



**Memorandum of Understanding on scientific cooperation between
the Mexican Academy of Sciences
and
the Australian Academy of Science**

The Mexican Academy of Sciences and the Australian Academy of Science recognise the mutual benefit of scientific exchange between Mexico and Australia.

Both sides will facilitate cooperation between researchers in the scientific disciplines within their mutual competence, subject to the laws and regulations in force in the two countries and subject to financial limitations of each side. The form of scientific contacts may include:

- a) **Exploratory missions:** Both sides may assist in promoting exploratory missions of senior researchers and officials to explore opportunities for joint ventures and research collaborations.
- b) **Joint workshops:** Both sides will facilitate the holding of workshops in areas where the exchange of information promises to improve the level of cooperation between researchers of all sides.
- c) **Other activities:** Other forms of cooperation that facilitate collaborations between the two countries, in areas such as science education, science diplomacy, and lecture series, may be mutually arranged by each side.

Funding issues and matters relating to intellectual property will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. The level of exchange activity will depend on available funding. Both sides will, within their resources, maintain friendly contact and encourage mutual cooperation between the researchers of Mexico and Australia and between the Fellows and staff of the organisations.

This agreement will take effect after the signing by both parties.

For and on behalf of the
Mexican Academy of Sciences

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President

For and on behalf of the
Australian Academy of Science

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