



UNIVERSITY OF LEÓN

CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF LEÓN AND THE UNIVERSITY OF XXX ON THE CO-SUPERVISION OF DOCTORAL THESES.

In the city of León, on theof....., two thousand and.....

BY AND BETWEEN

For one party, Mr José Ángel Hermida Alonso, in his capacity as Vice Chancellor, for and on behalf of the University of León (henceforth referred to as ULE), in the city of León, Avda de la Facultad n° 25, postal code 24071,
And for the other, Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr....., in his/her capacity as (position held), for and on behalf of the University of XXX (henceforth referred to as XXX), in (address to follow)

WHEREAS

Both Universities share common academic, cultural and research interests and objectives.

In so far as their fundamental nature, purpose and objectives are concerned, both institutions wish to establish and maintain those communication links necessary to facilitate an exchange of scientific and cultural knowledge, scientific co-operation between research teams and mobility of PhD students.

The Governing Council of the University of León, in a meeting on (date, e.g. 18th of May, 2007), approved the following framework agreement, which will comply with the following clauses.

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SECTION 1: AIM OF THE AGREEMENT

The purpose of the present agreement is to establish bilateral institutional collaboration in order to facilitate the co-supervision of a PhD thesis.

SECTION 2: ACADEMIC CONSIDERATIONS.

2.1 As an academic prerequisite to the co-supervision as established by the present agreement, the PhD student must obtain the Diploma for Advanced Studies from the ULE, or must meet the PhD entrance requirements established by the Real Decreto

56/2005 or the relevant regulations currently in force, and, where required, the equivalent academic requirements in the United States of America.

2.2. Registration and admission of the PhD thesis, nomination and approval of the experts who will comprise the tribunal, submission of the PhD thesis and admission to the procedure of reading and/or defending the PhD thesis will comply with those regulations currently in force at the time of carrying out these procedures in the University where they are carried out.

2.3. The PhD student will carry out his or her research under the control of, and be accountable to, a thesis supervisor at each of the universities.

2.4. In the case of the ULE, application for co-supervision of the PhD thesis should be made in the corresponding Department or Administrative body in charge at the same time as the PhD thesis proposal is submitted for approval.

2.5. Should the Department or Administrative body in charge accept the proposal, it will be submitted to the PhD Commission for approval. The PhD Commission may stipulate any measures deemed necessary in order to establish that the conditions of the present agreement have been, and will be, complied with.

2.6. In order for the agreement to proceed, an Appendix will be included for each PhD student, who will be bound by its conditions, and which will stipulate the identity of the PhD supervisors, including as a minimum the following information: name and surname, the title of their PhD, post held, and the Department or Administrative body in charge in which the PhD thesis project and title are registered.

2.7. The PhD student will write his or her thesis in Castilian Spanish or in English. In the case of the latter, as a minimum the abstract, index and conclusions should be written in Castilian Spanish, whilst at the same time, the corresponding regulations in force at the University where the thesis is to be submitted and defended must also be complied with.

2.8. The thesis will be defended once only in one of the Universities signatory to the agreement. The co-supervisors will decide on the location for the defence of the thesis through mutual consent. This decision will be communicated to the ULE PhD Commission and the equivalent body in the USA, with a minimum of two months' notice.

2.9. The constitution of the Tribunal which will judge the thesis, its conduct and the procedure for the defence of the thesis will comply with the regulations in force in the University where the thesis will be defended. With regard to the Tribunal's composition, it will include at least one member from each of the Universities participating in the co-supervision.

2.10. The title of Doctor awarded by the Universities which are co-signatories to the specific agreement will include the mention "Co-supervision with the University of XXX, USA".

SECTION 3. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATIONS.

3.1. The agreement must specify the minimum amount of time the PhD student will spend at each University, in order to guarantee effective co-supervision by each Institution.

3.2. The PhD student will be responsible for all procedures related to the necessary health and social security cover in the country to which XXX belongs. In order to receive accreditation for the period spent abroad, proof of accident and health insurance for the said country, as well as insurance cover for repatriation in the case of illness or death, is required.

3.3. The agreement to co-supervision will be registered at both Universities. The PhD student will be responsible for paying those public charges and Academic Insurance premiums, if applicable, required by the ULE, as well as costs related to the presentation and defence of the PhD thesis and any other additional costs which may arise.

3.4. The ULE PhD Commission will maintain a register of all PhD theses defended which have been co-supervised.

3.5. With regard to deposition, author's rights and reproduction of the thesis, as well as intellectual property in the University where the thesis has been submitted, procedures will comply with those regulations currently in force at the time.

3.6. Independently of the stipulations set out in the present agreement framework, The PhD student may obtain, both from the ULE and the XXX, the Title of Doctor, with the mention "European PhD", providing that the regulations and specific requirements necessary for obtaining this qualification have been fulfilled.

FINAL PROVISIONS

1. The present agreement will come into effect on the day following its approval by the Governing Council of the University of León.

2. By virtue of this agreement, each participating institution will recognise the validity of the PhD thesis defended within the terms of the same, and is committed to awarding the corresponding Title of Doctor.

Signed:
Vice Chancellor of the ULE

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