

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE NATIONAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION
AGENCY OF URUGUAY (ANII)
AND
THE CALDO CONSORTIUM, CANADA (CALDO)**

A. Participants in the Memorandum

This Memorandum is entered into between the National Research and Innovation Agency of Uruguay (hereinafter referred to as "ANII") and The CALDO Consortium (hereinafter referred to as "CALDO"), jointly referred to as "The Parties".

ANII is one of the official entities responsible for the implementation of scholarships.

CALDO is a non-profit, non-governmental consortium comprised of leading Canadian research universities, mentioned in Annex 1, that are committed to international cooperation and student mobility.

Both parties accept to be the "participating Parties" in this Memorandum of Understanding.

B. Purpose of the Memorandum

This document represents an understanding between the Parties aimed at cooperating for the purpose of promoting the training of graduate students in PhD programs (full or sandwich) or in some cases Research Masters programs (Thesis-based), offered by CALDO Member Universities in areas of specialization outlined in section D.

Through this Agreement, ANII and CALDO also wish to lay the foundation for future discussions related to the following: internship placements for Uruguayans/ANII PhD students at CALDO Member Universities, short-term student mobility and programs for visiting professors and researchers. Details of any such programs will be agreed to by the relevant parties in separate agreements.

C. The Cooperation is Envisaged to Operate as Follows:

- 1) Uruguayan or foreign students resident in Uruguay for a period of at least two years who are interested either in pursuing a PhD (full or sandwich) or a Research Master will seek admission through the usual application procedure established by the CALDO Member Universities. Students will be considered for admission if they meet the admission requirements of the CALDO Member University, and subject to the availability of an appropriate graduate supervisor for the requested field of study. Admission requirements of the departments at the CALDO Member





University and the application procedures and deadlines can be obtained by contacting the graduate coordinator in the CALDO secretariat.

- 2) Students who have been admitted to a PhD program or Research Master's (Thesis-based) program at a CALDO Member University will apply for a scholarship at ANII, following the application procedure established by ANII for that purpose and accomplishing all the standard requirements settled by ANII.
- 3) ANII will obtain, through the Academic and Project Manager at CALDO Secretariat (graduate.coordinator@caldo.ca), the tuition costs for different Research Master's (Thesis-based) programs at each of its Member Universities, in order to confirm if those programs selected by applicants are included in this agreement and eligible to receive the international differential tuition waiver. Students who have applied to **an eligible Research Master's program** at a CALDO Member University and who are also selected by ANII will be identified as ANII scholarship holders.
- 4) Students who have been admitted to a PhD program and an eligible Research Master's program at a CALDO Member University and who are also selected by ANII will be identified as ANII scholarship holders.

D. ANII and CALDO will define the areas to be considered before the opening of every call, taking into consideration the following ones:

- Energy, including Renewable Energy
- Animal and Human Health (including Pharmaceutical)
- Agriculture, Livestock and Agro-industrial Production
- Environment and Biodiversity
- Information and Communications Technology (ICT)
- Audio-visual Production
- Education and Social Development
- Biotechnology and Nanotechnology
- Transport and Logistics
- Tourism
- Other areas defined by the Parties.

E. Intent of Participants: The intent of this Memorandum is to establish the following:

1. ANII will contribute:
 - a. **For full Research Master's (Thesis-based) programs of up to 2 years approved by CALDO: up to USD 40.000 per student to cover:**

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- Domestic academic fees;
 - A one-way economy class air ticket from the airport nearest to the scholar's place of residence in Uruguay to the airport nearest to the city where they will study in Canada for the student. Also, a one-way economy class air ticket from the airport nearest to the city where they studied in Canada back to Uruguay for the student;
 - A monthly living allowance for the student for the duration of the studies; and
 - Health insurance for the duration of the studies.
 - In case that the amount provided by ANII is not enough, scholarship holders must have additional funding to cover all those costs that remain uncovered by the scholarship.
- b. **For full or sandwich PhD programs up to 4 years: up to USD 80.000 per student to cover:**
- Domestic academic fees
 - A one-way economy class air ticket from the airport nearest to the scholar's place of residence in Uruguay to the airport nearest to the city where they will study in Canada for the student. Also, a one-way economy class air ticket from the airport nearest to the city where they studied in Canada back to Uruguay for the student;
 - A monthly living allowance for the student for the duration of the studies; and
 - Health insurance for the duration of the studies.
 - For Sandwich PhDs: Stays in Uruguay are included in these total amounts and during those periods the student will receive from ANII the corresponding amount for a national PhD scholarship.
 - In case that the amount provided by ANII is not enough, scholarship holders must have additional funding to cover all those costs that remain uncovered by the scholarship.
- c. All scholarships modalities are ruled by the Regulation of the National Scholarship System of ANII as well as the Basis of the corresponding call.
2. CALDO Member Universities will contribute the following support:
- The CALDO Member University will cover the international student differential tuition fee (difference between the tuition fee established for international students and the tuition fee established for Canadian students (Domestic tuition)) for up to four (4) years for PhD programs of study. Some CALDO Member Universities, in accordance with their individual policies, may cover the international student differential tuition fee for up to two (2) years of study in a Research Master's (Thesis-based) program. If additional time is needed to complete the degree program, the fees incurred during the additional time will not be covered by this Agreement.
3. The graduate coordinator at CALDO will provide information and support to all prospective students on the agreement with ANII. Students who intend to apply for a scholarship from ANII will have access to free advisory services tailored to support and guide them through the application process in Canada.

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4. No information related to any candidate for admission or student will be released by the CALDO Member University to ANII without the candidate for admission or student's prior written consent, in accordance with the obligations under applicable access to information and privacy legislation requirements. Such consent will be sought from applicants who identify themselves as ANII Scholarship Recipients. The CALDO coordinator shall send the candidate a Consent to Release Personal Information to a Third Party form, designed and individualized for every member university, by email and request that it be duly completed, signed, dated, scanned, and returned to the CALDO Secretariat coordinator by email.
5. In order for scholarship recipients to continue receiving the support established in this Agreement, they must be enrolled full-time in a graduate degree program at a CALDO Member University (or full-time in their home institution in the case of Sandwich PhDs) and maintain satisfactory academic standing as determined by the CALDO Member University.
6. The parties will jointly provide prospective Uruguayan scholars with information on the PhD and eligible Research Master's (Thesis-based) Programs and guidance on the application process.
7. CALDO will provide ANII with all the relevant promotional materials and brochures to encourage interest among prospective Uruguayan applicants. Each Party will ensure that any marketing and/or publicity is accurate and not misleading and does not contain the branding or logo of the other party without that other party's prior written consent.
8. Both institutions will make the necessary financial arrangements for the confirmed scholars.

Each semester, CALDO will collectively invoice ANII for the semester's cost of domestic academic fees, based on the relevant universities' rates, and taking into account the discount as outlined in section E.2.

The invoice shall be sent by secure e-mail to:

- becas@anii.org.uy
- tesoreria@anii.org.uy
- cooperacion@anii.org.uy

Invoices to ANII will be in Canadian Dollars (CAD) and funds will need to be received at CALDO's financial institution in CAD. ANII will use the exchange rate of the Central Bank of Uruguay of the day prior to the invoice date to convert the invoiced amount to USD and make the transfer. Any administrative or conversion fees deduced from the original amount upon reception of the funds will need to be covered by the student and paid directly to the CALDO Member university. All other costs that do not correspond to the domestic academic fees will be transferred by ANII directly to the scholarship holder.

9. The Parties will have the obligation to inform the other party of any change in the designated coordinator or signatory in charge of this agreement.

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10. Scholarship holders will be subject to the applicable codes of student behavior at the respective CALDO Member University, as well as the policies, procedures and practices of the CALDO Member University generally and of the relevant faculty or department. Scholarship holders will also be subject to the regulations of the National Scholarship System of ANII, as well as to the Basis of the corresponding call.
11. Neither the CALDO Member University nor ANII shall be obligated to continue financial support with respect to any student who does not maintain satisfactory progress during each year of their course. Depending on every case, it will be analyzed if a reimbursement of funds shall correspond.
12. If the candidate is unable to complete a PhD or Research Master's within the standard duration, the candidate will be responsible for any cost needed to complete his/her graduate program in the additional time, including but not limited to: tuition, living costs, health insurance and visa costs.
13. Tuition Fees for Research Master's (Thesis-based) and PhD at each CALDO Member University will be confirmed by the Graduate Coordinator at CALDO upon ANII's request.
14. CALDO will explain to ANII how to access electronically PhD or master's theses of Uruguayan students upon graduation. The intellectual property rights will be assigned following the CALDO Member University's usual rules.

F. The designated coordinators for this joint scholarship program are:

For CALDO:

Academic and Project Manager
graduate.coordinator@caldo.ca
200 Elgin St., Suite 203
Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 1L5

For ANII:

Secretario Ejecutivo
cooperacion@anii.org.uy
Av. Italia 6201, "Los Nogales" Building
Montevideo, Uruguay

Both parties will do their utmost to promote the agreement to prospective Uruguayan applicants.

G. Other Activities

ANII and CALDO will aim to implement other programs of mutual interest by celebrating specific agreements, according to the available budget and resources of both parties, as well as their corresponding regulations.



H. Agreement Modification

Any modification, restriction, broadening or extension of this agreement must be done through mutual consensus in writing of the parties and must be formalized by Addendum which will become part of this agreement.

I. Solution to Controversies

Any controversy, discrepancy or demand derived from this agreement, including the ones concerning its expiration, nullity, execution, compliance or interpretation shall be settled by CALDO and ANII through negotiation acting in good faith and in accordance to their common objectives.

J. Other Provisions

1. This Memorandum has been executed in English.
2. This Memorandum states the intent of participating institutions. Any commitment other than those included herein shall not be binding upon the participating institutions.
3. This Memorandum shall be governed by the Canadian law and the Parties agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the Court system of Canada. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties expressly state that they understand and accept that ANII will comply in all its terms with the legal provisions in force in Uruguay, as well as those ordered by resolutions of competent authorities, and that what ANII does in that regard will not, in any case, be considered a breach of the agreement in this document and will not generate any responsibility whatsoever.
4. This Memorandum shall be valid for 5 (five) years from the date on which the domestic administrative procedures have been completed and approved by the authorities of each country, without affecting its validity for the students who are still studying at CALDO Member Universities until the end of the scholarship. The Memorandum may be extended for an additional five-year period, subject to this Section J, Clause 6, by agreement between the participating institutions.
5. Either participating institution may terminate this agreement by giving sixty (60) days' notice in writing by one to the other. Where recipients of ANII funding are still studying at CALDO Member Universities, both ANII and CALDO and its members agree to fulfill their financial obligations to those students until the end of their studies. CALDO Member Universities also agree to fulfill their academic obligations to those students until they have completed their studies.
6. In the eventuality that a scholarship holder waived the scholarship that was granted to her/him, the Parties will analyze the reasons case by case and the scholarship holder will be entirely responsible for the reimbursement of all the costs associated to the graduate program that she/he chose. In





case that the scholarship holder reimbursed the amounts corresponding to all the mentioned costs directly to the CALDO Member University, the University shall transfer the amounts received to ANII.

7. In the eventuality that a scholarship holder waived his/her scholarship, ANII might redirect the funding that was granted to him/her in order to fund the following candidate in the ranking of the call. Such ranking is a product of the evaluation process carried out by ANII. This may imply that a scholarship is granted to a candidate that applied to pursue a postgraduate program in an institution different than those members of CALDO.
8. In the event that the financial support that was transferred by ANII to a CALDO Member University has not been fully used, the remaining amount must be reimbursed by the CALDO Member University to ANII.
9. All obligations of ANII and CALDO toward the scholarship holders will come to an end upon completion of the postgraduate program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have offered their signatures:

On behalf of the **National Research and Innovation Agency of Uruguay** by its duly authorized officer on:

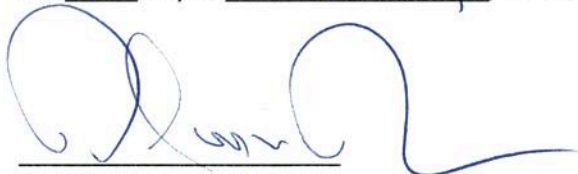
the ____ day of _____, 2020.



Fernando Brum,
President

On behalf of **The CALDO Consortium** by its duly authorized officer on:

the 6th day of January, 2020.



Alain Boutet,
Chair



ANNEX 1

Member Universities of CALDO

1. University of Alberta
2. University of Calgary
3. Dalhousie University
4. Laval University
5. University of Ottawa
6. University of Saskatchewan
7. University of Toronto
8. University of Waterloo
9. Western University

