
2. The University of Cuenca may select up to six (6) students per year, in each academic year, to participate in the Doctoral Programme in Chemistry, based on the academic excellence and motivation of their students.
3. To achieve the agreed object, the participants must comply with a specific work plan for each exchange established between the Parties
4. The University of Cuenca must provide to the University of Porto information about the academic performance of the selected students, as well as other relevant information.
5. The final acceptance of the selected students by University of Cuenca shall be granted by the University of Porto, according to its internal procedures and after ensuring that the academic background of the candidate students meet the established requirements for acceptance in the Doctoral Programme in Chemistry.

6. The Faculty of Sciences of the University of Porto will annually reserve the necessary places to accommodate the selected students from University of Cuenca.
7. After completion of the application and selection process at the University of Porto, the selected students from University of Cuenca will be enrolled as regular students of the Doctoral Programme in Chemistry of the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Porto.
8. As regular students, students from University of Cuenca will annually pay to the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Porto the corresponding International Students tuition fees set for the Doctoral Programme in Chemistry.
9. In the case that some research period is undertaken at the University of Cuenca, the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Porto may apply a reduction of the tuition fees, as foreseen in U.Porto's Regulation of Tuition Fees, taking into consideration the periods of stay at University of Cuenca.
10. Selected students will be exempt from any payment at University of Cuenca.
11. The University of Cuenca shall provide all required information and documentation concerning the students proposed to participate in the Exchange Programme within the deadlines communicated by the University of Porto. Applications submitted after the established deadlines may result in the rejection of the student's application.
12. The International Relations Office of the University of Porto will provide selected students from University of Cuenca the usual support offered to international students, namely information regarding accommodation, University facilities, medical services, integration and cultural activities, etc.

### ARTICLE 3

1. Every selected student will have one doctorate supervisor at the University of Porto and also one doctorate supervisor at University of Cuenca.
2. Professors from University of Cuenca will be jointly involved with Professors from the University of Porto in the teaching of the disciplines "*Transferable Skills in Research in Chemistry*" and also "*Thesis*".
3. The thesis defence will take place at the University of Porto, according to the Portuguese and University internal rules.
4. After successful completion of the Doctoral Programme in Chemistry, the University of Porto will issue the degree certificate.
5. The University of Cuenca commits to support their students in the process of national recognition in Equator of the diploma issued by the University of Porto.

#### ARTICLE 4

1. Each selected student will be responsible for covering all costs related to their stay at the University of Porto, namely travel, accommodation, living expenses and insurance.
2. Before leaving their country, the selected students shall apply for a study visa for the entire time of staying at the University of Porto. The University of Porto will facilitate the necessary documents for applying to the visa.

#### ARTICLE 5

1. Selected students from University of Cuenca will benefit from the same rights and responsibilities as the other regularly enrolled University of Porto' students.
2. Students from University of Cuenca may be subject to stipulated sanctions in case of non-compliance with the legislation and regulations in force at the University of Porto.
3. University of Cuenca shall be immediately informed (by e-mail) by the University of Porto in the event of any problem concerning its students.

#### ARTICLE 6

1. At the University of Porto, the process of application to the Doctoral Programme in Chemistry and all academic aspects will be led by Professor Pedro Alexandrino Fernandes, in close cooperation with the Academic/Post-graduation Services of the Faculty of Sciences. At University of Cuenca, the process will be led by Professors Fabian León and Bernardo Vega, in close cooperation with the Academic/Post-graduation Services of the Faculty of Chemical Sciences and Medical Sciences accordingly.
2. The inter-institutional communication will be done by the respective International Relations Offices at both Universities:

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**ARTICLE 7**

Upon the signature of the present Addendum, the first group of students may initiate as from the following semester, according to the academic calendar of the University of Porto, and as long as the necessary conditions for the application to the Doctoral Programme in Chemistry are met.

**ARTICLE 8**

The present Addendum shall be in force as from the date of its signature and it will be valid for a period of five (years), not exceeding the validity of the General Agreement, after which it will cease automatically.

This Addendum can be renewed by mutual consent, in writing, by both universities at least six (6) months prior to the date of termination, as long as the renewal of the Cooperation Agreement is ensured.


Either university may terminate this addendum by giving six (6) months' notice, in writing. Such termination shall not affect the completion of any ongoing activity at the time of the notice.


In case of omission in the present document, the partners agree to comply with the principles and standards that generated this Addendum and with the regulations in force in the two countries. Any changes to this document must be made in writing and signed by the parties.

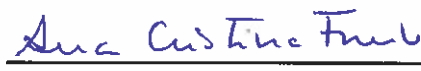
Fully accepting the articles stated above, the parties hereby sign this Addendum to the Cultural and Scientific Agreement, in four (4) equally dated copies (two copies for each university), in English language, and four (4) equally dated copies (two copies for each university), in Spanish

Porto, \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / 2019

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