



AUBURN

Office of the Provost

09/27/2022

Dear President Roberts:

Attached, please find an International Agreement between Auburn University,
Uniminuto University
and
the College of Agriculture, Horticulture.

This agreement will:

send a faculty group who are interested in exploring collaboration with
UNIMINUTO. They will tour facilities and discuss research collaborations as well
as funded graduate training programs.

This agreement has been reviewed and approved by the International Agreement
Committee, and no concerns were identified. I also approve and request your approval
and signature. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not
hesitate to contact me.

Please note that we need

1 copy

of the agreement and your signature is needed on page

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of the attached document.

Best,

Vini Nathan

Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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An agreement proposal has been submitted. The data is outlined below:

College/Unit: College of Agriculture
Department: Horticulture
Agreement Type: MOU
Proposed Partner Institution: Uniminuto University
Institution Country: Colombia
Proposal Type: New

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International Travel for Auburn Faculty: Yes
International Travel for Auburn Students: No
International Travel for Partner Faculty: No
International Travel for Partner Students: No

Agreement Description: UNIMINUTO is a leading institution in Colombia with significant research in social sciences and agroecology. Agroecology engineering is one of the most valuable undergraduate programs and it's focused on sustainability agriculture through high skilled research and have had an important impact in Colombia's competitiveness and development. The College of Agriculture has identified a faculty group who are interested in exploring collaboration opportunities with UNIMINUTO. With upcoming travels to Colombia, we will tour facilities and discuss research collaborations as well as funded graduate training programs. A MOU will be helpful for UNIMINUTO to apply for funding with their government. This MOU is initiated by AG but we welcome other AU colleges to join if interested.

Strategic Plan Perspective: The proposal will strengthen international connections with Auburn University, and will help establishing Auburn University as a premier research institution

Legal Review: No
Academic Credit: No
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

AUBURN UNIVERSITY

and

**CORPORACION UNIVERSITARIA MINUTO DE DIOS -
UNIMINUTO, Bogotá, Colombia,**

wishing to develop cooperative relations on the basis of established contacts and mutual understandings, especially to develop academic and cultural interchange through mutual assistance in the areas of education and research, agree as follows:

PART I

Area of Cooperation

The areas of cooperation include, subject to mutual consent and appropriate conditions, all academic and research programs offered within the **College of Agriculture at Auburn University** and the respective programs within the **Corporación Universitaria Minuto de Dios, UNIMINUTO** and proposed by either as desirable, feasible, and contributory to the fostering and development of the cooperative relationship between the two universities.

PART II

Methods

All understandings and assistance shall be subject to availability of funds and the specific approval of the President of **AUBURN UNIVERSITY** and of the General Rector of **CORPORACION UNIVERSITARIA MINUTO DE DIOS - UNIMINUTO, Bogotá, Colombia**, through such activities or programs as:

1. Exchange of faculty members and technical staff
2. Exchange of students
3. Joint research activities
4. Participation in seminars and academic meetings
5. Special short-term academic programs
6. Cultural exchange activities
7. Joint participation in international training courses
8. Providing for graduate and undergraduate coursework at both universities
9. Providing opportunities for staff development for both universities by participation in sabbatical leave and other personnel development programs
10. Engaging in consultancies
11. Other activities as deemed mutually appropriate.

The terms of such mutual assistance and necessary budget for each program and activity shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation of the particular activity or program. Furthermore, it is understood that each institution will enter into specific program by program written agreements as required for compliance with the respective immigration regulations of the parties involved. Each university will designate a Liaison/Contact Officer to develop specific activities or programs for approval of the respective presidents.

PART III

Effective Date and Length of Agreement

This agreement will remain in force for a period of five years subject to the availability of funds, and any amendment and/or modification of this agreement requires a written approval of the President of **AUBURN UNIVERSITY** and that of the General Rector of **CORPORACION UNIVERSITARIA MINUTO DE DIOS -UNIMINUTO**, Bogotá, Colombia, and shall be appended hereto. After the initial five-year period, this agreement may be renewed by mutual written consent.

Either party reserves the right to terminate this agreement upon six (6) months written notice to the other. Any individual activities to be continued will be specifically identified and provided for at the time of termination.

Each party shall be responsible for assuring full compliance by its participants with applicable laws and regulations, including insurance, of the respective nations.

By signature below, Auburn University is affirming that it has evaluated this agreement in terms of its published mission and finds the agreement compatible with that mission. Before consenting to extensions in the future, Auburn University will reevaluate this agreement in terms of its published mission.


Nothing contained herein or in the activities conducted hereunder shall constitute either party the agent, servant or employee of the other party, and each party shall be fully and solely responsible for its own actions and obligations.

General Rector of the Corporación Universitaria Minuto de Dios, UNIMINUTO, Dr. Harold de Jesús Castilla Devoz, acting as legal representative of the Institution, as recorded in the Agreement No. 304 of March 27, 2020.

President of Auburn University, Dr. Christopher B. Roberts, is the legal representative of Auburn University and signs this agreement on behalf of Auburn University.

This agreement shall take effect on the date of final signature indicated below and IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have offered their signatures below.

For AUBURN UNIVERSITY


Christopher B. Roberts

Sept 29, 2022
Date

President

For UNIMINUTO


Dr. Harold de Jesús Castilla
Devoz

Date

General Rector

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND EMERGENCY CONTACT
INFORMATION FOR THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN AUBURN
UNIVERSITY
AND CORPORACIÓN UNIVERSITARIA MINUTO DE DIOS,
UNIMINUTO**

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