

**Collaboration Agreement between the PhD Program in Biomedicine of  
Universidad de los Andes and the Leibniz Institute for Neurobiology**

1.- This agreement is made by and between Universidad de los Andes, Santiago, Chile (UANDES) and the Leibniz Institute for Neurobiology (LIN, Magdeburg) to intensify and extend their scientific and educational collaboration.

2.- Investigators of the LIN Graduate Program will participate in the training and teaching program of the PhD Program in Biomedicine at Universidad de los Andes.

3.- Both sides will carry out the collaboration in close contact and according to good scientific and technical practice. A general project plan per annum should be made and provided by and should be harmonized between the partners on both sides. For coordination purposes each partner on both sides will name a contact person.

4.- Laboratories of the LIN will be eligible to host PhD students from the Program in Biomedicine of Universidad de los Andes via two tracks:

Track 1: one to four months rotations to learn advanced techniques or perform short research projects (Research Units)

Track 2: three-year positions/fellowships for conducting PhD thesis work at the LIN

5.- PhD students can apply for doctoral positions offered by LIN in the Track 2 category or for external funding by Ph.D. fellowships (see below). Universidad de los Andes PhD Program in Biomedicine will finance the first year of core didactic training. The joint program can be expanded and enhanced through external funding from DAAD, DFG, BMBF or Chilean sponsorship sought by participating Principal Investigators (PIs). In addition, all students will be eligible for independent national fellowships.

6.- LIN Investigators will select PhD students to be supported.

7.- Students will conduct their required didactic courses during the first year at Universidad de los Andes as specified by the requirements of the Universidad de los Andes PhD program.

8.- Track 2 students will be enrolled and may choose to receive their degree from Universidad de los Andes or from the LIN-hosted Graduate Schools in association with and according to the rules of the Faculty for Natural Sciences of the Otto von Guericke University, Magdeburg.

9.- The LIN and UANDES will leverage the proposed partnership by listing accessible research groups at both institutions for incoming PhD students. These lists are in part contained at the LIN website: <http://www.lin-magdeburg.de>.

10.- Students can select LIN Research Groups for their PhD thesis via Track 2. According to the rules of the LIN Graduate Program a Thesis Committee composed of up to 4 investigators (at least one from each institution) will be established. A thesis proposal must be written during the first year and will be evaluated by the thesis committee. The progress of the thesis work will be evaluated annually.


11.- LIN-UANDES interactions can involve personal visits if necessary.

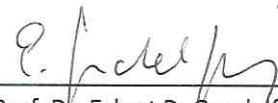
12.- UANDES/LIN students, who decide for Santiago for their thesis final examination have to follow the UANDES graduate program requirements. The Thesis Committee for examination should be composed by at least four investigators: the German thesis supervisor, an independent investigator and a Chilean investigator, representative of Universidad de los Andes, as well as a member of the permanent Committee of the PhD Program at UANDES. The Examination Committee has to deliver a written report after reading the Doctoral Thesis. The private examination can be performed by tele-conference (or similar). The final obtention of the Ph.D. Degree has to follow the Rules of UANDES Ph.D. Program.


13.- Knowledge shall be property of the partner generating it. The respective partners on both sides will share all the interests and rights brought from results that are obtained jointly. If a joint invention or work is made and if the features of such joint invention or work are such that it is not possible to separate them for the purpose of applying for, obtaining and/or maintaining in force the protection of the relevant intellectual property right, the respective partners on both sides agree that they may jointly apply to obtain and/or maintain the relevant rights and shall strive to set up amongst themselves appropriate agreements in order to do so. The respective partners on both sides should consult the utilization and transfer of patents and will support each other in processes and operations prescribed by the respective patent offices towards the application and granting of their patents.

14.- This agreement will come into effect from the date of signature and will remain in force for an initial period of 4 years. It will renew automatically for another 3-year period or for a different term, according to the mutual consent of both institutions. The agreement may be terminated by either party provided a one-year written notice is given the other party over the authorized signature of the sender. All activities under this agreement in process at the time of termination will be continued until they are fully completed.

15.- Modifications, amendments and supplements to this agreement have to be made in writing and signed by both sides to be valid.

  
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