Legal framework document

The legal framework which permits university teachers to work with individuals, universities, or public and private institutions on scientific, technical or artistic projects is the Ley orgánica de universidades (LOU; Organic university law), and specifically article 83, as well as the Ley de universidades de Cataluña (LUC; Law of the universities of Catalonia) and the Estatut de la Universitat de Barcelona (the Statutes of the University of Barcelona).

The FBG and the University of Barcelona have signed an agreement for joint working by which the FBG undertakes to coordinate the promotion and fostering of contracts and agreements regarding research or the provision of services and specialised courses. It also undertakes to offer to academic personnel, departments, institutes, services, faculties, schools, and academic authorities of the University of Barcelona, an advice and support service concerning the negotiation, signing and execution of such contracts, as well as the provision of courses.

Ley orgánica de Universidades (Organic University Law)

Ley orgánica 4/2007, of 12 April, which emends the Ley orgánica 6/2001, of 21 December, de Universidades (BOE 89, 13/04/2007)

Article 68. System of Working Hours

1. The teaching bodies of public universities will, ideally, discharge their duties within a full-time or part-time work timetable. Working hours will, in any case, be compatible with the completion of scientific, technical or artistic projects as referred to in article 83, in accordance with the basic regulations established by government, subject to the report of the University Coordination Council.

Article 83. Collaboration with other entities or individuals

1. University-recognized research groups, departments, and university research institutions, and their teaching bodies may – either by means of the above, or via centers, foundations and similar organizational structures of the university dedicated to the channeling of research initiatives arising from the teaching body and the dissemination of research results – enter into contracts with individuals, universities, or public and private entities for the realization of scientific, technical, or artistic projects, as well as for the development of specialist teaching or specific training activities.

2. The statutes, in the framework of basic regulations laid down by the government, will establish the process for the authorization of projects and the honoring of contracts already made, as well as the criteria for establishing the destination of accompanying goods and resources.

Llei d’universitats de Cataluña (Law of the Universities of Catalonia)

Ley 1/2003, of 19 February (DOGC; Diari oficial de la Generalitat de Catalunya no. 3826, of 20.2.03)

Article 27. Study contracts

Any contracts undertaken in order to complete technical or artistic research projects, as covered by article 83 of the Ley orgánica 6/2001, of 21 December, de universidades, must take into account the principle of compensation. The university must be compensated for all costs, whether direct or indirect, which are attributable to each contract.

Estatut de la Universitat de Barcelona (Statutes of the University of Barcelona)

(DOGC no. 3993, of 22.10.03, passed by decree 246/2003 of 8 October)

Research

Section III

Contracts and agreements for research and knowledge transfer
Article 112

112.1 Research groups, departments, and university research institutions, research centres and other research entities and their teaching bodies, may – in their own right, or via entities from the University of Barcelona Group – enter into contracts and agreements with individuals, universities and other public and private institutions for the realisation of scientific, technical or artistic projects in accordance with current legislation.

112.1 The Governing Council establishes the regulations for carrying out these contracts and agreements, be they on the part of the University of Barcelona or via foundations and other entities of the University of Barcelona Group. The University of Barcelona is compensated for all costs, whether direct or indirect, which are attributable to each contract or agreement, and shares in the eventual benefits attained by the realisation of the contracts.

Article 113

113.1 The University of Barcelona favours the acquisition - by individual researchers, teams, and research centres - of external funding via research projects, contracts and agreements with public or private organisations, for matters of knowledge transfer or technology, and will provide support and advice.

113.2 The University of Barcelona may create, promote and invest in, technology-based companies in order to carry out research, exploit the results obtained and disseminate these to the wider community.

113.3 The University of Barcelona promotes a policy of intellectual copyright on the results of research undertaken by its academic staff, its research staff and its students. The Governing Council regulates – on the advice of the Research Council and in accordance with legislation regarding intellectual property and patents – the apportioning of economic benefits generated by research activities.

113.4 The University of Barcelona establishes mechanisms to coordinate all the entities of the University of Barcelona Group in order to promote innovative projects and the transfer of knowledge.