



Re-acercamiento 2.0?

Oportunidades y Obstáculos para la
Cooperación Académica Cuba-EEUU bajo Biden

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"There is a moment when all things can be beautiful, heroic. That moment when life defies death and defeat... Life and death can be beautiful, and noble, when you fight for your life, but also when you give it up without compromise."

Haydée Santamaría

The Origins of
Academic
Cooperation:
Cuban
Teachers at
Harvard 1900



A photograph of Barack Obama and Raul Castro shaking hands. Obama is on the right, wearing a dark suit and a blue tie, smiling. Castro is on the left, wearing a dark suit and a red tie, also smiling. They are seated in dark leather chairs around a small round table with a vase of green orchids. In the background, the United States flag is on the left and the Cuban flag is on the right, set against a blue backdrop. An orange horizontal bar is located in the top left corner of the image.

1. Academic Exchange under Obama

- Re-establishment of diplomatic relations
- Elimination of Cuba from US Terror List
- Active Political Dialogue
- Signing of 23 MOU, including science and education
- Commercial flights
- Fully functioning consulate with academic visa
- Bank authorized for Cuba Transactions (and continuity of OFAC Fines)

2. Academic Exchange under Trump

- Diplomatic and Consular services severed
- Cut back of flights and travel categories
- No bank authorized for Cuba Transactions
- Increase of sanctions, especially during pandemic
- Cuba eventually returned to US Terror List





3 Academic Exchange under Biden

- Cuba Policy Review
- Flights increased
- Remittances and banking under review
- Internet improvement promised but not delivered
- Many Communication tools remain sanctioned
- Visa for academic exchange still unavailable

Opportunities Academic Collaboration

- Review, update and activate existing agreements and MOU
- Hybrid courses and events with on-site components
- Push for Academic Visa in US Consulate
- Launch research and publication clusters on themes of MOUs
- New ways of financing Educational Mobility
- bi-national academic hybrid book and research talks
- Expand offers of Academic English for young Cubans
- Create winter schools and new modules on themes of shared interest: climate change, natural disasters, legacy of slavery, innovation, etc.

