

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
UNIVERSIDAD MARIA AUXILIADORA, LIMA, PERU
AND
SANTA MARIA HEALTH SCHOOL, PORTO, PORTUGAL

Whereas **UNIVERSIDAD MARIA AUXILIADORA**, is a university established in the city of Lima, Peru, authorized by the Government of Peru by Res.649-2011-CONAFU and Res 143-2018-SUNEDU CD, with address in Avenida Canto Bello 431 San Jan de Lurigancho Lima, represented by its General Manager and Chancellor DRA. Gladys Ivonne Moran Paredes, hereafter referred as “UMA”, seeking to improve collaborations between their students, faculty and community,

and

SANTA MARIA HEALTH SCHOOL, owned by the Portuguese Province of the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady and statutorily established as its Founding Entity, with its registered address at Travessa Antero de Quental, nr. 173-175, Porto, Portugal, holding the tax identification number 501090444, represented herein by Prof. Dr. Ana Paula da Conceição, in her capacity as Representative of the Founding Entity, referred to hereafter as the ‘ESSSM’, seeking to formalize and intensify cooperative relations, and for developing programs of academic and cultural exchange, agree as follows

Article 1

1. The object of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to establish a general framework for institutional cooperation between **UNIVERSIDAD MARIA AUXILIADORA (UMA)** and **SANTA MARIA HEALTH SCHOOL (ESSSM)**, with a view to promoting academic, scientific and cultural collaboration, in accordance with the respective regulations and policies of each institution.
2. The objectives of this MOU are to:
 - a) Promote and strengthen institutional cooperation between UMA and ESSSM;
 - b) Encourage academic and scientific exchange between students, faculty and staff;
 - c) Foster joint initiatives in education, research and academic development;
 - d) Contribute to the internationalization strategies of both institutions.

Article 2

1. Cooperation under this MOU may take place, subject to mutual interest, availability and institutional regulations, in the following areas, including but not limited to:
 - a) Exchange of students at undergraduate and graduate level;
 - b) Joint educational and research activities, including collaborative learning initiatives and research projects involving students and faculty;
 - c) Exchange of academic materials and academic publications, including the dissemination and publication of results arising from joint academic and/or research projects;
 - d) Participation in seminars, conferences, workshops and academic meetings, whether jointly organized or attended by both institutions;
 - e) Exchange of faculty and staff members, in accordance with the prevailing norms of both institutions;
 - f) Collaborative virtual activities, including virtual lectures, virtual internships, participation in academic juries, project exhibitions, and other mutually beneficial online initiatives.
2. The specific terms and conditions for each activity, including financial arrangements where applicable, shall be defined in separate agreements or activity documents, to be mutually discussed and agreed upon by both institutions.

Article 3

Notwithstanding any other provision, this MOU expresses only the intentions of the two institutions. These expressed intentions are not legally binding, and no legally binding obligations shall arise as a consequence of the signing of this document. Any actions taken by either institution in relation to this MOU shall be at its own risk.

Article 4

Both institutions agree to grant each other a non-exclusive license to use their institutional name and logo solely for promotional and informational materials related to collaboration activities carried out under this MOU, subject to prior written approval and in accordance with each institution's branding guidelines.

Article 5

1. Except where otherwise specified and mutually agreed upon in writing, this MOU shall impose no financial obligations on either institution.

2. Any financial implications arising from activities conducted under this MOU shall be negotiated and agreed upon on a case-by-case basis and formalized through separate agreements or activity documents.

Article 6

1. This MOU shall be valid for a period of five (5) years from the date of signature by the authorized representatives of both institutions and shall be automatically renewed for successive periods of equal duration unless either institution provides written notice of its intention to terminate or replace the MOU at least six (6) months in advance.
2. Matters not expressly covered by this MOU may be determined and negotiated separately by mutual agreement, without invalidating this MOU.
3. This MOU may be amended at any time by written consent of both institutions.

These regulations are to be authorized by the official representatives of both institutions in two (2) copies, and each institution will retain one.

Signed by,	
DRA. Gladys Ivonne Moran Paredes	DRA. Ana Paula da Conceição
Chancellor and General Manager	Representative of the Founding Entity
UNIVERSIDAD MARIA AUXILIADORA	SANTA MARIA HEALTH SCHOOL
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