



DEED OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN RMIT UNIVERSITY AND FUNDACION HON

A. BACKGROUND

RMIT University and HonduFuturo both have an interest in strengthening bilateral co-operation in the field of education between Honduras and Australia, and enhancing the links between RMIT University and its academic counterparts in Honduras. An important means of fostering such co-operation and links is the provision of loan-scholarship opportunities to talented Honduran students wishing to pursue graduate degree programs at RMIT University. The purpose of this agreement is to provide shared financing for Honduran students at RMIT University, within the framework of a joint graduate sponsorship program.

B. AGREEMENT

The parties hereby agree that the joint graduate sponsorship program will operate as follows:

1. The program shall apply from the date of signature and for [5] intake(s) of students. The parties may agree to extend or vary this term and the program by agreement in writing.
2. Students in Honduras interested in the program will seek their admission, following the normal application procedures, and meeting all the standard admission requirements established by RMIT University, including all English language requirements.
3. Students unconditionally accepted by RMIT University will submit a sponsorship application to HonduFuturo following the normal application procedures, and meeting all the standard requirements established by HonduFuturo
4. Students who are offered a place for full-time study in RMIT University, and who are selected for a sponsorship by HonduFuturo will then be eligible for shared financing under this agreement.
 - (a) RMIT University will provide a 100% discount for tuition fees for ten (10) eligible students for maximum four (4) years of a PhD program, or two (2) years of a Master by Research program; 50% discount on tuition fee for two (2) eligible students for two (2) years of a Master by Coursework programs.

RMIT University may provide the discount on the tuition fees to the recipients with pre-session language training (up to 10

weeks) at RMIT English Worldwide, conducted prior to commencement of study at RMIT University and delivered in Melbourne.

RMIT's discount will be applied directly with the selected students.

- (b) HonduFuturo will provide the remainder of the tuition and other associated fees (including OSHC), as well as a stipend for living expenses, according to its established norms, i.e. up to US\$25,000 per year for a maximum of two years. Students will have to provide from other sources any further amount required to meet the full costs of their programme of study.

HonduFuturo's sponsorship will be directly provided to the selected students. To the extent that HonduFuturo's sponsorship applies to remainder or additional tuition fees, HonduFuturo hereby guarantees the students' payment of these amounts to RMIT.

5. The parties agree that the students participating in this arrangement will, unless otherwise specified under this agreement, be responsible for arranging and liable to pay the costs for:
 - (a) visa and any associated fees;
 - (b) Overseas student health cover (OSHC);
 - (c) Student Services Amenities Fees (SSAF); and
 - (d) accommodation, international travel, travel in the host country, books, equipment, consumables, hospitalisation, travel insurance, and other incidental expenses. Students may expend the HonduFuturo sponsorship funds on these costs.
6. Each institution will designate a named coordinator to implement and monitor the programme. In particular, named coordinators will be responsible for ensuring:
 - (a) That RMIT University provides HonduFuturo with all relevant promotional material and prospectuses in order to encourage interest in its programs in Honduras.
 - (b) That RMIT University provides all Honduran students unconditionally accepted in RMIT University with information about the sponsorship program and encourages them to contact and submit an application to HonduFuturo.
 - (c) That HonduFuturo forwards details of the selected students to RMIT University.
 - (d) That the necessary financial

- arrangements are made for confirmed students.
- (e) That HonduFuturo uses all reasonable endeavours to ensure that each student understands that he or she must comply with all Australian laws and RMIT's own regulations, policies and procedures. If a student does not comply, RMIT may direct the student to do so and notify HonduFuturo of this direction.

- (b) lectures and other teaching sessions academic progress;
- (c) enrolment and other relevant information;
- (d) academic progress and reporting, transcripts issue, supplied to You at end of the semester;
- (e) the date of completion of program by a student; and
- (f) reporting of welfare incidents.

HonduFuturo acknowledges and accepts that RMIT cannot guarantee the performance of a student's studies at RMIT.

The named coordinators are:

For RMIT University
Joseph Dao
Regional & Sponsorship Development
Manager

For Fundacion HonduFuturo
Fabiola Ráquel Arita
Executive Director

- 7. Both institutions will publicise the agreement to prospective Honduran graduate students.
- 8. In accordance with the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (Cth.) and subject to applicable privacy laws and university policies, RMIT will in relation to each student monitor and provide HonduFuturo with information on the following matters:
 - (a) attendance where applicable at
- 9. HonduFuturo will respond to reasonable requests by RMIT for any information relating to a student. This information is required for RMIT to properly manage the student's enrolment and to assist RMIT to comply with its legal requirements.
- 10. This deed is governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia provided that nothing in this deed shall compel HonduFuturo to act contrary to the laws of Honduras. The parties also submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Victoria and the Commonwealth of Australia.

EXECUTED AS A DEED AND SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED ON BEHALF OF THE PARTIES BY THEIR AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES:

Denise Cuthbert

Prof. Denise Cuthbert
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