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## **COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF CUENCA**

**AND...**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CUENCA, REPRESENTED BY PRESIDENT DR. PABLO  
VANEGAS PERALTA PhD, AND .....**

**REPRESENTED BY ....., SIGN THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT**

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### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

#### **I. UNIVERSITY OF CUENCA**

The University of Cuenca is a public institution of higher education established by a legislative decree issued by the Senate and the Chamber of Representatives of Ecuador in the Congress of October 15, 1867, and approved by the President of the Republic on October 18 of the same year.

The University of Cuenca is a state-funded academic institution with its own legal status, as well as academic, administrative, financial, and organic autonomy. It is also a legal entity of public law, secular, nonprofit, pluralist, and opens to all trends in beliefs. It is part of the higher education system in Ecuador.

It is a public university focused on teaching and research. Its mission is to train professionals and scientists committed to improve the quality of life in regard to inter cultural contexts and harmonious relationships with the environment. The basis of the University of Cuenca is its high academic quality, creativity, and innovation which aim to face current scientific and human challenges and fulfill its commitment in regard to the establishment of a regional, national, and international society featuring equality, solidarity, and efficiency.

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## **WHEREAS**

The goal of both universities is to support high quality in higher education;

Both universities have common interests in different fields;

The cooperation between both universities contributes to their institutional development by increasing their teaching capability and scientific research;

The institutions signing this document, according to their nature and objectives, are destined to play a crucial role for the development of their societies;

The exchange of experiences and knowledge between both institutions represents a major concern for their progress and development;

## **IT IS RESOLVED**

To set up a cooperation agreement between both institutions in accordance with the following clauses:

### **GENERAL OBJECTIVE**

To establish the formal basis of cooperation between the University of Cuenca and Newcastle University in order to encourage, formulate, and develop coordinated actions and projects in regard to:

- (i) scientific research;
- (ii) training and teaching of students and academic professionals;
- (iii) academic mobility and exchange of students, professors, and researchers;
- (iv) cooperation to strengthen their institutional capabilities;
- (v) dissemination and transfer of science, knowledge, and technology;
- (vi) development of cultural activities and community outreach.

### **SECOND: JOINT COMMITMENTS**

- a) To establish projects of mutual interest;
- b) To set up specific agreements for each project, which will be attached to this agreement. Such agreements will establish the specific fields of work, the activities to be performed, the responsibilities of each party, the conditions for funding, and the supervision systems, among others.



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c) To support the development of activities established in specific agreements by providing their human, scientific, technological, financial, and infrastructure resources.

### **THIRD: VALIDITY AND DURATION**

This agreement will come into effect on the date of its signing, and it will be valid for five years. This agreement may be extended in writing according to the interests of both institutions.

### **FOURTH: TERMINATION**

This agreement will be terminated in normal conditions when the deadline is met. Additionally, this agreement may be terminated before the term set forth in by mutual consent of both parties.

### **FIFTH: COMMUNICATIONS**

All communications between both parties will be in writing. These will be submitted to the following addresses:

#### **Universidad de Cuenca**

Dirección de Relaciones Internacionales  
Av. 12 de Abril s/n  
relaciones.internacionales@ucuenca.edu.ec

#### **University.....**

Head of International Office  
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### **SIXTH: DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY**

Both universities express their desire to make a big effort to fulfill this agreement successfully. In witness thereof, both parties sign this document on four samples with the same content and validity in the city of Cuenca .....

Dr. Pablo Vanegas Peralta Phd  
President of the University of Cuenca

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President of .....