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**COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, THROUGH AND FOR THE INTER-AMERICAN
AGENCY FOR COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT, AND
THE REGENTS OF NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE AMERICAS LEADERSHIP
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM "ALBERTO LLERAS"**

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The Parties to this Agreement, the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States ("GS/OAS"), through and for the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development ("IACD") and the Regents of the New Mexico State University,

Recognizing, that the Heads of State and Government of the Americas, meeting in the 1998 Summit in Santiago, undertook to accelerate development in the region by expanding and strengthening learning opportunities;

Considering that the IACD has launched the "Alberto Lleras" Leadership Fellowship Program ("the Program") to expand educational opportunities in the Americas through a consortium of universities in support of that undertaking;

Taking into account that the IACD annually awards hundreds of fellowships for graduate studies and research, as well as scholarships for undergraduate study, and that the number of those scholarships can be multiplied through arrangements for cost sharing, joint scholarships, and tuition reimbursement with universities which elect to participate in the Program;

Considering that New Mexico State University has been selected by past OAS fellowship recipients as a preferred place of study and is desirous of participating in the Program;

Recognizing that they share a common interest in selecting and supporting outstanding individuals from the Americas for study and training at New Mexico State University;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I
Objective

1. The objective of this Agreement is to establish the terms and conditions for cooperation between the parties in cosponsoring eligible OAS fellowship and scholarship recipients ("Fellows") for studies or research at New Mexico State University, as part of the "Alberto Lleras" Leadership Fellowship Program.
2. By way of this Agreement the parties also agree to explore future collaborative projects in areas related to the development of human resources such as distance education, professional training course development, the hosting and administration of professional and/or academic conferences, and the establishment of academic networks. Any resulting activities or joint projects between the Parties shall be formalized through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding that outlines the specifics of and each Party's responsibilities for the implementation of said projects.

ARTICLE II
Exchange of Program Information

1. New Mexico State University shall provide the IACD with information and documentation on the programs for which it will consider applications from interested candidates under this Agreement. The information shall include the full World Wide Web address, if any, of each department of New Mexico State University offering programs covered by this Agreement. For its part, IACD shall include this information on its web site, in its public announcements and in its promotion booklet, and shall link New Mexico State University's web site to its web site.
2. IACD will provide New Mexico State University with a description of the fellowship and scholarship assistance available under the Program, including its World Wide Web address. That information shall include, among others, minimum eligibility requirements, application dates and submission locations, and the application. New Mexico State University shall include this information in its catalogue and/or other informational documents on scholarships and fellowships (both referred to hereafter as "fellowships"), as well as on its World Wide Web site.

ARTICLE III
Selection of Fellows

1. The parties agree that this agreement will cover no more than five students at any one time.
2. Interested candidates for an Americas Leadership Fellowship ("the Fellowship") must satisfy all eligibility requirements for an IACD fellowship, as well as New Mexico State University's admission and tuition waiver scholarship program requirements.
3. The Fellowship is only available for the following types of research or study:
 - a. Full-time study for the final two years of undergraduate studies leading to a Bachelor's Degree, or its equivalent.
 - b. Full-time graduate study for up to two years leading to a Masters Degree or the equivalent degree offered for study beyond the University -level Bachelor's Degree, or its equivalent.
4. Applications for the Fellowship must be submitted to the Division of Human Development (DHD) of the IACD in accordance with the established policies and procedures. By April 1st of each year, IACD shall provide New Mexico State University with the names, addresses, and proposed program of study of applicants who have indicated New Mexico State University as their intended place of study in their application for the Fellowship.
5. Interested candidates must simultaneously apply directly to New Mexico State University for admission into an eligible program. The application for admission to New Mexico State University shall fully comply with New Mexico State University 's published procedures, and applicants must satisfy all of New Mexico State University 's admission and tuition waiver scholarships program requirements. New Mexico State University shall directly inform candidates of their application result. By the end of May of each year, New Mexico State University shall send to IACD a list of the applicants recommended for the Fellowship.

6. The IACD shall provide New Mexico State University with a final list of funded candidates by June of each year.

7. Selected candidates for the Fellowship shall be known as "Americas Leadership Fellows" ("Fellows").

ARTICLE IV

Fellowship Benefits and Funding Obligations

1. Depending upon the degree or research program in which they are enrolled, Fellows shall receive the corresponding support package described below:

a. Subject to OAS fellowship regulations, Fellows shall receive one round trip airfare for travel between their country of origin and New Mexico State University. The ticket will be provided by IACD, for use at the commencement and the end of the Fellowship period.

b. Fellows in the final two years leading to New Mexico State University Bachelor's level degree (or for an equivalent level University degree), shall receive a stipend (financial support to cover living expenses) and other allowances (health insurance and books) in accordance with the established IACD rates. IACD would pay an amount equivalent to in state tuition and customary and usual fees for the period of the Fellowship. New Mexico State University will cover the difference between the cost of full tuition and in state tuition for the period of the Fellowship.

c. Fellows in the masters degree programs shall receive from the IACD a stipend (financial support to cover living expenses) and other allowances (health insurance and books) in accordance with the established IACD rates for the duration of the program, up to a maximum of two academic years. IACD would pay an amount equivalent to in state tuition and customary and usual fees for the period of the Fellowship. New Mexico State University will cover the difference between the cost of full tuition and in state tuition for the period of the Fellowship.

2. New Mexico State University will review the progress of each Fellow after each semester in the program and advise the IACD on the suitability of the Fellow for continuing in the program.

3. New Mexico State University shall consider a Fellow for the award of other scholarships, fellowships, or stipends offered by New Mexico State University in recognition of excellence during the tenure of the Fellowship. The amount of the stipend received from the IACD shall be reduced by the amount of any such other scholarships, fellowships, or awards so received, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

4. Fellows shall be subject to the general University policies, regulations, and practices applicable to students, researchers, and visiting faculty, as the case may be, as well as to those policies, regulations, and practices of the corresponding academic department.

ARTICLE V

Reports

By December 31st and June 15th of each year, New Mexico State University will prepare and submit to IACD an annual report describing the activities included under this Agreement. The Report shall include, among others, the total amount of financing provided by New Mexico State University, by Fellow, and shall contain a short paragraph about each Fellow regarding that student's progress, significant awards received, other accomplishments, and any problems or difficulties encountered.

ARTICLE VI

Coordinators

1. Each Party will designate a Coordinator of Activities to advance and implement the program. The designated Coordinators for the agreement are:

For IACD:

Director
Division of Human Development (DHD)
Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development
1889 F Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006, USA

For New Mexico State University:

Interim Associate Vice Provost & Associate Director
Center for International Programs
New Mexico State University
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88003, USA

2. Either Party may revoke this designation and appoint another Coordinator by advanced written notification to the other.

3. The Coordinators shall communicate with each other regularly during the academic year regarding the progress of the Fellows and other matters related to the Program.

ARTICLE VII

Duration, Amendment, and Termination

1. This Agreement will enter into force upon the date it is signed by both Parties. It shall expire five years from that date, unless the Parties, by way of amendment pursuant to this Article, agree to extend the term.

2. Notwithstanding the foregoing Paragraph, either Party may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the other six months prior to the effective termination date.

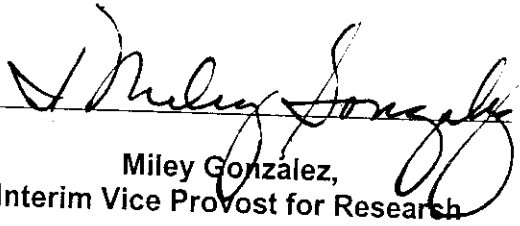
3. In the event this Agreement is terminated, no additional Fellowships shall be awarded after the receipt of the termination notice for this Agreement by the notified Party. Termination of this Agreement, however, shall not interrupt or terminate Fellowships and other obligations assumed by either Party to Fellows who were awarded fellowships in the Program prior to the date that notice was received, and the Parties shall remain bound to comply with their obligations to those Fellows as established under Article IV herein until their respective Fellowships terminate in accordance with the terms under which they were granted.
4. This Agreement may be modified by way of a Document or Letter of Amendment, signed by both Parties, provided however, that no such modification shall retroactively alter the terms or conditions of Fellowships in force to the prejudice of any Fellow then in the Program.
5. The Financing obligation set out in Article IV herein shall commence with the beginning of the 2002-2003 Academic Year.

ARTICLE VIII

General Terms and Conditions

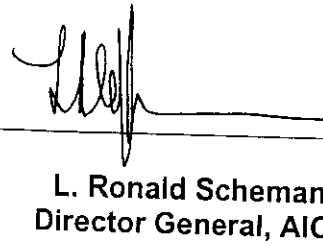
1. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create a Partnership between the Parties under law. Neither Party shall be legally responsible to third Parties for the legal actions and liabilities of the other. The Party whose actions give rise to such actions and liabilities shall indemnify the other for all costs incurred in responding to, satisfying, and otherwise defending against them.
2. The parties shall attempt to resolve any disputes between them over the interpretation and execution of this Agreement through amicable conversation, negotiations, and other such means. If those amicable means prove unsuccessful, this agreement will be terminated as stated in ARTICLE VII. Nothing in this Agreement constitutes a waiver, express or implied of the privileges and immunities, if any, enjoyed by either Party under law.
3. Any expenses incurred by either Party in excess of those expressly set out in Article IV herein shall be the sole responsibility of the Party that incurs them.
4. Notice required under this Agreement shall not be valid and effective unless received by the Coordinator of the receiving party designated in accordance with Article VI of this Agreement.
5. By way of this Agreement the parties also agree to explore future collaborative projects in areas related to the development of human resources such as distance education, professional training course development, the hosting and administration of professional and/or academic conferences, and the establishment of academic networks. Any resulting activities or joint projects between the Parties shall be formalized through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding that outlines the specifics of and each Party's responsibilities for the implementation of said projects.

In Witness whereof, the duly authorized representatives of the Parties, hereby subscribe to this agreement, in duplicate originals, at the place and on the date indicated below.


Miley Gonzalez,
Interim Vice Provost for Research

FOR REGENTS OF NEW MEXICO
STATE UNIVERSITY

June 10
May , 2002
Las Cruces, New Mexico, USA


L. Ronald Scheman,
Director General, AICD

FOR THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF
THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN
STATES

May 22, 2002
Washington, DC, USA

