

# A COLLABORATIVE ACADEMIC AGREEMENT BETWEEN YORK UNIVERSITY, CANADA AND ESCUELA POLITÉCNICA NACIONAL, ECUADOR



In the spirit of international education and cooperation, York University and Escuela Politécnica Nacional wish to develop a collaborative academic program in areas of mutual academic interest. This agreement is not intended to create binding or legal obligations on either party. As and when details of any of the below activities are developed mutually, such details will be set forth in protocols supplemental to this agreement.

## 1. Participating Bodies

The participating bodies will be York University and Escuela Politécnica Nacional (the "Parties"). The Parties will encourage direct contact and co-operation between their faculty and administrative staff, departments and research centres. Oversight and facilitation of activities of this Agreement will be coordinated by:

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## 2. Types of Activities

The areas of cooperation include, subject to mutual consent, the following activities:

- Exchange of students on a reciprocal and balanced basis (see Protocol 1)
- Exchange of faculty members
- Exchange of visiting international scholars
- Development of short-term study abroad opportunities
- Development of collaborative online international learning and/or blended learning
- Joint teaching or supervision of graduate students (co-tutelle)
- Staging of joint seminars, conferences, and academic meetings
- Exchange of information, resources, and materials that are of mutual interest
- Development of experiential education abroad programs including internships, field study programs and practica

#### 3. Principles

The implementation of this Collaborative Academic Agreement will be in accordance with the regulations of both institutions. Participation is subject to the consent of the relevant unit at the host institution and the conditions of work cited in writing prior to the visit. All participants will be treated in the same non-discriminatory manner in carrying on the provisions of the Agreement, subject to the provisions of the policies and requirements of the institutions. Any violation of these principles will be considered grounds for

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immediate termination of this Agreement. Both Parties subscribe to the policy of equal opportunity and will not discriminate on the basis of race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, marital status, family status or disability.

# 4. Intellectual Property

Each party retains all right, title and interest to its own work and any intellectual property rights therein. This agreement does not give either party any license of use or right over the intellectual property of the other party. The use of trademarks and/or denominations representative of either party is strictly prohibited without the owner's prior written consent.

# 5. Effective Date and Length of Agreement

The Agreement will remain in force for a period of five years. Any amendment and/or modification of the Agreement must be in writing, and signed by each partner institution's signing officer for exchange agreements. After the initial five-year period, this Agreement will be reviewed and evaluated.

Either party may terminate this Agreement upon six months' written notice to the other party. In this case, the program(s) or the activity (ies) already approved by both Parties shall be allowed to be completed under the conditions of this Agreement.

This Agreement shall take effect when signed by each side:

For York University:

Dr. Mamdouh Shoukri

President and Vice-Chancellor

Dr. Rhonda Lenton

Vice-President Academic & Provost

For Escuela Politécnica Nacional:

Jaime Calderón Segovia

Rector, Escuela Politécnica Nacional

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