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# Agreement on Cooperation in Postgraduate Scholarship Programs Development

### Between

## THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF PERU

and

**UNIVERSITIES AUSTRALIA** 





# THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION PERU & UNIVERSITIES AUSTRALIA Framework Agreement on Cooperation in Postgraduate Scholarship Programs Development

This document certifies the Agreement of Inter Institutional Cooperation for the implementation of Graduate Scholarships between **THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF PERU**, with RUC N° 20131370998, hereafter **THE MINISTRY**, with legal address in Calle Del Comercio N° 193 – San Borja – Lima 41 – PERÚ, represented by the Chief of the Scholarships and Educative Credit Office - OBEC (Spanish initials), Dr. Raúl CHOQUE LARRAURI, identified with DNI N° 23266921 and appropriately authorized to celebrate this agreement as stated in the Resolución Ministerial Nº 010-2013-ED, and **UNIVERSITIES AUSTRALIA** with legal address in 1 Geils Court, Deakin, ACT 2600 in AUSTRALIA, and with address in Peru for purposes of this agreement in Perú in Calle Monte Grande N° 120 Oficina 219 Chacarilla Commercial Center, District of Surco, Lima 33, hereafter **UNIVERSITIES AUSTRALIA**, represented by the Chief Executive, Ms. Belinda Robinson, and the Company Secretary, Mr. Peter Rodely who are appropriately authorised to celebrate this agreement according to Section 127 of the Corporations Act 2001, under the terms and conditions expressed as follows:

#### **GENERAL STATEMENTS**

An Australia – Peru Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen bilateral trade and investment was signed 2006. In line with the Memorandum and increased trade and education ties, The Ministry and Universities Australia (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"), wish to enhance cooperation between their two countries in the interests of postgraduate education in both countries.

Acknowledging friendships and excellent bilateral relations existing;

**Considering** this agreement complements the existing government to government agreements on cooperation between both countries; the Parties

Agree the following:

#### Article I

#### **PURPOSE**

1.1. Under this agreement the Parties agree to promote cooperation and work together to increase access for Peruvian professionals to postgraduate studies in Australian universities.





1.2. Australian universities indicated in the Annex 1 of this Agreement will be invited by Universities Australia to cooperate for implementing this agreement, and making individual offers to The Ministry on improving funding postgrade scholarships and English courses

#### Article II

#### FIELDS OF COOPERATION

- 2.1 Cooperation between the Parties will involve scholarships at postgraduate level.
- 2.2 Priority fields of study include but are not limited to:
  - (a) Physics, chemistry, mathematics, pharmacy and biochemistry;
  - (b) Biology, biotechnology, nanotechnology, agriculture, forestry, fishery, husbandry, livestock, aquaculture, marine science and water;
  - (c) Engineering: civil, mining, mechanic, metallurgic, IT, electronic, electric, chemistry, telecommunications, geological, food industries, and environmental;
  - (d) Health and life sciences;
  - (e) Camelids, native and export crops, food technologies, forestry;
  - (f) Earth and environmental sciences;
  - (g) Nuclear energy and technologies;
  - (h) Public policy, project management (public), urban planning, social management; and
  - (i) Education, economy and social sciences.

Careers indicated in literals (h) and (i) will not exceed 20% (twenty per cent) of the total scholarships to be awarded by The Ministry.

2.3 Further fields of cooperation may be added by mutual consent of the Parties.

#### Article III

#### THE MINISTRY'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- The Ministry has commissioned the National Program of Scholarships and Educational Credit PRONABEC (initials in Spanish) to manage a postgraduate scholarship program to internationalise and grow the quality of higher education. To promote opportunities for Peruvian professionals to perform postgraduate studies in Australia, the Parties hereby establish an agreement known as the "MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNIVERSITIES AUSTRALIA Agreement on Cooperation in Postgraduate Scholarship ProgramsDevelopment", (hereinafter the "Program").
- 3.2 The Program will emphasise Peru's ambition to strengthen human capital development and improve the scope and quality of higher education, scientific & technological research and innovation, in areas associated with science and technology.

3.3 Under the Program, The Ministry will:











- (a) Determine annually the number of scholarships to be awarded during the following academic year.
- (b) Provide living expenses and tuition costs for scholarship holders while keeping enrolled and successfully studying in Australia
- (c) Provide roundtrip air tickets (economy) from Peru to the university location in Australia.
- (d) Cover additional expenses of the selected grantees that the Ministry might deem necessary according to its regulations.
- 3.4 Under the Program and through its members, Universities Australia shall:
  - (a) Support marketing dissemination activities related to the Program.
  - (b) Provide necessary services for its members participate in recruitment, screening, selection, placement and enrolment processes.
  - (c) Facilitate the issuance of visas to scholarship holders for entry into Australia, subject to Australia laws and regulations.
  - (d) Seek support to reduce tuition fees for students in the Program.

#### **Article IV**

#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

- 4.1 The Parties will implement this agreement via their Interinstitutional Coordinators that will convene periodically in order to evaluate and serve as an advisory body with regard to the implementation of this Agreement.
- 4.2 Meetings of the Interinstitutional Coordinators shall be held in Australia, Peru or virtually as required.

#### Article V

#### **DURATION AND VALIDITY**

- 5.1 This agreement shall be valid for 5 years from the date of signing, with an automatic extension for another period of five years, unless otherwise arranged between the Parties. Amendments to the agreement shall come into effect after the Parties have agreed in writing.
- 5.2 This agreement has been drawn up in English and Spanish. Both texts are equally valid.

#### **Article VI**

#### INTERINSTITUTIONAL COORDINATION













For adequate follow up, supervision and monitoring of the compliance of the commitments defined in this agreement, the parties agree to assign as Interinstitutional Coordinators, according to the functions exercised in the implementation of this agreement, the following officials:

#### For THE MINISTRY

Responsible : Executive Director of PRONABEC

Alternative : Chief of PRONABEC's Graduate Scholarships Office

For UA

Responsible : Policy Director International

Alternative : Deputy Chief Executive of Universities Australia

#### **Article VII**

#### **SOLUTIONS TO DISPUTES**

Any controversies, discrepancies or demands arising from this agreement, including the ones concerning its expiration, validity, execution, compliance or interpretation, ("the Dispute") shall be resolved settled by the parties through mutual consultation between their Interinstitutional Coordinators acting in good faith and in accordance with their common objectives.

#### Article VIII

#### **FINAL DISPOSITIONS**

- 8.1. The parties subscribing this agreement, expressly state to be subject to Peruvian law and to Australian Law in the State of Canberra except the agreements contained in this document, which are law between parties, and that their respective residences are the addresses mentioned in the introduction to this document, in which each other will be passed validly communications and / or notifications as necessary. Any variation of these addresses will be effective the tenth business day of being notified in writing to the other party.
- **8.2.** All communications shall be valid and effective if done writing, sent and received via institutional e-mail, certified mail or notarized communications, remitted between those who subscribe this agreement and between Inter Institutional Coordinators, designated by the parties at the sixth clause.
- **8.3.** This Agreement may be terminated by either party. As such:













- a. The decision shall become effective from the conclusion of the current academic period when being communicated the decision.
- **b.** The resolution does not affect the activities and obligations that the parties are developing, which should continue to be met until complete implementation, as appropriate.
- c. The parties shall take the necessary measures to avoid or minimize any prejudice, both among themselves and scholarship holders.

In absolute conformity, the parties agree to establish this agreement by signing two sets of 3 (three) originals each, one in Spanish and the other in English and both equal in content and authenticity.

Date: 2 4 OCT. 2013

Raúl Choque Larrauri

Chief of OBEC
THE MINISTRY

Belinda Robinson

**Chief Executive** 

**UNIVERSITIES AUSTRALIA** 

Peter Rodely

**Company Secretary** 

UNIVERSITIES AUSTRALIA









#### **ANNEX 1**

Australian Universities participating in Universities Australia (those ranked in the top 400 of the world in the ARWU, QS or THE rankings):

- 1. The Australian National University
- 2. The University of Melbourne
- 3. The University of Sydney
- 4. The University of Queensland
- 5. The University of New South Wales
- 6. Monash University
- 7. The University of Western Australia
- 8. The University of Adelaide
- 9. Macquarie University
- 10. Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology RMIT University
- 11. Curtin University
- 12. Wollongong University
- 13. The University of Newcastle
- 14. Queensland University of Technology
- 15. The University of Technology, Sydney
- 16. The University of South Australia
- 17. Flinders University
- 18. The University of Tasmania
- 19. James Cook University
- 20. Griffith University
- 21. La Trobe University
- 22. Swinburne University of Technology

