COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN

FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF RIO GRANDE - FURG (Brasil)

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POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF SETÚBAL (UNIPS)

This Agreement establishes the framework for international academic cooperation between:

Polytechnic University of Setúbal (UNIPS), NIPC 503720364, headquartered at Edifício Sede do Campus da UNIPS – Estefanilha, 2910-761, Setúbal, Portugal, represented by **Prof.ª Doutora Ângela Maria Gomes Teles de Matos Cremon de Lemos**, Rector of UNIPS, whose appointment was ratified by Dispatch No. 4508/2026, published in the Diário da República No. 67/26, 2nd Series, of 7 April 2026;

AND

Federal University of Rio Grande (FURG), CNPJ 94.877.586/0001-10, headquartered at Avenida Itália, Km 8, Campus Carreiros, Rio Grande, Rio Grande do Sul, 96203-900, Brazil, represented by **Prof.ª Doutora Suzane da Rocha Vieira Gonçalves**, Rector of FURG, appointed pursuant to the Presidential Decree of 4 December 2024, published in the *Diário Oficial da União* on 5 December 2024.

Hereinafter, both parties are collectively referred to as “the Parties.”

WHEREAS:

Both institutions have a strong interest in strengthening technical, scientific and cultural relations between their respective countries;

Both institutions share a common interest in promoting and stimulating higher education and scientific and pedagogical progress;

There is a recognised need to develop human resources at the level of higher education, with a view to improving academic productivity and excellence;

Both institutions wish to foster academic and scientific exchange and cooperation in order to strengthen institutional research and development programmes;

The quality and vitality of higher education depend on technical, scientific and cultural cooperation between countries, and mutual benefits may lead to closer cooperation and shared objectives;

THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

(Purpose)

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a general framework for academic and scientific cooperation between UNIPS and FURG, fostering the development of joint activities of mutual interest.

Article 2

(Scope of Cooperation)

This Agreement shall cover, in particular, the following activities:

a) **Research Collaboration** – Collaboration and development of joint research projects, publications and participation in conferences;

b) **Academic Mobility** – Mobility of academic staff, researchers, students and administrative staff for teaching, training and research purposes;

c) **Exchange of Information** – Sharing of academic and scientific materials, publications and best practices in relevant fields of study;

d) **Programme Development** – Identification and development of opportunities for joint academic programmes, workshops and seminars;

e) **Use of Facilities** – Access to laboratories, equipment and library collections, within the scope of programmes established on the basis of shared interests;

f) **Other Activities** – Any other activities considered relevant by the Parties and defined by mutual agreement.

Specific projects, funding sources and implementation details shall be formalised in additional protocols or annexes to this Agreement.

Article 3

(Legal Framework)

This Agreement is concluded under:

- **Article 8(1)(h) of Law No. 32/2026 of 20 July**, approving the Legal Framework for Higher Education Institutions, as published in the *Diário da República*, Series I, No. 138/2026.
- **Article 3(1)(g) of Regulatory Order (Despacho Normativo) No. 13/2019 of 22 April,** approving the Statutes of the Instituto Politécnico de Setúbal, as published in the Diário da República, Series II, No. 78.
- Article 207 of the Constitution of the Federative Republic of Brazil, which guarantees universities didactic-scientific, administrative, and financial and patrimonial management autonomy, in accordance with the law.
- Article 53 of Law No. 9,394 of 20 December 1996, establishing the Guidelines and Bases of National Education (Lei de Diretrizes e Bases da Educação Nacional), concerning the autonomy of universities.
- Article 20(VI) of the General Regulations of the Federal University of Rio Grande (FURG), which establishes that the Rector is responsible for entering into agreements or covenants between the University and public or private entities.

Article 4

(Coordination and Implementation)

Each institution shall designate a coordinator responsible for overseeing the implementation of this Agreement, setting priorities and promoting cooperative activities. Coordinators may appoint sub-coordinators for specific activities when deemed necessary.

The implementation of this Agreement shall be supervised by duly designated representatives acting on behalf of their respective institutions.

Article 5

(Commitments, Responsibilities and Obligations of the Parties)

The Parties commit to cooperate in accordance with applicable law and, in particular, to:

a) Facilitate the exchange of academic staff, researchers, students and administrative staff;

b) Contribute to the development of curricula and training programmes;

c) Organise joint research projects, conferences, seminars, workshops and courses;

d) Share research results and publications;

e) Support the exchange of scientific data and technical equipment;

f) Plan exchanges and research activities to be defined in additional protocols;

g) Establish principles for the mutual use of teaching, research and library facilities;

h) Not create automatic financial obligations for either Party without prior written agreement;

i) Not impose special or exclusive obligations beyond those provided for in this Agreement and its annexed protocols;

j) Address intellectual property rights through additional protocols, where applicable;

k) Comply with applicable legislation and obtain the necessary authorisations for the activities agreed upon.

Formal presentations and publications resulting from collaboration between the Parties under this Agreement shall explicitly acknowledge the existence of this Agreement.

Article 6

(Funding and Fees)

The scope and intensity of cooperation are dependent on the financial resources available to each institution, and programme planning shall be adapted accordingly.

Unless otherwise expressly agreed, participants in mobility activities under this Agreement shall pay academic fees only to their home institution. Travel, accommodation and other related expenses shall be borne by the participant, without prejudice to the availability of external funding programmes.

The existence of this Agreement shall not imply any financial obligation on the part of the signatory institutions.

Article 7

(Liability and Insurance)

Liability for participation in activities under this Agreement shall rest with the participant in cases of proven negligence on their part.

Participants in exchange programmes must arrange adequate health and personal accident insurance for the duration of their stay in the host country.

Article 8

(Data Protection)

The Parties agree and commit to acting in compliance with applicable personal data protection legislation, including the **General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679 – GDPR)** e **Lei Geral de Proteção de Dados - LGPD, Lei nº 13.709/2018,** as well as any other relevant national laws.

The Parties shall adopt all necessary administrative and technical measures to ensure that any personal data obtained, processed, transferred, deleted or anonymised under this Agreement are handled in full

compliance with applicable data protection legislation, including, where applicable, **Article 26 of the GDPR** concerning joint controllers.

The Parties commit to fulfilling all data protection and privacy obligations in connection with activities carried out under this Agreement, and to cooperating in good faith in responding to any requests from data subjects or enquiries from supervisory authorities arising from those activities.

The Parties undertake to use the information made available to them solely and exclusively for the purposes and within the scope of this Agreement.

Article 9

(Official Addresses)

For the purposes of communications relating to this Agreement, the Parties have accepted the following postal addresses as their official domiciles:

FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF RIO GRANDE

Address: Avenida Itália, Km 8, Campus Carreiros

Rio Grande, Rio Grande do Sul, 96203-900

Brazil

T: +55 (53) 3233-6500

E: reinter.convenios@furg.br

Polytechnic University of Setúbal:

Edifício Sede Campus do UNIPS – Estefanilha, 2910-761 | Setúbal – Portugal

T: +351 265790302

E: cimob.dici@ips.pt

Any change of address must be communicated in writing within one (1) month. Notifications sent to previous addresses shall be considered valid until receipt of the change of address communication.

Article 10

(Amendments)

Amendments may only be made by mutual written consent and formalised through an Additional Protocol or Amendment signed by the authorised representatives of both Parties.

Article 11

(Duration and Validity)

This Agreement shall enter into force and remain valid for **five (5) years**, from the date of the last signature, and may be renewed by mutual written agreement, unless terminated earlier.

Article 12

(Termination)

Either Party may unilaterally terminate this Agreement by giving sixty (60) days' prior written notice to the other Party.

Termination of the Agreement shall not affect the validity of activities and projects ongoing at the date of termination, which shall remain in force until their conclusion, unless otherwise agreed.

Article 13

(Force Majeure)

The Parties shall be relieved of liability for non-performance caused by unforeseeable and unavoidable events, including fire, epidemic, natural disaster, war or terrorism.

The affected Party must notify the other Party immediately and in writing. If the force majeure event persists for more than six (6) months, either Party may terminate the Agreement without entitlement to compensation.

Article 14

(Language)

This Agreement is drawn up in Portuguese and English, all texts being equally authentic. In the event of any discrepancy of interpretation, the Portuguese and English versions shall prevail.

Article 15

(Applicable Law)

This Agreement shall be governed pela legislação portuguesa and by legislação brasileira, nas suas redações atuais.

Article 16

(Dispute Resolution)

Any disputes arising from the interpretation or performance of this Agreement shall be resolved amicably by the Parties through direct consultation and negotiation between their respective coordinators.

If an amicable resolution is not possible, the Parties may resort to mediation or other alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.

Article 17

(Entry into Force and Signatures)

This Agreement is executed in **two (2) original copies**, in Portuguese and English, all texts being equally authentic. Copies may be signed physically or electronically**.**

Qualified electronic signatures, within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No. 910/2014 (eIDAS) and equivalent legislation of the partner institution, have full legal validity.

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