

# SUPPORTING REPORT OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITAT POLITÈCNICA DE VALÈNCIA AND AN EXTERNAL COMPANY OR INSTITUTION FOR COLLABORATION IN SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES DURING THE COMPLETION OF THE BACHELOR'S THESIS (TFG) OR MASTER'S THESIS (TFM).

Article 50 of Law 40/2015 of 1 October, on the Legal Regime of the Public Sector, establishes the requirement of a supporting report for the agreements. This report must include an analysis of their necessity and opportunity, the economic impact, and the non-contractual nature of the activity to be undertaken by the student.

### 1. Necessity and timeliness of the agreement.

The Universitat Politècnica de València, created as a university by virtue of Decree 495/1971 of 11 March 1971 (BOE of 26 March 1971), is responsible for organising the teaching leading to undergraduate and postgraduate university degrees by virtue of Articles 8 and 9 of Organic Law 2/2023 of 22 March on the University System, which entails the academic and administrative processing of Bachelor's Theses (TFG) and Master's Theses (TFM). Article 11.4 of Royal Decree 822/2021, of 28 September, which establishes the organisation of higher education and the procedure for quality assurance (hereinafter, Royal Decree 822/2021), states that external academic internships require the signing of an Educational Cooperation Agreement between the University and entities, companies, social and trade union organisations or the administration. The Regulations of the Universitat Politècnica de València on Bachelor's Theses and Master's Theses, approved by The Governing Council on 21 July 2022, states in article 3.3 that "The Bachelor's thesis or Master's thesis conducted in collaboration with companies or institutions must be formalised by means of an educational cooperation agreement, in which there must be an external tutor with a contractual relationship with the company or institution in which the work is performed. In the event that the relationship with the company consists only of specific activities, such as visits, interviews, sampling and/or data transfer, it would not require the figure of the external co-tutor. This relationship must be formalised by means of a collaboration agreement in which the scope and extent of the collaboration between the institutions and the obligations assumed by each of them are specified".

Bachelor's thesis and Master's thesis are intended to demonstrate the knowledge, competencies and skills acquired by students according to articles 14.6 and 17.4 of Royal Decree 822/2021. In the case of the collaboration agreement for specific activities, the student must visit the facilities or collect data in the company or entity referred to in the agreement for the preparation of the final bachelor's or master's thesis. This activity does not involve an internship relationship, given that the internship requirements are unmet. Article 11.1 of Royal Decree 822/2021 states that "external academic internships are a training activity performed by the students and supervised by the universities. The aim is to allow them to apply and complement the knowledge acquired in their academic training, favouring



the acquisition of skills that prepare them for professional activities, facilitate their employability and foster their entrepreneurial capacity".

The student, at the time of signing the agreement:

[Select the appropriate paragraph]

- You have no relationship whatsoever with the signing company to which you
  will visit for a specific activity that is essential for the completion of your Bachelor's
  thesis or Master's thesis.
- The student maintains an employment relationship with the company without the Universitat Politècnica de València being involved in it. Regardless of this relationship, due to the signing of this agreement, the student will perform some of the activities that are included in the specific activities necessary for the completion of the Bachelor's thesis or Master's thesis.

The activities the student will carry out in the company to prepare for the final Bachelor's or Master's thesis are as follows:

[Specify the specific activities the student will carry out in the company's facilities to develop the Bachelor's thesis/Master's thesis. These activities must be specific and unique for each student and Bachelor's thesis/Master's thesis. Please note that under no circumstances may these activities imply a fixed timetable from Monday to Friday, hierarchical dependence, etc].

These specific activities, in addition to the Bachelor's or Master's thesis, allow students to interact with the social context and companies and facilitate their integration into the labour world.

## 2. Economic impact.

The collaboration agreement has no economic impact as no costs are foreseen for the University or the participating company or institution.

## **3.** Non-contractual nature of the activity.

The collaboration agreement contemplated in Law 40/2015 of October, on the Legal Regime of the Public Sector, in articles 47 to 53, will be the legal instrument for channelling these student activities because no legal, employment or economic relationship is derived from the activity of the student who is going to take data.

The collaboration agreement for the specific activity of a student in a company or entity does not have a labour or statutory, contractual nature, nor is it an administrative contract under



Law 9/2017 of 8 November on Public Sector Contracts. This is the reason why it cannot be applied the 52nd Additional Provision of Royal Legislative Decree 8/2015 of 30 October, which approves the revised text of the General Law on Social Security, a provision that establishes the inclusion in the Social Security system of students who undertake training or external academic internships included in training programmes, is not applicable.

# 4. Compliance with the provisions of Law 40/2015.

The agreement that is the aim of this report adequately complies with the requirements established in articles 47 to 53 of Law 40/2015, of 1 October, on the Legal Regime of the Public Sector.

Valencia, at the date of signature

MR/MS Responsible for the ERT [ add the name of ERT] Signature: