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# MoU on Cooperation in Postgraduate Scholarships

Between

**THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF PERU**

and

**Universities UK**





## THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION PERU & UNIVERSITIES UK MoU on Cooperation in Postgraduate Scholarships Program Development

This document certifies the MoU of Inter Institutional Cooperation for the implementation of Graduate Scholarships between **THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF PERU**, with RUC N° 20131370998, , with legal address in Calle Del Comercio N° 193 – San Borja – Lima 41 – PERÚ, represented by the Executive Director of the National Program of Scholarships and Educational Credit - PRONABEC (in Spanish initials), Dr. Raúl CHOQUE LARRAURI, identified with DNI N° 23266921 and appropriately authorized to celebrate this MoU as stated in the Ministerial Resolution N° 014-2014-MINEDU, hereafter **PRONABEC**, and **UNIVERSITIES UK** - registered Charity No. 1001127, Company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales with Company No. 2517018, with registered office at Woburn House, 20 Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9HQ in the United Kingdom - represented by the Director of the UK Higher Education International Unit, Vivienne Stern, who is appropriately authorised to celebrate this MoU under the terms and conditions expressed as follows.

### ROLE OF THE IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATIONS

**THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION** is the Peruvian instance in charge of defining, directing and articulating policies regarding education, culture, recreation and sports in accordance with the general policies of the Peruvian State.

**PRONABEC**, is the Executive Unit N° 117 of THE MINISTRY in charge of the design, planning, managing, monitoring and evaluating of scholarships and educational credits for higher education with the objective of contributing to equal opportunity in the access of low income students and professionals with academic excellence to study programmes, as well as guaranteeing their possibilities to carry out the studies and obtaining the respective degrees or titles.

**UNIVERSITIES UK**, is the representative organization for UK universities. Founded in 1918, its mission is to be the definitive voice for all universities in the UK, providing high quality leadership and support to its members to promote a successful and diverse higher education sector. The UK Higher Education International Unit is based at Universities UK and represents the UK higher education sector in its international activities.

### GENERAL STATEMENTS

PRONABEC and Universities UK (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"), wish to enhance cooperation between their two countries in the interests of postgraduate education in both countries.



**Acknowledging** friendship and excellent bilateral relations;

The Parties **agree** the following:

#### **Article I PURPOSE**

- 1.1. Under this MoU the Parties agree to promote cooperation and work together to increase access for Peruvian students and professionals to postgraduate studies in UK higher education institutions.
- 1.2. Universities UK will coordinate with PRONABEC and with UK higher education institutions to ensure the effective operation of this MoU and to manage the placement of PRONABEC students in suitable UK universities, including through the provision of appropriate pre-sessional courses of English language training where required, according to PRONABEC regulations.
- 1.3. The present Memorandum of Understanding will be complemented by a detailed 'operational agreement' to guide the successful delivery of the Programme. The 'operational agreement' will serve as the definitive point of reference once implemented and agreed by both Parties.

#### **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) Biology, biotechnology, nanotechnology;
  - (b) Physical and mental Health sciences;
  - (c) Camelids;
  - (d) Earth and environment Sciences, Forest Sciences;
  - (e) Crops and food technologies;
  - (f) Physics, chemistry, mathematics, pharmacy and biochemistry;
  - (g) Education;
  - (h) Public Policy, Public Management, Public Administration;
  - (i) Communication; Journalism and Law;
  - (j) Economics;
  - (k) Supply Chain;
  - (l) Engineering (all specialties): Aquaculture, agriculture, environmental, civil, marine sciences, electrical, electronics, nuclear energy, farming, geology, industrial, computer, food industries, mechanical, metallurgy, mines, of materials, fishing, chemistry, water resources, forestry, systems, technology, telecommunications, transport, zootechnics and architecture





The proportion of students pursuing studies indicated in (b), (g) (h), (i), (j) and (k) in any one cohort will not exceed 20% (twenty per cent) of the total number of scholarships granted for that call.

- 2.3** Further fields of cooperation may be added by mutual consent of the Parties. This may include postgraduate scholarships in a range of subject areas, and/or “Special Scholarships” and/or Postgraduate Specialization Scholarships in the fields of Health, English language training for teachers of public schools, Security, Environmental Fiscalization and other areas of strategic importance to Peru’s national development, as determined by mutual agreement.

### Article III PRONABEC’S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- 3.1** PRONABEC manages, among others, a postgraduate scholarship program to internationalize and grow the quality of higher education. To promote opportunities for Peruvian professionals to perform postgraduate studies in the United Kingdom:

**3.1.1** PRONABEC subsidizes graduate studies for professionals with high academic performance and insufficient economic resources in Eligible International Higher Educational Institutions and Universities, which must be ranked among the first four hundred (400) at least once in the five years prior to the respective call in the following rankings: QS World University Rankings, Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), Times Higher Education World University Rankings (THE). Programmes of study funded by PRONABEC must relate to Peru’s scientific and technological developmental priorities.

**3.1.2** Under the terms of the agreement, PRONABEC will pay the following costs for its scholars studying at UK universities:

- a) International students tuition fees
- b) Study materials
- c) English language courses of up to 10 weeks’ duration (where required)
- d) Insurance to cover health, accident, life and repatriation
- e) Research work and certification (administrative costs for obtaining the relevant degree or equivalent)
- f) A monthly allowance or ‘stipend’ for food, lodging, local transportation and others. International transport will be funded by PRONABEC at the beginning and end of the academic programme only.





- g) Costs contained in international conventions or agreements or instruments of a similar nature in accordance with foreign law or internal regulations of higher education institutions necessary for its implementation.
- h) Administrative costs of foreign agencies or institutions with whom PRONABEC possesses collaboration agreements or partnerships.

**3.2** The Parties hereby establish that this MoU will be known hereinafter as the "Program".

**3.3** The "Program" will emphasize 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.

**3.4** Under the "Program", PRONABEC will:

- (a) Determine annually the number of scholarships to be awarded for each academic year.
- (b) Provide a stipend to students to cover the full cost of living in the UK. The stipend shall be determined in consultation with Universities UK, and will be set at a higher level for students studying in London, according to migratory law.
- (c) Pay the full cost of UK universities' international student tuition fees. For postgraduate research students, the Ministry will also pay the relevant 'bench fees' or other additional me costs associated with postgraduate degrees at UK higher education institutions, according with paragraph 3.1.2 g..
- (d) Approve the budget for programme administration and expenses submitted by Universities UK, according with paragraph 3.1.2 g..
- (e) Provide roundtrip air tickets (economy) from Peru to the university location in United Kingdom, and ensure that PRONABEC students obtain a suitable travel insurance policy with cover for repatriation in the event of a medical or other emergency and in case of losing the scholarship.
- (f) Cover additional expenses of the selected grantees that the Ministry might deem necessary according to its regulations.
- (g) Make payments, to UK Higher Education Institutions through Universities UK.
- (h) Make direct payment of stipends to Peruvian scholarship holders, to cover their costs for housing, food, and local transport during their stay in the United Kingdom.





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- (i) Pay the Administrative Operational Costs for managing the “Program”me in the UK to Universities UK on an annual basis, according with paragraph 3.1.2 h.

**3.5** Under the “Program”, Universities UK shall:

- (a) Support marketing and dissemination of information related to the “Program”.
- (b) Provide the necessary support services for UK higher education institutions to participate in recruitment, screening, selection, placement and enrolment of PRONABEC scholars.
- (c) Provide guidance to facilitate the UK visa application process for scholarship holders for entry into United Kingdom, subject to United Kingdom laws and regulations. Universities UK expressly acknowledges that PRONABEC scholarship holders must return to their country to revert in their hometowns the acquired knowledge in order to accomplish the Peru Service Commitment. In that sense, Universities UK will not make any kind of offer to scholarship holders to work or to research in United Kingdom after have finishing their postgraduate studies.
- (d) Provide information about how to access healthcare through the National Health Service (NHS).
- (e) Perform the administrative management of support services to Peruvian Postgraduate Scholarship holders participating in the “Program”.
- (f) Keep PRONABEC informed of the academic progress of the Postgraduate Scholarship students.
- (g) Encourage the celebration of individual collaboration agreements between THE MINISTRY and UK higher education institutions, about those specific needs that are not catered for under the MINISTRY-UNIVERSITIES UK MoU.
- (h) Make payments to UK Higher Education Institutions for services provided to the Peruvian Scholarship Holders.



#### Article IV IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1** The Parties will establish a detailed 'operational agreement' in order to implement this agreement. The parties will undertake this 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 MoU.
- 4.2** Meetings of the Interinstitutional Coordinators shall be held in United Kingdom, Peru or virtually as required.
- 4.3** Following a first pilot year of operation (year one), the number of PRONABEC scholars studying at UK higher education institutions in future years may increase, according to demand, and depending on the continued satisfaction of both Parties with the terms and operation of the MoU.

#### Article V DURATION AND VALIDITY

- 5.1** This MoU 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 MoU shall come into effect after the Parties have agreed in writing.
- 5.2** This MoU 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:

##### By THE MINISTRY

- General Responsible : Executive Director of PRONABEC
- Academic Responsible : Chief of PRONABEC's Graduate Scholarships Office
- Subsidize Responsible : Chief of PRONABEC's Subvention Area

##### By Universities UK

- Responsible : Director, UK Higher Education International Unit
- Alternative : Assistant Director, Programmes and Operations
- Subsidize Responsible : Assistant Director, Policy



## 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 by the parties through mutual consultation between their Interinstitutional Coordinators acting in good faith and in accordance with their common objectives.

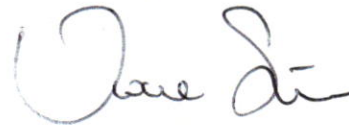
In absolute conformity, the parties agree to establish this MoU by signing two sets of 3 (three) originals each, one in Spanish and the other in English and both equal in content and authenticity.

### THE MINISTRY

### UNIVERSITIES UK



  
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Lima, november 24, 2014







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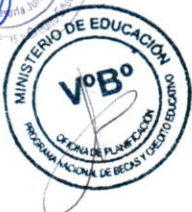
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## ANNEX N°1

UK Higher Education Institutions eligible for participation in all strands of the MoU will be those ranked in the top 400 of the world in the ARWU, QS or THE rankings during the past five years to each call to Postgraduate Scholarships Contest.

The UK higher education institutions which currently feature in the top 400 of the ARWU, QS, or THE world rankings are listed as follows:

Aberystwyth University  
Aston University  
Bangor University  
Birkbeck, University of London  
Brunel University  
Cardiff University  
City University London  
Durham University  
Heriot-Watt University  
Imperial College London  
Keele University  
King's College London  
Lancaster University  
Liverpool John Moores University  
London School of Economics and Political Science  
London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine  
Loughborough University  
Newcastle University  
Oxford Brookes University  
Plymouth University  
Queen Mary, University of London  
Queen's University Belfast  
Royal Holloway, University of London  
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St George's, University of London  
The Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine  
The Open University  
The University of Dundee  
The University of Edinburgh  
The University of Glasgow  
The University of Manchester  
The University of Reading  
The University of Sheffield  
University College London  
University of Aberdeen  
University of Bath  
University of Birmingham  
University of Bristol  
University of Cambridge  
University of Dundee  
University of East Anglia  
University of Edinburgh  
University of Essex  
University of Exeter  
University of Glasgow  
University of Hertfordshire  
University of Hull  
University of Kent  
University of Leeds  
University of Leicester  
University of Liverpool  
University of Manchester  
University of Nottingham  
University of Oxford  
University of Portsmouth  
University of Reading  
University of Sheffield





- University of Southampton
- University of St Andrews
- University of Stirling
- University of Strathclyde
- University of Surrey
- University of Sussex
- University of Warwick
- University of York

In addition to the universities referenced in the above list, higher education institutions able to demonstrate subject-specific excellence in the priority areas determined by PRONABEC in Article 2.2 of the MoU may be considered as eligible to host students in the relevant subject discipline by PRONABEC.

The methodology for participation of universities outside of the top 400 world-ranked institutions will be considered in the 'operational agreement' which will complement the present Memorandum of understanding and serve as the authoritative reference for the operation of the "Program".

