GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR ACADEMIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Columbus, Ohio, USA

AND

ESCUELA AGRICOLA PANAMERICANA, ZAMORANO, HONDURAS

The Ohio State University and Escuela Agrícola Panamericana (known as Zamorano) establish this General Agreement to foster international cooperation in education and research between The Ohio State University on behalf of the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and Zamorano.

1. Both parties agree to encourage academic collaboration between the faculty and staff of their institutions, which may include the following activities, intended to promote international academic cooperation:
   a) Exchange of materials in education and research, publications, and academic information;
   b) Exchange of faculty and research scholars;
   c) Exchange of students;
   d) Joint research and meetings for education and research;
   e) Special short-term academic programs;
   f) Internships (3-9 months) in research laboratories and/or industry;
   g) Technical assistance;

Under this General Agreement, Visiting Scholars and Researchers taking part in programs shall comply with the immigration requirements of the host university.

a) The Ohio State University and Zamorano will provide the appropriate counseling and other assistance to the Visiting Scholars or research scientists and will assist in finding appropriate housing in or near campus.

b) The Host Institution shall provide the Visiting Scholars with a formal letter of invitation and other documents as may be required to establish Visiting Scholar status to obtain visas and for other purposes.

c) To qualify for J-1 visa, Visiting Scholars from the Zamorano must demonstrate that they have sufficient funds to cover such living expenses which amount to approximately $14,500 per calendar year, pro-rated accordingly, or the actual cost of living per calendar year, pro-rated accordingly. In addition Visiting Scholars must purchase health insurance subject to The Ohio State University’s rules.

d) The Host Institution shall provide a post-arrival orientation to assist Visiting Scholars in settling quickly into life at the Host Institution.
e) All scholar services and facilities of the Host Institution will be made available to Visiting Scholars.

f) Each Party is responsible for providing complete information about the terms and conditions of this Agreement to its participants, including the pertinent laws and regulations of the host countries and the respective host institutions.

2. This General Agreement shall be applicable to educational and research organizations controlled by either party.

3. This General Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, and all prior discussions, agreements, and understandings, whether verbal or in writing, are merged in this General Agreement.

4. This General Agreement is not to be deemed to be a contract creating legal and financial relationships between the parties. Rather, it is designed to facilitate and develop a mutually beneficial exchange process and research and educational relationships.

5. This General Agreement shall become effective once it has been signed by both parties and shall be in force for five (5 years). It may be renewed for additional five years if both institutions, acting independently, agree in writing to renew it at least six (6) months before it expires. Either party may terminate this agreement at any time upon 120 days written notice to the other party. Termination of the General Agreement shall not affect activities in progress pursuant to specific activity agreements, which shall continue until concluded by the parties in accordance with their terms or as otherwise agreed by the parties in writing.

6. The parties intend to review this General Agreement every five years to evaluate the progress and the quality of the mutual cooperation. This General Agreement may be amended only by the written consent of the parties.

7. It is understood that the details of joint activities, conditions for uses of the results achieved, arrangements for specific visits and exchanges, any financial arrangements, which will depend on the availability of funds to each party, and all other forms of cooperation will be negotiated for each specific case through separate written agreements. Each party agrees to seek financial resources for supporting exchange and collaboration. Both parties agree to jointly seek third party funding to support collaborative project activities.

8. Each party shall designate a person or office to serve as liaison for implementing the Agreement.

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