

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR ACADEMIC COOPERATION**

BETWEEN

EL COLEGIO DE MÉXICO, A.C., MEXICO

AND

SAINT JOSEPH UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT, LEBANON

El Colegio de México, A.C. (hereinafter Colmex), located at Carretera Picacho Ajusco 20, Col. Ampliación Fuentes del Pedregal, 14110, Tlalpan, Mexico City, Mexico, represented by its President, Silvia Elena Giorguli Saucedo, PhD; and Saint Joseph University of Beirut (hereinafter USJ), located at Rue de Damas, BP 17-5208 - Mar Mikhaël Beirut, 1104 2020, Lebanon, represented by its Rector, R.F. Prof. Salim Daccache s.j. agree to cooperate in regard to international programs based on the principle of reciprocity. Colmex and USJ are referred to individually as a “party” and collectively as the “parties”.

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter MOU) serves as a framework document for both parties to establish and develop their bilateral relationships. This will also help enhance research and educational processes at both institutions and thereby expand the academic spectrum and culture awareness between the institutions’ respective faculties, staffs and students.

The parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Both parties will work together to develop mutual agreements for cooperation based on their respective academic, scientific and educational needs. The activities in which specific agreements may be developed include:
 - Exchange of faculty members, research scholars and students at all levels;
 - Exchange of academic information, materials and programs;
 - Developing and implementing joint research activities;
 - Co-organizing joint conferences and workshops as well as international training programs;
 - Exchange scientific information in the form of publications, instruction materials and other results of teaching and research; and
 - Other cooperative activities as appropriate.



2. The development and implementation of each activity based on this MOU shall be separately discussed and determined by both parties under a "Specific Agreement", which shall reflect the parties' mutually agreed objectives, the funding arrangements, and the allocation of responsibility for that activity. Each Specific Agreement will be appended to this MOU, and its terms will control the administration of the activity or activities described therein.
3. Both parties will try to find financial sources for carrying out the activities. All financial support will be subject to the budgetary availability of each party.
4. Nothing in this MOU shall diminish the full autonomy of either institution, or impose constraints on either party in carrying out the agreement. Each party acknowledges and agrees that this MOU creates no financial obligations between the parties.
5. Both parties agree that, in the event of research collaboration leading to patent rights, copyrights, or other intellectual property rights, a further agreement must be negotiated in each case in accordance with the policies of the two parties on intellectual property.
6. All programs and activities under this MOU will be operated in accordance with the laws and regulations of the respective countries.
7. If either party wishes to disclose confidential data and/or information resulting from the cooperation activities under this MOU to any third party, the disclosing party must obtain prior consent from the other party before any disclosure can be made. Consent is not to be unreasonably withheld.
8. Any differing viewpoints and interpretations of this MOU shall be settled amicably by mutual consultation or negotiation. Both parties agree to refrain from unilateral action and to consult and negotiate mutually agreeable decision. In the event that the process of discussion and mutual consultation fails to achieve a resolution of the disagreement which is acceptable to both parties, the disagreement will be submitted to arbitration. Any such arbitration shall be governed by a separate agreement.
9. This MOU shall become effective on the first day after both parties have signed the document, and shall remain in effect for a period of five (5) years from that date. It will be automatically renewed for further periods of equal time, if it is not resigned by either party. Any necessary modifications or early termination of this MOU require written notice six months in advance. In case this MOU ceases to be effective on account of termination, the provisions of all valid supplemental agreements shall continue to apply to the extent necessary to secure the implementation of existing activities as agreed upon in the Agreements.

10. This MOU is executed in English in two copies, one for each party, which have equal legal effects.

Duly authorized representatives of Colmex and USJ executed this MOU as of the date and year given below.

For El Colegio de México, A.C.
Date: 28 MAR 2023

For Saint Joseph University of Beirut
Date: 03 NOV. 2022


Silvia Elena Giorguli Saucedo, PhD
President


Prof. Salim Daccache, S. J.
Rector



