

**AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION**

**BETWEEN**

**EL COLEGIO DE LA FRONTERA NORTE A. C.  
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San Antonio del Mar  
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MÉXICO**

**AND**

**THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,  
ON BEHALF OF THE DAVIS CAMPUS  
One Shields Avenue  
Davis, CA 95616  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

The Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the Davis Campus, and **EL COLEGIO DE LA FRONTERA NORTE A. C.**, have entered into an Agreement of Cooperation in order to further the development of basic scientific and technological research, and graduate education at the two (2) Institutions. This general agreement between the two institutions should be implemented by one or more Working Agreement(s) between subunits of the Institutions adopted as amendments to the Agreement of Cooperation.

AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION NUMBER **2016-25** ENTERED INTO BY EL COLEGIO DE LA FRONTERA NORTE A. C., HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS **EL COLEF** REPRESENTED BY PRESIDENT DR. TONATIUH GUILLÉN LÓPEZ AND BY THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, ON BEHALF OF THE DAVIS CAMPUS, HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS UC DAVIS, REPRESENTED BY DR. RALPH J. HEXTER, ACTING, CHANCELLOR OF THE DAVIS CAMPUS.

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## DECLARATIONS

### I. EL COLEF DECLARES:

- A. EL COLEF is a civil association established August 3, 1982 by the laws of the Estados Unidos Mexicanos with appropriate judicial and financial support at the Federal level, whose main principles are based on conducting interdisciplinary academic research in the area of social and ecological sciences with emphasis on border phenomena.
- B. EL COLEF research community is strengthened by faculty with recognized expertise in fields including public administration, population, social, economic, cultural, urban and environmental studies. With research partnerships that include other universities, corporations, and government, EL COLEF is poised to play a major role in the advancement of immigration, demographic changes, human rights, socio-economic effects, gender, religion, population, economic activities of the US-Mexico border, natural resources like water and energy, climate change risks, environmental effects and other arenas that impact lives.
- C. EL COLEF has ten graduate programs, aimed at preparing specialists in the areas of social and ecological sciences, also with emphasis on border phenomena and regional development: Doctorate in Social Science in Regional Studies; Ph.D. in Cultural Studies; Doctoral Studies on Migration; Master on Regional Development; Master on Applied Economics; Master on Population Studies; Master on Integrated Environmental Management; Master on Cultural Studies; Master on Public Action and Social Development and Master in Water Management.
- D. EL COLEF has eight branch offices along the US-Mexico Border and an Outreach office in México City. EL COLEF collaborates with other academic institutions in order to improve, promote and encourage the development of studies on border phenomena, so that they also have an impact on regional development.

### II. UC DAVIS DECLARES:

- A. That it is one of the ten campuses of the University of California, an institution created by the State of California in 1868 to impart higher education and to plan and carry out research programs for the purpose of the preservation and extension of knowledge, including the awarding of advanced degrees at the M.A., M.S., and Ph.D., and professional level. It was created by the Organic Act of 1868, which established it with appropriate judicial and financial support at the State level, and as a Land Grant Institution of the United States under the Morrill Act of 1862. Its chief campus officer is the Acting Chancellor.
- B. That, in order to accomplish its mission, it is organized into the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, the College of Engineering, the College of Letters and Science, the College of Biological Sciences, the Graduate School of Management, the School of Education, the School of Law, the School of Medicine, the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing, the School of Veterinary Medicine, Graduate Studies, UC Davis Extension, the Agricultural Experiment Station, and the Agricultural Cooperative Extension.

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### III. BOTH PARTIES DECLARE:

- A. That the institutions are united by common interests and objectives in academic, scientific and cultural affairs;
- B. That these institutions are the ones which, by reason of their essence, ends and objectives are called upon to establish channels of communication that will facilitate intellectual interaction;
- C. That for the reasons above, the institutions believe it advantageous to promote their academic ties by entering into an academic, scientific and cultural Agreement of Cooperation;
- D. That, because of mutual benefits to the institutions in the advancement of research and education through the scholarly educational, scientific, technological and cultural contributions of each, it is appropriate and advantageous to the institutions to enter into this Agreement of Cooperation.

### CLAUSES

- I. The objective of this Agreement of Cooperation is to increase the academic, scientific and cultural relations between EL COLEF and UC Davis in identified areas where there is mutual interest in establishing Working Agreements.
- II. Under this Agreement of Cooperation, cooperative work may be undertaken by subunits of the institutions. A Working Agreement between the respective subunits may be executed as an amendment to this Agreement of Cooperation, and will include:
  - A. Designation of the participating institutional subunits (e.g. Colleges, Schools, Divisions, Departments and Programs);
  - B. Designation of one or more persons in each institution who will serve as program leader(s) for the Working Agreement; and
  - C. General description of the kinds of cooperative work and activities to be undertaken.
- III. For each Working Agreement, the program leaders will be responsible for developing an annual program plan, including a description of the work and activities to be undertaken and the financial arrangements to support them. The annual program plan will require approval by the chief administrative officer of each institution or the officer's designated representative.

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IV. The financial stipulations that will apply to the exchange of academic personnel are as follows:

In most circumstances, the institution of origin will be responsible for the international travel costs and living expenses incurred. However, all financial arrangements relating to such matters as travel expenses, health insurance, and tuition will be addressed in Working Agreements.

V. Access to emergency medical care for researchers, teachers and students will be based on the health care programs available at the host institution. The cost of medical/health services will be the responsibility of the visiting researchers, teachers, graduate students through the home institution (see IX below).

VI. Each institution will take steps to:

A. Publicize the opportunities available under this Agreement of Cooperation and promote the development of cooperation;

B. Assist its subunits, faculty, staff and students with the administrative details of interchange; and,

C. Establish a review process for approval and evaluation of programs.

VII. The institutions, under the auspices of this Agreement of Cooperation, may jointly sponsor conferences, short courses, regular courses, seminars and symposia, as well as exchange publications and other didactic and research materials.

VIII. The present Agreement of Cooperation is for four (4) years, and it or any of its parts may be modified or terminated by written consent of both parties who will comply with the obligations that might be in effect on the date of termination.

IX. Regularly employed personnel, while involved in this Agreement of Cooperation, remain subject to the rules and regulations of their own institution in all matters of employment, benefits, medical and life insurance, employee rights, etc.

X. The Agreement of Cooperation does not, in and of itself, obligate either EL COLEF or UC Davis to any financial expenditures not explicit in the above. Such obligations, if any, will be made as part of the Working Agreements and annual program plans that may be developed under this Agreement of Cooperation. Both parties hereby agree to comply with each and every obligation contained in this document and all those that might be in effect on the date of termination of the Agreement of Cooperation.

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Having read the present Agreement of Cooperation, and being fully aware of the content and scope of each and every one of its clauses, the parties hereby affix their signatures to the present document.

**EL COLEGIO DE LA FRONTERA NORTE A. C.**

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
**Dr. Tonatiuh Guillén López**  
President

Date 6-8-16

**THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA**

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
**Dr. Ralph J. Hexter**  
Acting Chancellor

Date 5-23-16