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Description of the LSU AgCenter Zamorano Fund

Fund name: LSU AgCenter Zamorano Fund

Organizer and creator of the fund: Dr. Carlos García <cgarci8@tigers.lsu.edu>

Direct receiver of the funds: LSU Foundation

Manager of the funds: LSU AgCenter International Programs

Target contribution: US \$ 20,000.00 per year.

Time period for initial fund raising: 08/01/2014 - 07/31/2015

Purposes: The LSU AgCenter Zamorano Fund is created for enhancing and sustaining the LSU AgCenter Zamorano visiting scholar program.

Expenditures:

Expenses on enhancement of the program shall emphasize those activities involving research that is conducted by the visiting scholar and the direct supervisor during summer semesters.

Examples of suggested expenditures include: recruiting and selection of the best candidates, assignation of students with researchers, travel expenses for coordination with the Panamerican Agriculture School (Zamorano), an undergraduate research symposium at the end of the summer semester, training sessions.

Expenditures on sustainability of the program shall emphasize spending on monthly stipends during summer semesters when either the LSU AgCenter and/or professors have no research grants or funds provided by other donors and institutions.

Expenditures for expansion: during spring semesters, the fund can be used on the visiting scholar program (VSP) after surpassing a balance of \$10,000.00. Once the balance exceeds the \$20,000.00 level, expenses for expanding the VSP to fall semesters are allowed.

Restrictions:

- Travelling expenses to scientific conferences are allowed only when the visiting scholar is the first author on articles or posters being presented.
- A visiting scholar can receive financial support for one academic semester only, unless he/she contributes to this fund directly.
- Expenses on tuition or related expenditures for admission into graduate programs are not allowed as well as expenditures on social, recreational and cultural activities.

Obligations:

- The LSU AgCenter shall publish, on the internet, a list of donors and amounts donated in less than 21 days that funds are received. Donors must have the option of maintaining their names private.
- Supervisors of the visiting scholar are encouraged to co-author investigation reports that result from the research activities being supported.
- The organizer is responsible for maintaining effective communication with donors.

Contingency:

If a donor expresses interest on supporting either a scholarship or a graduate research assistantship (GRA) for students pursuing degrees in a related agricultural field, the fund should manage two sub-accounts, one dedicated for the visiting scholar program and another dedicated for scholarships and GRA's in accordance with the terms of the College of Agriculture and the Graduate School.

Consultation:

If the visiting scholar program requires funds for covering extra-ordinary circumstances involving the purposes of the LSU AgCenter Zamorano Fund, the LSU AgCenter and the organizer of the fund shall formally discuss, and communicate with donors accordingly.

Accountability:

The LSU AgCenter must submit an annual report disclosing expenses, contributions, and balance to the organizer of the fund. The organizer must communicate with donors about the status of the fund, and send them an annual newsletter report.

Donor's conditions:

Contributing donors will have the option of determining how their donations can be spent. Special attention is provided for donations above \$ US 5,000.00.

Fund description:

This fund's description shall appear on the same webpage in which donors would make their contributions.

References to legal names of the institutions:

- The Louisiana State University Agricultural Center (LSU AgCenter) http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/administration/about_us/
- Panamerican Agriculture School (Zamorano) <http://www.zamorano.edu/english/support-us/donar-a-zamorano/> (In Spanish: Escuela Agrícola Panamericana)
- LSU AgCenter International Programs http://www.lsuagcenter.com/en/administration/about_us/chancellors_office/International+Programs/
- LSU Foundation <http://www.lsufoundation.org>