

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION GROUP OF BRAZILIAN UNIVERSITIES -  
GCUB

AND

**Notre Dame University-Louaize (NDU)**

The **International Cooperation Group of Brazilian Universities - GCUB** (hereinafter referred to as "GCUB"), a non-profit civil society association, located at the Edificio Assis Chateaubriand Bloco SRTVS 701, Lote 1, Conjunto L, Bloco 1, Sala 511, Asa Sul - Brasília - DF, Brazil - CEP: 70.340-906, duly represented for this purpose by its Executive Director, Professor Rossana Valéria de Souza e Silva,

and,

**Notre Dame University-Louaize**, a Lebanese, private, non-profit, Catholic, institution of higher education which adopts the American system of education, recognized by the Ministry of Education in Lebanon by Decree no. 4116, Lebanon, having its address at Zouk Mosbeh, Kesrwan District, P.O. Box 72 Zouk Mikael, represented for the purposes of this **MOU** by its President Fr. Bechara Khoury (hereinafter referred to as "**NDU**")

referred to herein as the "**Parties**".

**Convinced** of the need to promote and strengthen cooperation, the sharing of information, the improvement of research and education programs, as well as the exchange of teachers, researchers, and students;

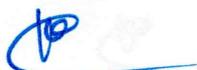
**Interested** in establishing and promoting regular relations in the fields related to their skills, particularly scientific and cultural, in an institutionalized framework;

**Agree** as follows:

### ARTICLE I

#### Objective

The purpose of this MoU is to establish a legal referential framework based on which the Parties shall promote and strengthen academic, scientific and cultural cooperation through research, education, organization and university management.



## ARTICLE II

### Cooperation Modalities

The Parties agree that the cooperation activities referred to in this MoU shall be carried out through the following modalities:

- a) Development of joint research projects;
- b) Joint development of institutional cooperation international projects;
- c) Organization of courses in the fields related to the object of this MoU;
- d) Exchange of information, documentation and scientific publications;
- e) Exchange of teachers, researchers and technical staff in both short and long stays;
- f) Undergraduate and Graduate student mobility;
- g) Joint organization of conferences, seminars, symposia and other events related to the Parties' interest;
- h) Any other modality of cooperation the Parties agree upon.

§1 - The operation of this MoU is not conditioned to the establishment of projects in all forms of cooperation referred to in this Article.

§2 - The Parties shall not be obliged to cooperate on those activities in which there is a ban under domestic law, institutional rules or custom.

## ARTICLE III

### Competencies

The Parties commit to monitor the cooperation modalities derived from this MoU, with absolute respect to their respective competences, regulations, institutional policies, and applicable national legislation.

## ARTICLE IV

### Specific Cooperation Programs

I - The Parties shall formulate cooperation programs that describe specific activities or projects to be developed. These, once formalized, will be an integrant part of this MoU, and shall include the following information:

- a) Objectives;
- b) Chronogram;
- c) Allocation of human and material resources;
- d) Means of funding;
- e) Responsibilities of the Parties;
- f) Publication of results;
- g) Any information the parties consider relevant.



II - The personnel appointed by each of the Parties to carry out the cooperation activities referred to in this MoU will continue under the direction and dependence of his/her institution of origin, once the cooperation activities under this MoU do not create labor relationship with the other Party, which cannot be considered as employer or substitute employer.

III - The Parties shall provide the necessary guidance and support relating to the measures of entry, stay and departure from the territory for the personnel formally involved in the cooperation activities derived from this MoU. These participants will undergo migratory, tax, customs, health and national security provisions in the host country and may not engage in activities other than their duties without prior authorization of the competent authority. The participants shall leave the host country in accordance with its laws and provisions.

IV - The Parties shall ensure that the people involved in the cooperation activities referred to in this MoU have insurance with social, medical, hospital, and laboratory coverage, which also includes funerary repatriation.

## ARTICLE V

### Funding

The Parties shall seek alternative means to finance cooperation activities referred to in this MoU in accordance with its financing availability and the provisions of its national legislation and mutually agreed upon in writing

## ARTICLE VI

### Intellectual Property

In case products of commercial value and/or intellectual property rights resulting from the cooperative activities undertaken under this MoU, these will be ruled by the applicable laws on the matter in each country, as well as by international agreements binding to the Federative Republic of Brazil and Lebanon

Exchanges and diffusion of publications, documents, teaching materials, audiovisual and computer materials shall occur in accordance with the law applicable in each of the Parties, particularly those related to copyright and intellectual property.

Each Party shall not use the name and/or logo of the other Party in any publication, advertising, promotional material, press release, or other marketing material, without the express prior written consent of the other Party to each particular use of its name and/or logo.



## ARTICLE VII

### Coordination and Follow-up Mechanisms

In order to afford a more efficient instrumentation of this MoU, each Party shall establish a Coordinator who will monitor the cooperation activities within thirty (30) days after its signature.

The Coordinator is in charge of the following duties:

- a) To establish an annual program of activities, with meetings happening alternately at the headquarters of each Parties, unless agreed otherwise;
  - 1) To propose specific cooperation programs complementary to this MoU;
  - 2) To coordinate the exchange of academics with teaching, research and advisory purposes;
  - 3) To specify for the administrative staff from both Parties the communication procedures and their commitment to this MoU;
  - 4) To evaluate the cooperation activities carried out under this MoU;
  - 5) To elaborate reports on the progress of the activities carried out under this MoU;
  - 6) Any other duty the Parties agree upon.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Term and Termination

This MoU is valid from the date of its signature and shall be valid for five (5) years. It may be renewed for a further five (5) years period by mutual written agreement between the Parties 2 months prior to its initial term.

Either Party may terminate this MOU by sending a 60 (sixty) days prior written notice to the other Party.

In the event of early termination, the Parties will make good faith efforts to complete or terminate existing projects or engagements without substantial prejudice to the other Party. Subject to any applicable legal or regulatory requirements or restrictions, any existing project or engagement that is in effect at the time of termination shall not be affected by the termination of this MOU and will proceed as originally agreed upon until successful completion.

This MoU may be modified by mutual consent, formalized through written communications in which they specify the dates they will come into force.



### Final Dispositions

Each Party shall not assign or transfer any of their rights and/or obligations under this MOU to any third party without the prior written consent of the other Party.

Each Party shall protect and keep confidential any documents and information exchanged between the Parties pursuant to this MOU and/or to subsequent correspondence, addenda and/or written agreements.

Any dispute or disagreement between the Parties shall be resolved amicably and in good faith.

The present MOU is the entire understanding between the Parties and supersedes all prior understandings, correspondence, and agreements, whether verbal or written, between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

This MoU is signed in two (2) original copies, in English.

Thursday, October 23, 2025

For Notre Dame University-Louaize  
(NDU)

**Fr. Bechara Khoury**  
President



Signature: 

Date: 23 OCT 2025

International Cooperation Group of  
Brazilian Universities – GCUB

**Prof. Rossana Valéria de Souza e Silva**  
Ph.D.  
Executive Director

Signature: 

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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