**Sistership Agreement**

*This agreement is between .................. and Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TUMS). The parties commit to actively participating in the agreement and confirm that they will adhere to the terms of this agreement.The aim of this agreement is to develop joint programs of study, exchange and cooperation in the areas of teaching, research and student training, in the terms stated henceforth. The agreement will be developed within the framework of cultural and scientific cooperation established between the two countries.*

**Communication**

The parties commit that regular communication will take place between the partners who will share with each other all relevant information needed to further the objectives of the agreement.In addition, the parties agree that at least ….. meeting (whether physical or virtual) will take place every ….. months. Parties are encouraged to set the dates and times of such meetings in the collaboration plan.

**Areas of Cooperation**

1- That both sides will try to define at least ...… joint research projects in related areas within an academic year

2. That both sides will cooperate in holding ...… joint international conferences, exhibitions and workshops

3. That both sides will collaborate in establishing .…. joint degree program in the area of mutual interest

4. That both sides will facilitate the exchange of faculty members to spend sabbatical leave in respective institutions affiliated with the respective parties. Obviously, each party will undergo the expenses of exchange.

5. That both sides will agree to receive …… students for …… month/year research period

6. That both sides will cooperate in exchange of information and joint production of the publication of scholarly journals

7. That both sides will cooperate in intensifying the cultural and academic relations

8. That both sides will facilitate the exchange of accreditation procedures

**Financial Support**

The parties agree to each bear the costs associated with their respective participation in the agreement.

**Effective Date, Duration and Termination**

This Agreement shall be effective as of .......... and shall remain in force for ….. years.

Either party can terminate this agreement at any time and for any reason by giving the other party ….. days’ written notice. Prior to providing notice under this clause, the party intending to terminate the agreement agrees to organize a meeting with the other party (either a physical or virtual meeting) to discuss its intention to terminate. The meeting will be held for the purpose of exploring possible solutions for continuing the agreement.

**Coordinators**

Both parties will appoint a coordinator to facilitate the communication between them.

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