



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

For Academic Collaborations

Between

Faculty of Engineering

University of Cuenca

Cuenca, Ecuador

And

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

College Station, Texas

United States of America

Whereas the above named institutions recognize that a Memorandum of Agreement would be of mutual benefit would serve as an indication of continued interest in cooperation, it is agreed that:

Students

1.01 Each institution will promote the enrollment of qualified undergraduate and/or graduate students in the other's academic programs. Language competency must be at a level that will allow participating students to attend classes in the language of the host institution.

a. The University of Cuenca (UC) and Texas A&M University (TAMU) will collaborate on service learning projects in Ecuador for the undergraduate capstone classes in the Biological and Agricultural Engineering (BAEN) Department. Faculty members and students from UC and TAMU will work jointly to develop engineering designs and management plans for community-based projects in Ecuador.

b. Student teams from TAMU will be encouraged to travel to Ecuador to assist in the implementation of these service learning projects. The UC will facilitate TAMU student travel to Ecuador by helping to identify student housing and travel logistics in Ecuador. In addition, the UC will coordinate the interaction between TAMU and the clients associated with these community-based projects in Ecuador.

c. Student teams from the UC will be encouraged to travel to College Station, TX, to meet with TAMU students and faculty to closely work on these projects. TAMU will facilitate UC student travel to Texas by helping to identify student housing and travel logistics in the U.S.

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1.02 Texas A&M University has sole responsibility as the home institution for U.S. Title IV financial aid processing, disbursement, and record keeping for any Texas A&M University student participating in programs described by this Agreement, as well as for adherence to relevant principles of accreditation.

1.03 The University of Cuenca will provide less than 25% of the coursework applied to the Texas A&M University degree being pursued by Texas A&M University students under this Agreement.

1.04 Students wishing to enroll in the host institution will be subject to the admission requirements and tuition and fees of the host institution.

Faculty

2.01 Each institution will promote collaborative faculty engagement for teaching and/or research programs in the area of biological and agricultural engineering and earth and environmental sciences. This will include the long- and short-term exchange of faculty and staff for joint teaching where financially feasible in the areas of Water Resources and Environmental Sciences and Biological and Agricultural Engineering. Examples are sabbaticals, faculty improvement leaves, visiting professorships, and research collaboration.

2.02 Each agrees to collaborate in scientific research programs in the areas of Water Resources and Environmental Sciences and Biological and Agricultural Engineering.

Term

3.01 This Memorandum of Agreement will become effective on the final date of signing and will have a duration of five years.

3.02 This Memorandum of Agreement may be terminated by either party by providing 180 days written notice to the participating parties.

General

4.01 Expenses incurred by each institution under this Memorandum of Agreement will be the sole responsibility of the appropriate department of the institution and all activities will be dependent upon budgetary appropriations of the parties.

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4.02 Each institution agrees to comply with the host country's immigration guidelines in support of exchanges of international students and/or faculty.

4.03 All activities conducted under this Memorandum of Agreement will be in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations of the home and host institutions, and all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.

Designation of Coordinators

5.01 Each institution designates the following officials to serve as Coordinators under this Memorandum of Agreement. The individuals designated as Coordinators may be revised by either institution by providing written notice to the current Coordinators.

Texas A&M University: Dr. Clyde Munster, Professor, Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering

University of Cuenca: Dr. Andres Alvarado, Professor, Department of Water Resources and Environmental Sciences, Engineering Faculty

The parties have executed this Memorandum of Agreement on the date and year specified below:

Texas A&M University

University of Cuenca

Dr. Karan Watson
Provost and Executive Vice
President of Academic Affairs

Ing. Fabián Carrasco
Rector of the Universidad de Cuenca

Date: 26 Mar 2015

Date: 21 ENE 2015

Recommended Approval

Dr. Alan Sams
Executive Associate Dean,
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Texas A&M University

Dr. Pablo Vanegas
Dean of the Engineering Faculty
Universidad de Cuenca