

INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

AMONG

Boston College

and

*University of Ramon Llull
University of Deusto
Pontifical University Comillas*

WHEREAS, the University of Ramon Llull, the University of Deusto, and the Pontifical University Comillas have agreed to form a strategic partnership (URL-UD-UPCO) with the aim of transforming their respective institutions into an International Campus for Excellence, in accordance with the 2009 Spanish Ministry of Education Call for the Evaluation and Qualification of Projects for Conversion into International Campuses for Excellence; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2010, the University of Ramon Llull, the University of Deusto, and the Pontifical University Comillas signed a MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, on the basis of which the three institutions would draft and submit a Strategic Conversion Plan for an International Campus of Excellence to the Spanish Ministry of Education; and

WHEREAS, during the months of May, June and July 2010, the three institutions completed the Strategic Conversion Plan for an International Campus of Excellence, whereby other interested universities would be invited to collaborate in one or various components of the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Conversion Plan establishes collaborative scientific activities around five (5) *Focus Areas*, specialized thematic areas for multidisciplinary research that responds to and/or addresses societal challenges, based on strengths of research clusters of the University of Ramon Llull, the University of Deusto, the Pontifical University Comillas, and Boston College; and

WHEREAS, the five focus areas include the following:

- **Social Change and Social Innovation: Migrations, Humanitarian Action, and Human Rights, Ethics, etc.**
- **Management and Social Responsibility**
- **Education: Innovation, Competencies and Values**
- **Health , Bio-Science and Psychology**
- **Energy and Sustainability**

and

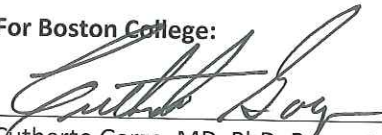
WHEREAS, Boston College, in accordance with its mission and tradition of academic excellence, has accepted an invitation to collaborate with the University of Ramon Llull, the University of Deusto, and the Pontifical University Comillas in the exploration of these selected areas,

THE SIGNATORIES HEREBY AGREE THAT:

1. The participating institutions will support corresponding research groups in these areas, and other activities encompassing staff or professorial exchange and/or joint training programmes.
2. An official timetable for the planning of partnership activities and deliverables will be drawn up in accordance with the Call issued by the Spanish Ministry of Education. The said calendar will be attached in an Annex, assessed, and duly agreed upon by the consortium partners.
3. The activities agreed upon will be reviewed by an Overall Supervisory Committee comprised of one official representative from each of the four named institutions and any other institutions who the four signatories below jointly may choose to invite to join this collaborative effort.
4. The parties acknowledge that any specific commitment with respect to this collaboration (including, without limitation, any commitment requiring funding by a participating party) must be approved and agreed to in writing by the parties with respect to each such commitment, and that in the absence of such approval and agreement, no party shall be bound to make any such specific commitment.

This Institutional Collaboration Agreement is hereby entered into by the following signatories on the date and place hereto specified:

For Boston College:


Cútberto Garza, MD, PhD, Provost and Dean of Faculties

13 Sept 2010
Date

For the University of Ramon Llull:


Dra. Esther Giménez-Salinas i Colomer, Rectora Magnífica de la Universitat Ramon Llull

4-X-2010
Date

For the University of Deusto:

Jaime Oraá

Dr. Jaime Oraá Oraá, Rector Magnífico de la Universidad de Deusto

22/09/2010

Date

For the Pontifical University Comillas:

J. Ramón Bustos Saiz

Dr. José Ramón Bustos Saiz, Rector Magnífico de la Universidad Pontificia de Comillas

28/09/10

Date