

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

For International Partnership

Between

Universidad Nacional Agraria La Molina

And

Kentucky State University

I. PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT:

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is intended to facilitate the International Partnership between Universidad Nacional Agraria La Molina, a public university located at Av. La Molina s/n, district of La Molina, department and province of Lima, Peru - RUC 20147897406, founded in 1902, hereafter known as "UNALM", and Kentucky State University, a four-year 1890 Land-grant institution, located at 400 East Main St., Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, United States, hereafter known as "KSU". This Agreement provides a framework for student exchange, faculty exchange, joint research projects, and shared resources between UNALM and KSU.

The collaboration between UNALM and KSU, both renowned for their excellence in the agricultural field, is pivotal for enhancing internationalization efforts and fostering academic growth. This MOU formalizes the strategic partnership between UNALM and KSU, recognizing the significance of international collaboration in the agricultural sector. Through this partnership, both institutions are committed to fostering greater educational opportunities, advancing research, and contributing to the global agricultural community.



II. DESCRIPTION OF AGREEMENT:

- a. Student Exchange:** Facilitating student exchange programs between UNALM and KSU is crucial to providing students with global perspectives, hands-on experience in diverse agricultural practices, and exposure to cutting-edge research. These exchanges can be for short periods, a semester, or more (up to 1 year). By participating in these exchanges, students will gain valuable insights and skills that enhance their academic and professional development.
- b. Faculty Exchange:** The exchange of faculty members will enrich the educational environments at both institutions by promoting the cross-pollination of ideas, teaching methodologies, and research innovations. Faculty members will have opportunities to collaborate on curriculum development, lead specialized workshops, and engage in collaborative research, thereby elevating the academic standards of both universities.
- c. Joint Degree Programs:** The establishment of joint degree programs will provide students the opportunities to obtain degrees from both institutions, according to their current regulations, thereby enhancing their academic credentials and global employability. These programs will integrate the strengths of both universities, offering a comprehensive curriculum that combines theoretical knowledge with practical application in the agricultural and aquacultural fields.
- d. Joint Research Projects:** Joint research initiatives will leverage the strengths of both universities to address global agricultural challenges. Collaborative projects will foster innovation, increase research output, and contribute to the advancement of sustainable agricultural practices. The partnership will enable access to diverse research facilities, funding opportunities, and expertise, driving impactful discoveries and solutions.
- e. Shared Resources:** Sharing resources, including research facilities, libraries, and digital platforms, will enhance the capabilities of both universities. This collaboration will ensure that students and faculty members have access to state-of-the-art equipment and comprehensive information, thereby supporting their academic and research endeavors.



III. TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT:

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will remain in effect for a period of five (05) years unless terminated at an earlier date. Either party may terminate this MOU for any reason with at least six months' prior written notice to the other party. Should this MOU be terminated, any participant enrolled in programs relating to this MOU may finish their programs under the same terms and conditions as originally agreed on. (optional language).

Additionally, this MOU may be renewed for successive five (05) -year terms upon mutual written agreement by both parties. This MOU embodies the complete understanding between the parties and may only be amended in the writing that is signed by both parties and shall form an integral part of this MOU.

This MOU reflects the mutual interest of both parties in fostering academic collaborations and is not intended to create any legally binding obligations.

a. Joint Duties and Responsibilities

In order to carry out the mutual activities, the parties will elaborate individual agreements that contains the specific proposals of collaboration and a plan of operation developed to execute this Memorandum of Understanding. These agreeable plans must have the approval of the appropriate authorities of UNALM and KSU.

The Plan of Operation will include such items as:

- a. Elaboration of the responsibilities of each institution for the agreed upon activities;
- b. Schedules for the specific activity;
- c. Budgets and sources of financing for each activity; and
- d. Any other items deemed necessary for the efficient management of the activity.

b. Annual Evaluation

The parties will conduct an annual evaluation of the MOU in order to adopt the necessary measures for the fulfillment of its purpose and the commitments undertaken.

c. Coordinator

Each institution shall designate a coordinator to oversee and facilitate the implementation of this MOU:



- a. For UNALM:
Position: Director of Interinstitutional Management Office or his designee.
E-mail: ogi@lamolina.edu.pe

- b. For KSU:
Position: Paloma Pinillos
E-mail: paloma.pinillos@kysu.edu

d. Funding

This Memorandum of Understanding is not considered to be a contract creating legal and financial relationships between the parties. Rather, it is designed to facilitate and develop a genuine and mutually beneficial exchange process, research relationship, and so forth.

For all activities appropriate external funding must be secured. On the other hand, both institutions shall undertake efforts to raise funds. The university submitting a project proposal is in charge of ensuring that sufficient funds are available for its completion.

Those participating in a visit and exchange program (teaching and discussion, academic or research stays) must comply with the immigration requirements of the host institution country. Additionally, they will be responsible for the costs associated with the exchange resulting from this agreement (living expenses, accommodation, transportation, health insurance, accident insurance, repatriation, materials, administrative procedures, among others).

e. Insurance

Exchange participants must have a comprehensive health insurance policy valid for the entire duration of the internship which must cover essentially any risk of illness, hospitalization and accident insurance, this policy must also cover potential risks of the intern during the possible trips made by the country where is doing the internship.

Each participant will assume costs of the insurance. If necessary, additional host country insurance has to be obtained. Furthermore, visitors are solely responsible for sufficient insurance coverage with regard to third party liability.

f. Settlement of Differences

Any differences arising out of the interpretation and/or the-implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be resolved amicably through consultation and/or negotiation by the Parties.



g. Protection of Intellectual Property Rights and Disclosure of Information



1. If either Party wishes to disclose confidential data and/or information resulting from the cooperative activities under this Memorandum of Understanding to any third party, the disclosing Party must obtain prior consent from the other Party before any disclosure can be made; and



2. Any agreement arising from this Memorandum of Understanding involving intellectual property rights pertaining to research, publication, and/or commercial purposes shall be determined by individual agreements made by the Parties and formalized in a written agreement.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS AGREEMENT:

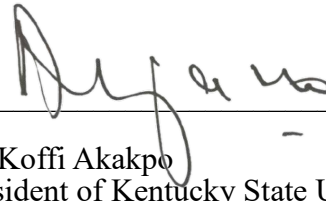
This agreement will be considered in force when signed by all parties.

V. SIGNATURES:

Universidad Nacional Agraria La Molina Kentucky State University




Dr. Américo Guevara Pérez
Rector
Date: 09 - 09 - 2024



Dr. Koffi Akakpo
President of Kentucky State University
Date: 09/09/2024