AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT
PROGRAM OF GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS
BETWEEN
PURDUE UNIVERSITY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES

Purdue University of the United States of America (PURDUE) on behalf of the College of Agriculture (Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, Department of Agricultural Economics, Department of Agronomy, Department of Animal Sciences, Department of Biochemistry, Department of Botany and Plant Pathology, Department of Entomology, Department of Food Science, Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture), College of Health and Human Sciences (Department of Health and Kinesiology, Department of Nutrition Science, Department of Psychological Sciences, School of Health Sciences), College of Engineering (Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, School of Chemical Engineering, Lyles School of Civil Engineering, School of Electrical & Computer Engineering, Division of Environmental and Ecological Engineering), College of Science (Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences) and the National Council of Science and Technology of the United Mexican States (CONACYT) hereinafter referred to as the parties;

DESIRING to promote, develop and strengthen the relationship between both countries;

RECOGNIZING that granting fellowships to Mexican citizens to fulfill postgraduate studies in The United States will contribute to the improvement of the relationship between both Nations;


The parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1
Objective

This Cooperation Agreement has the objective of establishing a joint program called CONACYT - PURDUE, to grant Master and PhD fellowships. This Agreement applies for all CONACYT supported Mexican students accepted into and enrolled in any Master or PhD program in the mentioned Schools/Departments in this Agreement.
ARTICLE 2
Granting of Fellowships

Mexican students at PURDUE:

a) CONACYT will pay their standard maximum-capped amount towards the tuition fee that CONACYT establishes and publishes in the respective international scholarships call each year for up to 2 (two) years for master's students. Under this Agreement, CONACYT will pay their maximum standard capped amount towards the tuition fee for the first 4 (four) years for all PhD students.

b) According to its established guidelines, in addition to the tuition fee covered in 2.a above, CONACYT will provide a stipend and support for health insurance for up to 2 (two) years for all Master students and the first 4 (four) years for all PhD students under this Agreement.

c) For all PhD students accepted into a graduate program in the listed Schools/Departments, the respective School/Department of PURDUE agrees to supplement the tuition fee up to the standard PURDUE amount for international students for the first 4 (four) years, and to supplement the stipend for the first 4 (four) years up to the PURDUE minimum or the standard stipend for the respective School/Department, if that is higher.

d) All Mexican students accepted in any participating graduate programs at PURDUE will receive all the benefits offered by the University to its students.

e) PURDUE will provide Mexican students with documentation indicating admission to the University, but it will be the student's responsibility to obtain the necessary visas. PURDUE will also provide information on how the student's visas are generally obtained.

f) PURDUE will supply a named academic contact that will be able to provide help and support specifically to CONACYT funded students studying under the Agreement.

PURDUE agrees to send the tuition fee invoices to CONACYT showing in detail the tuition fee as specified previously in this Agreement.

PURDUE recognizes that it is the student's responsibility to cover the fees identified as "Student fees" (where applicable) and that CONACYT will have NO obligations or commitment of payment of this type of fee or any other fee charged to the student, for the duration of this Agreement.

In order for CONACYT funded students to continue receiving the support established in this Agreement, the students must be enrolled full-time at PURDUE and maintain a good academic and disciplinary standing.
Both parties agree to meet all commitments indicated in the letter of acceptance issued by the host institution (assigned curricula, starting date and degree program offered) as well as the scholarship letter award given by CONACYT which derives from the co-financing of both parties under this Agreement.

PURDUE recognizes that those students supported by the present Agreement who have obtained a Master's degree from an accredited Mexican University through a program registered in the "Programa Nacional de Posgrados de Calidad (PNPC)" certified by CONACYT, will be able to attend an approved PhD program in the listed Schools/Departments.

ARTICLE 3
Change of postgraduate level

If a fellow who is studying for a master's degree decides to change their graduate studies to a doctorate degree, he/she must respect and accept the master's program time spent in accordance with the provisions of Article 2, and agree that the maximum support in his/her case toward a doctorate degree will be up to 48 (forty eight) months total.

ARTICLE 4
Short Fellowship Visits

1. Fellowship visits to PURDUE:
   a) According to their established guidelines CONACYT may propose visits of Mexican Master Students for up to 6 (six) months and Mexican PhD students for up to 12 (twelve) months to PURDUE with the purpose of gaining experience in specific research projects.
   b) CONACYT will pay to all visiting Mexican Master and PhD students the stipend and a support for health insurance for the duration of the Fellowship visit to PURDUE.

2. Fellowship visits to México:
   a) According to their established guidelines PURDUE may propose visits of Master students for up to 6 (six) months or PhD students for up to 12 (twelve) months to any accredited Mexican University registered in the "Programa Nacional de Posgrados de Calidad (PNPC)" certified by CONACYT, with the purpose of gaining working experience in specific research projects.
b) CONACYT will pay to all visiting PURDUE Master and PhD students, accepted in any Mexican University, the stipend and a support on medical service for the duration of their Fellowship visit to México.

With regard to the short Fellowship visitors, the Agreement will apply from the date of the last signature and applications will be open throughout the year.

ARTICLE 5
Financing

The parties agree to finance the fellowship program in accordance with the provisions of the previous Articles with the possibility of finding alternate ways of financing, based on the requirements of each particular case.

The execution of this Agreement is subject to budget availability from all parties, as well as to any legal provisions in force, and therefore it does not constitute in any way a commitment of resources in subsequent fiscal years, any additional expenses or future economic obligations.

ARTICLE 6
Coordination Areas

Each party will designate an Activities Coordinator who will be in charge of the follow-up and evaluation of the fellowship program, and keeping the parties informed at all times.

The Activities Coordinators designated by the parties are:

For PURDUE:

Office of Corporate and Global Partnerships
Hovde Hall, Room 130
610 Purdue Mall
West Lafayette, Indiana 47907-2040
(765) 494-9095

For CONACYT:

Direction of Scholarships
Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología
Avenida Insurgentes Sur 1582
Colonia Crédito Constructor
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(55) 53227700 ext. 1201
projo@conacyt.mx
ARTICLE 7
Handling of Information

All students will be subject to the rules and regulations of the graduate program in which they study, including but not limited to, the University's policies on intellectual property, patents and handling of information.

CONACYT will not use the name of PURDUE University, nor of any member of PURDUE University's program staff, in any publicity, advertising, or news release without the prior written approval of an authorized representative of PURDUE University. PURDUE University will not use the name of CONACYT, or any employee of CONACYT, in any publicity, advertising, or news release without the prior written approval of CONACYT.

ARTICLE 8
Differences Resolution

If there is a difference in the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement, both parties agree that they will endeavor to resolve it by informal discussions between the respective Activities Coordinators identified in this Agreement. If the parties cannot resolve the differences in this manner, the parties agree to reach an alternative resolution procedure, subject to the rules that the parties themselves decide to adopt.

ARTICLE 9
Early Termination

If either party decides to terminate this Agreement, it must be done by written communication addressed to the other party 6 (six) months in advance.

The early conclusion of this Agreement shall not affect the cooperation activities and currently enrolled student degree programs that have been formalized during its term, unless the parties expressly agree otherwise.

Final Provisions

This Agreement will enter into force on the date of its last signature and will end on December 31\textsuperscript{st}, 2019. It may be extended by mutual consent and written agreement of both parties prior to its expiration, and after an evaluation of the results of the Agreement.

This Agreement may be modified by mutual consent of the parties, formalized through written amendment signed by authorized agents of both parties.
PURDUE and CONACYT agree that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or creed be excluded from participation under the terms of this Agreement.

This Agreement is signed in 2 (two) languages and both parties agree that the English version represents the understanding of both parties. The Spanish version is offered as a translation. In the unlikely event of a conflict between the two parties under this Agreement, the English version shall prevail.

SIGNED ON MARCH 27th, 2015, IN 4 (FOUR) COPIES, 2 (TWO) IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND 2 (TWO) IN THE SPANISH LANGUAGE, BOTH TEXTS BEING EQUALLY AUTHENTIC.

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