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COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY

The University of South Australia (hereafter “UniSA”) and the Government of the Republic of Paraguay, represented by Nelson Federico Mora Peralta, both have an interest in strengthening bilateral co-operation in the field of education, and enhancing the links between The University of South Australia and the “National Program of Foreign Scholarship Don Carlos Antonio López” managed by Ministry of Finance. An important means of fostering such co-operation and links is the provision of scholarship opportunities to talented young Paraguayan students wishing to pursue postgraduate programs at UniSA. The purpose of this agreement is to provide shared financing to students in the scope of the Foreign Scholarship program Don Carlos Antonio López (FSCAL) attending UniSA, within the framework of a joint coursework and research postgraduate scholarship program.

The joint postgraduate coursework and research scholarship program will operate as follows:

1. Paraguayan students may seek admission to UniSA, following the normal application procedures, and meeting all the standard admission requirements established by UniSA from time to time, including all English language requirements. UniSA retains sole decision-making authority over which applicants are admitted into its programs.

The following Postgraduate programs with quotas are excluded without prior approval:

- Master of Social Work
- Master of Occupational Therapy (Graduate Entry)
- Master of Physiotherapy (Graduate Entry)

2. Paraguayan students admitted each year for full-time study at UniSA will be eligible for shared financing under this agreement. These Paraguayan students will be selected by the FSCAL program and proposed to UniSA, in order to apply for the scholarship and obtain the corresponding financing pursuant to paragraph 4, below. Only the Paraguayan students proposed by the FSCAL program will

be eligible for the scholarship offered under this collaborative agreement. FSCAL Program's selection process shall be compliant with the nondiscrimination provisions of Paragraphs 12 and 13 herein.

3. FSCAL program will notify UniSA of all required information regarding the proposed student(s) to enable UniSA to implement the scholarship. Likewise, UniSA will inform the FSCAL program regarding the granting of the scholarship and other appropriate information regarding the student's performance and status in the program.



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4. UniSA will provide a scholarship of:
 - 15% of the tuition fee per year to proposed PhD Paraguayan students for a period of four years per student, applied in equal installments during each semester of the program, and subject to satisfactory progress toward the degree.
 - 15% of the tuition fee per year to proposed Master’s students for a maximum period of two years per student, applied in equal installments during each semester, and subject to satisfactory progress toward the degree.

5. The Government of the Republic of Paraguay through its Ministry of Finance will pay UniSA the remainder of the tuition and fees for the student. Additionally, the Ministry of Finance will pay the participating student a stipend for living expenses, according to its established norms, and in line with broad based expectations of living standards and conditions for other comparable foreign or overseas students in a similar position at UniSA. General tuition information for UniSA programs is posted on-line at: <http://study.unisa.edu.au/>.

6. Each institution will designate a named coordinator to implement and monitor the program. In particular, named coordinators will be responsible for ensuring that:
 - a. UniSA and the FSCAL program provide prospective scholarship students with information and guidance on their program of interest, and on applying to UniSA;
 - b. UniSA provides the FSCAL program with all relevant promotional material and prospectuses in order to encourage interest in its programs.

7. UniSA confirms that additional students from FSCAL program will be eligible for other scholarships falling outside of this agreement administered by UniSA, as are any other similarly-situated UniSA applicants, subject to routine eligibility requirements. Masters students will not be eligible to apply for the Vice Chancellors International Excellence Scholarship or the International Merit Scholarship.

8. Both institutions will cooperate regarding publicizing, marketing and promoting the scholarships to prospective graduate students applying to the FSCAL program.

9. The named coordinators are:

For The University of South Australia

For The National Program of Foreign
Postgraduate Scholarships “Don Carlos
Antonio López” of the Republic of
Paraguay

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10. This agreement shall remain in force for five years from the date of signature by the undersigned representatives of each party and may be reviewed or renegotiated at the request of either party. Either party may terminate the agreement on thirty days written notice to the other party. However, in the event of an early termination, the FSCAL program and UniSA will continue to extend the benefits envisioned by this agreement to the student already enrolled in UniSA and who has been awarded a scholarship under this agreement, subject to all standard eligibility requirements of each institution.

11. Whatever difference may arise regarding the interpretation, application or execution of the present agreement, as well as any other document which may be derived from said agreement, shall be communicated in writing to the other party and shall be resolved through direct negotiation, to which effect the parties shall commit their utmost efforts.

12. Each of the parties is dedicated to the principles of non-discrimination and academic freedom.

13. The selection process and criteria for participating students for the scholarship envisioned by this agreement will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, gender, pregnancy, religion, creed, marital status, partnership status, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, military status, or any other legally protected status, while not contravening any law or provision of the National Constitution of the Republic of Paraguay.

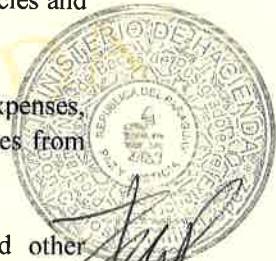
14. Attending students will be subject to all applicable policies and practices of UniSA. Students who enroll in any UniSA program are expected to complete all academic work and examinations required by the instructors of their courses and will be evaluated and graded according to the normal practices of the University. The grades they have earned will be recorded in the Student Information System.

15. UniSA reserves the absolute right in its sole discretion to require the withdrawal termination of any student at any time if it decides that the student's academic work or personal behavior warrant that action.

16. All activities of UniSA related to this agreement will be governed by UniSA policies and practices.

17. Students shall be responsible for covering the cost of accommodation; all travel expenses, Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC), books, equipment, and other incidental expenses from their stipend provided by the scholarship.

18. Each attending student is responsible for obtaining any necessary visa and other governmental permissions as may be necessary to enable travel to and study at UniSA. UniSA will provide its customary assistance to the admitted students in securing the immigration documents necessary to study at its institution. The students will pay the fees that UniSA normally charges citizens of other countries for those services. Students will be required to have health coverage that meets the requirements of UniSA.



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Minister of Finance and President Strategic Coordinating Committee

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