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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding made as of the 3rd day of april, 2025
(the "Effective Date")

BETWEEN

UNIVERSIDAD DE GUADALAJARA, (JALISCO, MEXICO)

AND

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY (ONTARIO, CANADA)

In this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU"), Lakehead University and Universidad de Guadalajara (Avenida Juárez 976, Postal Code 44100, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico), a public body, decentralized from the Government of the State of Jalisco, with autonomy, legal personality and property ownership rights, represented by its Rector General, Mtra. Karla Alejandrina Planter Pérez, and assisted by the Secretary General, Mtro. César Antonio Barba Delgadillo) (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties" or singularly as "Party"), wishing to encourage and facilitate international education opportunities for their students and faculty, and seeking to promote the process of internationalization at their respective institutions, declare their mutual interest in exploring co-operation as follows on the basis of equality and reciprocity of benefits:

1. The Parties wish to collaborate in planning for, developing, and establishing opportunities for their students and faculty at Lakehead University ("Lakehead") and Universidad de Guadalajara ("UDEG") respectively.

2. Areas of potential cooperation between the Parties include but are not limited to:

   a) Joint development of academic, scientific and technological projects for the benefit of both Parties.
   b) Inter-institutional participation of faculty members in research.
   c) Inter-institutional exchange of students each year, with numbers arranged on the basis of reciprocity.
   d) Providing opportunities for "UDEG" students for conducting thesis projects in their final year at Lakehead.
   e) Providing opportunities for "UDEG" students to earn a Lakehead undergraduate degree on the basis of twinning programs (2+2 or 3+1), mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

3. Any actual collaboration in a particular area shall be negotiated in a specific agreement between the Parties completely separate from this MOU.

4. Collaboration will be coordinated through the Office of Lakehead University International at Lakehead and, in the case of UDEG, the office in charge of monitoring and/or executing the specific activities derived from this MOU will be designated in the corresponding specific agreements.

5. Under this MOU, and in any collaboration arising from this MOU, neither Party will incur any financial obligations resulting from the actions of the other Party without a prior agreement in writing, completely separate from this MOU, to accept specific financial obligations. It is understood by the Parties that any agreement pertaining to financial matters will be conditional upon the availability of funds for each Party.

6. The Parties agree that all information that is not public information, related to the activities of either Party, to which the other Party has access, as a result of this MOU shall be kept confidential.

7. This MOU shall commence on the Effective Date and continue thereafter for a period of five (5) years from that date, or until such time as:

   a) both Parties agree in writing to terminate it; or

   b) either Party gives at least six (6) months written notice of termination to the other Party.

8. While in effect this MOU may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Parties,

9. This MOU is not binding on the Parties and contains no enforceable legal obligations. The Parties declare that the signing of this MOU and the commitments undertaken herein are the result of their good faith, and therefore they will make best efforts for its due compliance. In the event of any discrepancy in interpreting this MOU, such discrepancy will be resolved by mutual accord.

10. Having read the present document, the Parties being aware of the content and scope of each of its clauses and indicating the absence of malice, dishonesty or any other reason that vitiates their consent, they sign it in duplicate, in English, both original copies with equal content and validity.

The following signatures are affixed as acknowledgement and notification of the terms of this MOU:

For **Universidad de Guadalajara**, Jalisco, Mexico:

Date: 03/04/2025

For **Lakehead University**, Ontario, Canada:

Date:

Mtra. Karla Alejandrina Planter Pérez
Rector General

Dr. David Richards
Interim Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

Mtro. César Antonio Barba Delgadillo
Secretary General

VICE PRESIDENT
(Administration & Finance)

Date:_____

Mtra. Valeria Viridiana Padilla Navarro
Coordinator for Internationalization