

**COOPERATION AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**FREE UNIVERSITY OF BOZEN-BOLZANO (UNIBZ)**

**AND**

**UNIVERSIDADE DO ESTADO DE SANTA CATARINA (UDESC)**

With the objective of strengthening their mutual cooperation as well as striving for the promotion of reciprocal exchanges, **FREE UNIVERSITY OF BOZEN-BOLZANO (UNIBZ)** represented by Prof. Alex Weissensteiner (Rector), located in Bolzano, Piazza Università 1 - 39100 Bolzano and **UNIVERSIDADE DO ESTADO DE SANTA CATARINA (UDESC)**, represented by its rector Professor José Fernando Fragalli, having its address at Avenida Madre Benvenuta, 2007, Itacorubi, Florianópolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil, have concluded the following Agreement:

**Article 1. FIELDS OF COOPERATION**

1. Cooperation between the two universities will be undertaken from the perspective of promoting academic and cultural ties. That cooperation will include educational and research activities in all fields and disciplines offered at the two institutions.

**Article 2. FORMS OF COOPERATION**

1. Both universities agree that their cooperation will include, but not be limited to the following goals:
  - i. The promotion of exchange of faculty members and researchers from both institutions;
  - ii. Facilitation of the acceptance of faculty members and researchers from both institutions who are preparing for their doctoral thesis;
  - iii. Promotion of collaborative research and collaborative publication of research results by faculty members and researchers from both institutions;
  - iv. Promotion of the exchange of students from both institutions;
  - v. Promotion of the exchange of reference data, publications, and academic information and literature.
  - vi. Facilitation of the mutual exchange of administrative and secretarial personnel attached to the academic departments and colleges, research laboratories and centers, libraries, and various administrative bodies of each institution.
2. Except for those provisions set forth explicitly in this document, any conditions related to implementing the activities referred to in this Agreement will be negotiated by both institutions. The concerned parties agreed to this in a written document before commencing the activities.

**Article 3. EXCHANGE OF FACULTY MEMBERS AND RESEARCHERS**

1. Both universities will endeavor to facilitate visits by faculty members and researchers from the other. Visiting faculty members and researchers will also comply with the administrative procedures required and the host university's regulations.
2. Both universities may provide economic support for visiting faculty members or researchers from the other institution but are not required to do so.

3. Both universities will assist visiting faculty members and researchers from the other university in securing living accommodations but are not required to provide such accommodations.
4. Both universities will accord visiting faculty members and researchers from the other institution the use of research space, libraries, and other facilities and opportunities to audit lectures free of charge. To this extent, possible other common courtesies are generally granted to visiting scholars.

#### Article 4. STUDENT EXCHANGES

1. Both universities will exchange undergraduate and postgraduate students.
2. Each institution shall be responsible for selecting students participating in the exchange, subject to final approval by the host institution. The participating students from both institutions shall pay the enrolment fee to their home institution and then study at the other institution without further tuition fees charges.
3. Each institution shall help to arrange local accommodation for visiting students; provided. However, the cost of said local accommodation shall be the responsibility of the visiting students and will be borne by them. Each participating student or institution shall be solely responsible for travel arrangements and costs. The additional charges, such as passports, visas, telephone services, books, and any other kind of personal taxes, will also be the responsibility of each student.
4. Each University can help its students by providing specific scholarships, and each institution will require participating students to maintain their health insurance to provide coverage while participating in student exchange. All students must provide evidence of such insurance to the host institution.
5. The student will also comply with administrative procedures and the host university's regulations.

#### Article 5. NON -DISCRIMINATION

1. UDESC and UNIBZ agree that no person shall be excluded from participation under the terms of this Agreement on the grounds of ethnicity, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or religious faith.

#### Article 6. PRIVACY

1. Whenever an institution (Home or Host) obtains access to personal information of an exchange student under this agreement, such information shall be processed and used exclusively for purposes directly related to the implementation and management of the exchange. Each institution shall handle personal data in compliance with the privacy and data protection laws applicable in its own country.
2. Both parties acknowledge that the term "personal data" refers to any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person, including, but not limited to, data that can identify a person indirectly through reference to other information, such as an identification number.
3. UDESC confirms that it ensures an adequate level of protection for personal data, recognising its data protection framework as comparable to the standards established by the EU's General

Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), to which UNIBZ is subject. Both institutions agree to cooperate in safeguarding personal data and to take all reasonable measures to prevent unauthorised access, disclosure, or misuse.

#### Article 7. AGREEMENT ADMINISTRATORS

1. Ultimate responsibility for this Agreement lies with the President of each institution, but administrative responsibility for its administration will be delegated to the following officers at each institution.
  - i. For UNIBZ: Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. M. Tagliavini [Massimo.Tagliavini@unibz.it](mailto:Massimo.Tagliavini@unibz.it); International Relations : [international.relations@unibz.it](mailto:international.relations@unibz.it)
  - ii. For UDESC: Dean of Interinstitutional and International Affairs. E-mail: [scii.reitoria@udesc.br](mailto:scii.reitoria@udesc.br); [matheus.santos@udesc.br](mailto:matheus.santos@udesc.br).

#### Article 8. VALIDITY OF THE AGREEMENT

1. This Agreement will come into force on the date that the governing bodies of both universities give their formal approval and will remain in effect for 5 (five) years, after which it may be renewed.
2. Either party may terminate this Agreement by officially notifying the other party of its intent to do so in writing by registered post six (6) months in advance.
3. The provisions of this Agreement may be amended at any time by mutual consent in writing of both universities.

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SIGNED by for and on behalf of  
FREE UNIVERSITY OF BOZEN-BOLZANO



Prof. Alex Weissensteiner  
Rector

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