

Cooperation Agreement for Academic and Scientific Exchange

between

Lisbon Institute of Advanced Technologies

and

The New Interactive Technologies School of the University of Barcelona

Signatory Parties

THE LISBON INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES, established by ITA – Instituto de Tecnologias Avançadas para a Formação, Lda, with tax identification number 501 693 386, headquartered at Alameda das Linhas de Torres, no. 179, 1750-142 Lisbon, Portugal, hereinafter referred to as ISTEC Lisboa, represented herein by Professor Dr. António Manuel Chaves Fernandes Fidalgo, in his capacity as Secretary-General of ISTEC Lisboa.

Second Party

THE NEW INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGIES SCHOOL (Escuela de Nuevas Tecnologías Interactivas) OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BARCELONA, with tax identification number B55140453, headquartered at Carrer Baldiri Reixac 7, 08028, Barcelona, hereinafter referred to as ENTI-UB, represented herein by Dr. Oscar García Pañella, in the capacity of Academic Director of ENTI-UB.

Preamble

Recognizing the mutual interest of ISTEC Lisboa and ENTI-UB in promoting the advancement of knowledge and excellence in science and technology education, and aware of the strategic importance of international collaboration for the development of excellence in research, innovation, and the internationalization of their academic communities, both institutions express their desire to formalize and enhance their bilateral cooperation.

This collaboration is based on the conviction of the importance of interinstitutional cooperation for strengthening academic, scientific, and technological capacities, and on the common objectives of the Parties regarding the training of qualified human resources, the production of cutting-edge knowledge, and its application for the benefit of society.

I. Objectives of the agreement

The main objectives of this cooperation agreement are as follows:

- To promote the development of higher education, scientific research, and technological innovation in their respective areas of activity.
- To facilitate the mobility of teaching and research staff between the three institutions for research activities.
- To provide opportunities for both institutions to expand their research and teaching experiences, enhance professional development, and contribute to academic missions.
- Strengthen educational and scientific ties, encourage cultural exchange, and promote collaboration in areas of mutual interest.

II. Scope of cooperation

The scope of cooperation includes the following:

A. Mobility of faculty and researchers

- The institutions agree to support the exchange of teaching staff, research staff, and other academic professionals to promote collaboration in research activities.
- Visiting professors will participate in activities including guest lectures, participation in research groups, collaboration on scientific studies, and exchange of best practices in teaching and research methodologies.

B. Access to academic and research facilities

- Mobile faculty and researchers will have access to academic, library, and research facilities to ensure that they can effectively carry out their planned research activities.
- Any specific resources, laboratories, or specialized equipment necessary for the research of visiting faculty and researchers will be made available by prior arrangement, as discussed and agreed upon.

C. Exchange of knowledge and research results

- Institutions encourage the exchange of academic knowledge, teaching methodologies, and research results. Participants are expected to share the results of their research experiences when they return to their home institution.

D. Organization of Academic Activities

- Both institutions may coordinate events, such as lectures, workshops, and seminars, with the participation of guest lecturers and in line with the objectives of the mobility program.

III. Terms and Conditions

A. Duration of the Agreement

- This protocol shall enter into force on the date of its signature and shall have an initial duration of two (2) years.
- At the end of this period, it shall be automatically renewed for equal successive periods, unless one of the Parties notifies the other in writing of its opposition to the renewal, at least 60 (sixty) days prior to the end of the current period.
- Notwithstanding automatic renewal, the agreement may be revised or amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Parties.

B. Responsibility for costs

- Each institution is responsible for covering the salaries, travel expenses, accommodation, and health insurance of its own staff and teachers participating in the mobility program.
- The host institution agrees to provide workspaces, academic resources, and access to the facilities necessary for visiting teachers to carry out their research.

C. Professional conduct and expectations

- Visiting teachers and researchers must comply with the professional standards, policies, and guidelines of the host institution.
- Specific duties, schedules, and responsibilities will be agreed upon in advance by both institutions or their respective departments to ensure clarity of expectations.

D. Intellectual property and data sharing

- Any intellectual property generated during the exchange will be managed in accordance with the policies of each institution, and any necessary agreements regarding data sharing will be established prior to the exchange.
- Research results, data, and publications resulting from the exchange are encouraged to acknowledge the collaboration between institutions.

E. Confidentiality and data protection

- Both institutions agree to treat any shared research data or proprietary information as confidential, in accordance with institutional policies and relevant data protection legislation.
- Technical, scientific, or other information identified as confidential by one of the parties and shared under this protocol or its specific agreements shall be treated as such by the other party, under terms to be agreed upon.

F. Contact persons for the agreement

Each institution shall designate the following contact persons responsible for the implementation and management of the protocol's activities:

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- **ENTI-UB**
Name: Oscar García Pañella
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G. Meetings and evaluation

- Contact persons may hold annual meetings (in person or online) to evaluate the results of the mobility program, discuss challenges, and explore new opportunities for collaboration.
- Joint evaluation reports will be prepared based on the conclusions of the mobility reports, which will guide future mobility initiatives.

H. Language

- This protocol is written in Portuguese and English, with the texts of both protocols being equally authentic.
- Communications between the parties may be conducted in Portuguese or English, as appropriate.

IV. Specific agreements

- The implementation of cooperation activities will be detailed in specific agreements (or addenda) to be concluded between the parties.
- The specific agreements shall define the detailed objectives, work plans, responsibilities, timelines, budgets (if applicable), intellectual property rules, confidentiality, and other aspects relevant to each initiative.
- The contact persons identified in point III.F. will be the main point of contact, facilitating communication and monitoring the implementation of activities.

V. Amendments and termination

A. Amendments

Any amendments to this agreement must be agreed in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both institutions.

B. Termination

This agreement may be terminated by either institution upon 60 (sixty) days' written notice to the other party. In the event of termination, ongoing mobility activities may be completed as originally planned, unless otherwise mutually agreed.

VI. Signatures

For the Lisbon Institute of Advanced Technologies

Signature:

Name: Professor Dr. António Fidalgo
Title: Secretary-General of ISTEC Lisboa

Date: February 18th, 2026

On behalf of ENTI-UB

Signature:



Name: Professor Dr. Oscar García Pañella
Title: Academic Director of ENTI-UB

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