

**Memorandum of Understanding Between
The Graduate School of Education,
University of Pennsylvania
and**

Universidad de Guadalajara

In the spirit of intellectual cooperation and international understanding, the Graduate School of Education (GSE), University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA (USA) and Universidad de Guadalajara agree to establish a program of exchange and collaboration—the Literacy Teaching and Learning across Borders Project.

1. The purposes of the cooperation are to promote cooperative research and to facilitate the international exchange of ideas. The major thrust of the research regarding which the parties will cooperate is to support cross-cultural inquiries into pertinent issues of literacy research and practice. The modes of cooperation will include

- a) exchange of faculty and student researchers to pursue opportunities in research and practice;
- b) exchange of information and scholarly publication on the research as well as opportunities for collaboration on scholarly publications
- c) development and implementation of cooperative programming focusing on research and pedagogy (for example: professional development to promote the sharing and discussion of philosophical frameworks and pedagogical approaches related to literacy/literacies)

2. To achieve the goals of this cooperation, both parties will, insofar as the means of each allow: a) promote institutional exchange by inviting faculty and researchers of the partner institution to participate in appropriate activities oriented around research and practice (for example: pursuing research into topics of joint interest and subsequently disseminating findings in appropriate venues) b) receive graduate students of the partner institution for a period of study and/or research; c) organize and/or present at symposia, conferences and meetings on research projects and findings; d) carry out joint research programs and professional learning experiences (for example, the week-long 2018 literacy seminar held for representatives of the University of

Guadalajara at the University of Pennsylvania); and e) exchange information pertaining to the agreed-upon research areas.

3. Prior to the initiation of any particular project or activity, the specific terms of cooperation and exchange for that project must be discussed and agreed upon in writing by the appropriate responsible representatives of both institutions.

4. Both parties understand that all financial arrangements for specific exchange activities must be mutually agreed upon and will depend on the availability of funds. In addition, the scope of the activities will be subject to funds available at the institutions for the type of collaboration undertaken and any financial assistance that may be obtained by either from external sources.

5. Either party may propose to the other specific individual research projects for collaboration. Such proposal may be made at any time and the parties will develop an agreement for each agreed-upon project. The protection and exploitation of any intellectual property arising out of a research project will be addressed in each individual project agreement.

6. Implementation of this Agreement will be coordinated by the Graduate School of Education of the University of Pennsylvania and the Coordinación de Innovación Educativa y Pregrado de la Coordinación General Académica of the Universidad de Guadalajara.

7. Each institution agrees to release and hold the other harmless from and against any claims, damages, liability or costs, to the extent such claims damages, liability or costs arise from the negligent or willful acts or omission of the other university or any of its agents or employees in connection with their respective performance under this MOU.


8. The parties agree that in the course of implementing this MOU, they will not engage in unlawful discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, social economic status, nationality, ethnic origin, or disability.


9. Amendments to this MOU may be made at any time after consultation and agreement between the two universities. Any such amendment must be in writing and signed by both parties.


10. This MOU will remain in force for a period of five years from the date it is fully executed. Prior to the expiration date, the MOU may be reviewed for possible renewal for a further five-per period. In addition, either party may terminate the MOU in advance of its normal expiration by providing the other with six months' prior written notice. In this case, persons already approved as exchange participants will be allowed to complete their exchange visits under the conditions specified at the time of their invitation to the host institution.


SO AGREED:


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