

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

**Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy  
UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN, Saskatoon, Canada**

and

**FUNDEPOS UNIVERSITY, San José, Costa Rica**

Whereas the University of Saskatchewan has, through the Canadian Centre for the Study of Co-operatives, a long and close relationship with the province's co-operative sector and whereas the CCSC has developed an international reputation as a leading centre for the study of co-operatives;

And whereas the university of Fundepos is one of the very few universities in the world owned and operated by co-operatives and wherease Costa Rica's co-operative sector plays an important role in its economy;

And whereas both universities recognize opportunities to learn from one other through faculty and students exchanges;

And consistent with the cordial and cooperative bilateral relationship between Canada and Costa Rica and in order to foster additional academic and scholarly collaboration between the University of Saskatchewan (USask), Saskatoon, Canada and FUNDEPOS University (UFUNDEPOS), San José, Costa Rica, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties" or singularly "Party", these two post-secondary institutions have agreed to the following framework based upon principles of mutual equality and the reciprocity of benefits:

1. The Parties will explore opportunities to cooperate in various academic, research and scholarly endeavors in fields of mutual interest. This cooperation may include consideration of the following:
  - Exchanges and internships for students, faculty, and staff;
  - Introduction of new curricula;
  - Joint research projects;
  - Exchange of publications and training materials; and
  - Development of joint academic programming.

The primary areas of focus for this framework relate to Co-operatives, Public Policy, Sustainability.

2. The specific details of these activities will be articulated and agreed to in separate collaboration agreement(s).

These collaboration agreement(s) will include implementation plans developed through mutual consultation and negotiation and will be signed by both institutions in accordance with their own institutional policies.

3. Each party will appoint a coordinator to serve as a point of contact for this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). At the University of Saskatchewan this person will be Dr. Meghna Ramaswamy, Director of International Office, and at UFUNDEPOS this person will be Jorge Campos Montero, Director of International Programs.
4. This MOU reflects the commitment of the Parties to collaborate as expressed, and is not intended to be legally binding in nature.
5. As a result of this MOU, neither Party will incur any financial obligations resulting from the actions of the other Party without a prior agreement in writing to accept specific financial obligations. Any additional agreement(s) pertaining to financial matters will be negotiated separately.
6. This MOU will be in effect from the date of final signature for a period of five (5) years, at which time negotiations can be opened for a renewal.
7. Either Party can terminate this MOU by giving six (6) months of written notice to the other.

**On behalf of the University of Saskatchewan:**

January 27, 2021

Dr. Melissa Just

Date:

Interim Provost and Vice-President Academic

**On behalf of the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy:**

12 January 2021

Dr. Loleen Berdahl

Date:

Executive Director,

Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy



Dr. Marc-André Pigeon

Date: Dec. 7, 2020

Director and Strategic Research Fellow,

Canadian Centre for the Study of Co-operatives

**On behalf of Universidad FUNDEPOS Alma Mater**

Ing. Rodolfo Navas Alvarado

Date:

General Representative