



## **COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT**

#### **BETWEEN**

## **FUNDACIÓN PARA EL FUTURO DE COLOMBIA**

# AND

#### SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY

The Fundación para el Futuro de Colombia (COLFUTURO) and Southern Cross University share an interest in strengthening bilateral cooperation in the field of education between Colombia and Australia, promoting stronger ties between the two institutions to increase the administrative support and guidance available for English language studies of Colombian students.

The purpose of this agreement is to foster cooperation and enhance the links between the two institutions through the provision of shared administrative support for talented students admitted to the COLFUTURO Language Program (LP) which may be studied at Southern Cross University held at Gold Coast campus in Coolangatta, Australia.

The mutual cooperation will operate as follows:

- 1. Colombian students interested in learning or improving their English language skills will seek admission to the COLFUTURO Language Program. Once students have been admitted and decided they would like to study at Southern Cross University, COLFUTURO will support them in their admissions processes to the English programs offered by university in reference, following the normal application procedures and meeting all the standard admission requirements established by Southern Cross University. Southern Cross University retains the right to final approval of all potential students and may deny admission to students that SCU deems academically unsuitable.
- 2. Students admitted to the Language Program of COLFUTURO are responsible for the attainment of financial resources to cover their programs. All students will be required to seek the appropriate visa and Overseas Student Health Cover for the duration of their stay, if applicable. There may be other fees imposed by the Australian Government.
- 3. COLFUTURO will receive the students' payments in three different instalments and then make the international wire of the total cost of their program (one payment in full) directly to Southern Cross University's account which will have been previously supplied. COLFUTURO will pay on the students' behalf before their programs have started. Some students may decide to pay other costs such as accommodation, meals plans, etc. directly to the university.
- 4. Southern Cross University will invoice COLFUTURO directly for each of the students admitted. The invoices will be prepared separately for each of our individual students and will have a breakdown for every item.
- 5. Southern Cross University will provide a partial scholarship of forty percent (40%) in the value of tuition for any open enrolment English program at Southern Cross University to every student sent by the Language Program of COLFUTURO for five or more weeks. This benefit will be maintained and/or extended for the time the student decides to study at Southern Cross University, in the English program only.

- 6. Southern Cross University will offer one full tuition scholarship to any open enrolment English program for every 15 students in a calendar year referred by COLFUTURO in the previous conditions mentioned.
- 7. COLFUTURO will provide administrative support and guidance to the students with their admissions and visa processes. COLFUTURO will promote Southern Cross University open enrolment English programs at the university centres mentioned above and the benefits agreed to by this mutual cooperation, in a professional, innovative and efficient manner and ensure that prior to publishing any written advertising or promotional material in any form whatsoever using SCU's name, logo or trademarks, COLFUTURO must first obtain SCU's written approval of the publication of such material.
- 8. Each institution will designate a coordinator to implement and monitor this agreement. In particular, the designated coordinators will be responsible for ensuring that:
  - a. Southern Cross University and COLFUTURO provide prospective Colombian Language Program students with information on their programs of interest and guidance on how to apply to Southern Cross University.
  - b. Southern Cross University provides COLFUTURO with all the relevant promotional materials and brochures on the different English study programs offered by the universities mentioned to encourage interest among prospective Colombian students.
  - c. Southern Cross University provides all Colombian students admitted to their English language programs information on the Language Program of COLFUTURO and encourages these students to contact and submit an application to COLFUTURO.
  - d. COLFUTURO informs Southern Cross University of successful candidates by sending the application form of each student admitted to the Language Program of COLFUTURO. Furthermore, COLFUTURO will inform Southern Cross University if students decide to postpone or withdraw from any programs.
  - e. Both institutions have the obligation to inform the other party of any change in the designated coordinator or signatory in charge of this agreement.
- 9. The designated coordinators are:

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10. Both institutions will promote the agreement to prospective Colombian English language students.

This agreement shall remain in force from the date of signature by the designated representatives of each party and may be reviewed or renegotiated at the request of either party. Either party may terminate the agreement by providing at least thirty days prior written notice to the other party.

The parties agree that SCU is a university established in Australia and that Australian law requires providers of education and training courses to overseas students to be registered and sets out other requirements with which SCU and its agents have to comply. These are known as the *Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000* (Cth) ("the ESOS Act") requirements and include obligations under the National Code, which is made under and forms part of the ESOS Act ("the National Code"). Both parties agree to abide by the ESOS

Act and the National Code, if applicable, or ensure the other party does not breach the ESOS Act or National Code, in the course of its dealings.

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