



## **INTER-UNIVERSITY CHAIR FOR CARIBBEAN STUDIES**

### **Terms of Reference for members**

#### **Introduction**

Caribbean Studies is defined as any academic training or research in all scientific disciplines, related to a specific or essential issue for the Caribbean region.

The poles of Caribbean Studies are numerous in higher education institutions in the region and beyond whether they are academic specialist areas, training centres, research institutes.

The Caribbean Studies Chair project aims to identify, compile and create synergies among these poles of Caribbean studies.

The Chair for Caribbean Studies Chair is not envisaged as a physical structure nor an additional organization but rather as a network for collaboration, exchange and expertise.

The Regional Conference of Rectors, Presidents and Directors of Academic Institutions of the Caribbean (CORPUCA) in partnership with the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), intend to support the Chair for Caribbean Studies Project.

#### **Mission and objectives**

The Inter-University Chair for Caribbean Studies (ICCS) is a mechanism designed and supported by the Conference of Rectors of Caribbean Universities (CORPUCA), members of the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), whose main objective is to facilitate development and cooperation in higher education and research within academic institutions of the Wider Caribbean (Mexico, all Central American nations, all territories and Islands of the Caribbean, Colombia, Venezuela, French Guiana, Guyana and Suriname) and with their partners.

The ICCS aims to implement training and research projects and programmes to facilitate the mobility of student at the Master's and Doctoral levels as well as that of lecturers and researchers, to support scientific outreach and publication as well as scientific events (symposiums, conferences, seminars, colloquia) pertaining to the economic, social, cultural and institutional development of the Wider Caribbean, while promoting: i) a transdisciplinary perspective ; ii) an emphasis on inter-university cooperation at the regional level ; iii) an intercultural and multilingual approach

## **Membership**

Membership is available to all higher education institutions of the Wider Caribbean with institutionalised programmes - in the most diverse knowledge areas - related to Caribbean Studies.

Universities in other countries of Latin America, as well as in North America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Oceania that deal with education and research on the Caribbean, can also be associated in programmes, projects and activities of the ICCS.

Other structures, associations, and organisations in the private and public sectors that have an interest in Caribbean studies, will be invited, from time to time, to events where their presence is considered pertinent by members of the Executive Committee.

All membership applications must be made by way of a written document. This written document will be based on a standard application form and will be accompanied by the requested annexes, as well as a declaration of intent, signed by the highest official of the institution.

Membership covers all faculties, institutes, campuses and other subdivisions of a higher education institution with independent legal personality.

A sub-structure of a university or a higher education institution cannot, on its own, join the ICCS.

Application for membership must be approved by the General Assembly of CORPUCA, which convenes annually, upon which an ICCS membership certificate will subsequently be issued.

The declaration of intent must confirm that the institution agrees to:

- Support the objectives and approach of ICCS Initiatives, especially those established in its articles<sup>1</sup>
- Share experiences and learn from the advancements and results by actively participating in events organised by the ICCS
- Pay membership dues<sup>2</sup>
- Support the ICCS within the limits of its budget, human resources, logistics (hosting of events, etc.), communication and lobby.

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<sup>1</sup> The statutes of the ICCS will be drafted by the first elected Executive Committee

<sup>2</sup> The rate and the terms of this contribution will be defined by the first elected Executive Committee