**Framework Cooperation Agreement for the Development of Doctoral Thesis in International Cotutelle between the University of…………….and the University of Extremadura**

On the one hand, Mr./Mrs./............................... acting as legal representative and President of the University ............................, an institution of higher education, located at ...................

On the other hand, Mr. Pedro Mª Fernández Salguero, Rector of the University of Extremadura, appointed by decree 166/2022 of 30 December, located at Edificio Rectorado, Avda. de Elvas s/n, 06071 Badajoz, Spain, representing and acting on behalf of the same, by virtue of the powers vested in him by Organic Law 6/2001 of Universities of 21 December and Decree 65/2003, of 8 May, which governs the bylaws of the University of Extremadura.

**PURSUANT**

To the regulations applicable to Doctoral Studies of both universities:

At the University……:

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At the University of Extremadura, Royal Decree 99/2011, of January 28, which regulates the official doctoral teachings (BOE February 10, 2011), Regulation of December 14, 2021, of the Rector, by which the agreement adopted by the Governing Council approving the Doctoral Regulations of the University of Extremadura (DOE December 28) is executed.

**DECLARE**

That both Universities have set a framework for action materialized in a collaboration framework agreement within which this specific agreement is framed, for the development of doctoral theses under international joint supervision in accordance with the following clauses:

**Article 1**

**Academic status of the doctoral student**

Mr./Ms (Name of doctoral candidate), with D.N.I. (National Identity Card) number…………………., is enrolled in the ……………doctoral programme of the University of…………………………..since the 201…./20…. Academic year.

and at the University of Extremadura\* since the academic year \_\_\_/\_\_\_ in the doctoral program in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

In the case of the University of Extremadura, you must maintain your enrollment until the defense of the thesis, regardless of whether it is not the University of defense.

*\*****The student's home university must be identified****.*

**Article 2**

**Supervision of the Thesis**

Mr./Ms (Name of doctoral candidate) shall conduct their research Project under the guidance and supervision of one supervisor from the Universidad de Extremadura in which the doctoral student is enrolled, and assigned by the academic committee of said program, and from another doctor belonging to the University of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Both shall have the joint and coordinated responsibility to supervise the doctoral activities that comply with their respective Regulations.

In representation of the Universidad de Extremadura, the thesis supervisor shall be Dr. Mr./Ms (Name of doctoral candidate) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In representation of the University of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the thesis supervisor shall be Dr. Mr./Ms (Name of doctoral candidate) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In the event of a change in the direction of the thesis, it will be replaced by the corresponding University according to its regulations, and the doctoral student must be notified, as well as the other University. Otherwise, this co-guardianship agreement would be automatically void.

The provisional title of the doctoral thesis is “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”.

**Article 3**

**Research Stays**

Mr./Ms (Name of doctoral candidate) must carry out, within his training period to obtain the Doctoral Degree, a minimum stay of six months at the University \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who signs this joint supervision agreement, carrying out research work, either in a single period or in several, having to complete the rest of the training time at the University of Extremadura, with a minimum stay of six months.

With regard to the University of Extremadura, said stay will be authorized by its director as well as by the academic committee of its programme and embedded in its activities document.

The directors of the doctoral thesis establish that the period(s) of the doctoral student's stay at the University \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_will take place during\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Article 4**

**Examination Committee and Doctoral Thesis Defense**

The doctoral thesis will be the subject of a single defense at one of the Universities, which will be the University of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. The court for its defense will be proposed by mutual agreement by the two Universities and its composition will comply with the current legislation of the State of the University of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (University of defense), but at least one person representing each University must appear. In the case of the University of Extremadura, those who have exercised or exercise the direction, co-direction or tutoring of the doctoral student may not be part of the Board.

The University of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (University of defense) will request the other University the proposal of a member of the titular court and another alternate, and once appointed, it will send notification of appointment and if within fifteen calendar days it does not receive any allegation, it will be considered approved.

After the defense of the thesis, the University of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (University of defense), will notify the other University that the thesis has taken place, within a period of fifteen calendar days from the date of the defense, sending it a copy of the minutes/ document that accredits it in order for the doctoral student to request the issuance of his PhD title.

The doctoral thesis will be written in the language(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and will be defended in the language(s)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Article 5**

**Data Protection**

1. Stewardship

The signatory parties become co-responsible for the personal data of the students, teachers and tutors who will be involved in any training activity for students and undertake to treat them in the terms established in article 26 of the Regulation (EU) 2016/679, of April 27 (hereinafter, GDPR) and article 29 of Organic Law 3/2018 of December 5 on the protection of personal data and guarantee of digital rights (hereinafter, LOPDGDD) for the exclusive purpose compliance with this Agreement.

The internal communications of such personal data that must be made between the co-responsible parties will be the ones necessary to carry out the management, development and execution of the Agreement that is the object of the same.

Additionally, the data of the contact persons and of the signatories of this Agreement will also be processed by each of the Parties for the sole purpose of the relationship between them throughout the term of the Agreement.

1. Treatment and communication of data

Regarding the treatment derived from this agreement, the parties undertake not to communicate the personal data to any other entity or to use them for any other purpose than the management of the agreement and the execution of its object, except for those that are necessary for compliance with legal and academic obligations.

1. Data retention period

The data will be kept for the time necessary to fulfill the purpose for which they are processed and to determine the possible responsibilities that may arise from said purpose and their treatment. Once the student's internship has finished, the company will proceed to destroy all the student's data.

1. Rights of the interested parties

Being the interested parties, students of the University of Extremadura, they may exercise the corresponding rights associated with the protection of personal data that are related to the purpose of this agreement, by writing accompanied by a copy of their N.I.C (National Identity Card) or personal identification document, addressed to the Dean/Director of your Center.

1. Security

Both signatory parties undertake to adopt the technical and organizational measures aimed at guaranteeing the security of all personal data involved in this agreement.

In case of a violation of the security of personal data, the affected co-responsible party will immediately forward the communication to the other party and, where appropriate, to the Spanish Agency for Data Protection and to the interested party in accordance with the provisions of Articles 33. and 34 GDPR.

**Article 6**

**Entry into Force**

This agreement will remain in force from the date of its approval by the Governing Council and subsequent signing until the PhD student obtains the PhD degree, taking into account the permanence regulations of both Universities in doctoral studies.

If a new regulation regarding the obtaining and issuance of doctoral degrees is approved that is contrary to the provisions of this agreement, it would be modified in accordance with the new regulations.

And as evidence thereof, this Cooperation Agreement is signed in duplicate at …………. on…………………20…..

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| In representation of the Universidad de Extremadura  | In representation of the University of………………………………………… |
| Pedro Mª Fernández Salguero Rector  | …………………………………………..Rector  |
| Thesis supervisor for the Universidad de Extremadura  | Thesis supervisor for the University of ……………………….. |
| PhD Student  |  |