



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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*Oman Medical College (OMC), Sultanate of Oman*

*and*

*Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TUMS), Iran*

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into by and between Oman Medical College (hereafter OMC) represented by Dr. Saleh Al Khusaibi, Dean of Oman Medical College, Post Box: 620, Postal Code: 130, Azaiba, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman and Tehran University of Medical Sciences (hereafter TUMS) represented by Dr. Abbasali Karimi, Chancellor of Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Number 21, Office of Vice-Chancellor for Global Strategies and International Affairs Dameshgh St., Vali-e Asr Ave., Tehran 1416753955, Iran.

OMC and TUMS agree that cooperation in research collaborations and student and faculty exchanges would be mutually beneficial. The areas of cooperation may include, subject to mutual consent, any desirable and feasible activity that would further the goals of each institution. Such interaction may include cooperation in a variety of joint academic and education activities such as:

- Joint research projects and publications, including work by undergraduate and graduate students, as well as academic staff and faculty members;
- Joint degree programs;
- Faculty and student exchanges;
- Reciprocal placement of students in internships and co-ops, when possible;
- Joint conferences and workshops;
- Team taught courses; and
- Visits by faculty, professional staff, and students

We anticipate that a number of these initiatives will occur during the period of this MoU. In particular, based on previous conversations, the following initiatives provide a good starting place and can be put into place as soon as administrative details can be worked out between the two universities:

- Summer schools;
- Summer internship experiences;
- Faculty and student exchanges;
- Cooperation in academic and research programs agreed fields of study.

In addition, OMC will be pleased to facilitate relationships between TUMS and other institutions in Sultanate of Oman and around the world.

### COOPERATION IN EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

**A.** In order to facilitate educational cooperation between OMC and TUMS, the following provisions are taken into consideration:

1. Cooperation and exchanges will be in students and/or professors level.
2. Depending on the students' or professors' levels, each exchange may be for the duration of one to four academic years, one academic semester, or one intensive course (normally two to ten weeks in length), scheduled either between academic terms or during the summer break.
3. Whenever possible, courses will be team taught by one faculty member from TUMS and one faculty member from OMC.
4. Intensive courses may be taught at OMC or at TUMS.





5. Guest professors and lecturers from TUMS will teach in Muscat or Sohar Campuses based on OMC inquiry for a certain period which is at least one academic semester.
6. Guest lecturers from TUMS will teach in OMC for intensive courses and workshops.
7. Students will receive an official certificate from the host university when their course is fulfilled.

**B.** To facilitate research cooperation between two universities, the following guidelines are agreed upon:

1. Research cooperation will be in different stages and done by students, professors, and/or researchers of OMC and TUMS.
2. The final achievement of the research will be the property of both institutions in nature.
3. While working on an approved project by the research department of both institutions, guest researchers from OMC or TUMS will be academically supported by the host institution.
4. OMC researchers doing their research in Iran will be financially supported by Research Funds allocated to such cases.
5. If two faculty members from each institution are engaged in collaborative research projects, doctoral students at one institution may visit and work with the faculty member at the other institution and incorporate the work done as part of their dissertation research.
6. Upon fulfillment of the research project, the financial outcomes will be divided equally between two universities.
7. The researcher may receive a certificate from the host university when the research is done and/or published.

Costs for academic semester or academic year exchanges:

1. Students will bear the cost of tuition and fees to their home university prior to participation in the program.
2. The host university will issue an invoice and receive the agreed tuition fee directly from the home university not the students.
3. Students will pay for visa application and transportation to and from the host institution. However, the host university will facilitate the procedures and reservations.

Intensive courses or workshops:

Intensive courses or workshops, offered during the summer or between semesters, will be taught by a faculty member from TUMS. The total cost of each course will differ according to the subject and duration. OMC will pay the lecturer a flat amount as the salary agreed upon for the course or workshop and also provide the followings:

1. Airfare from Iran and back to Iran and visa fees;
2. Transportation within Sultanate of Oman;
3. Accommodation and meals during the course;

The primary contacts for this MoU are Dr. Ahmad Hosseini as the representative of OMC and Dr. Mohammad Hossein Nekoofar, Director of International Relations, Accreditation and Ranking, as the representative of TUMS.

Any agreement entered into by these two universities will require the approval of appropriate officers from each institution. All agreements and activities covered under this MoU or entered into by the parties must comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including all Islamic Republic of Iran and Sultanate of Oman.





For agreed upon activities, both institutions will make available their facilities and staff. This MoU will be valid for five (5) years unless terminated by one of the parties. Either institution may withdraw from this MoU provided written notification of the withdrawal is given to the other institution at least three (3) months prior to the desired withdrawal date. This MoU may be renewed for another period upon mutual written consent of the two institutions before the expiration date. This MoU is made in English and in two identical copies and each institution will have one copy. This MoU will take effect on the date the signatures of the university officials are affixed to this document.

The following authorized individuals have signed the present MoU on behalf of their respective institutions:

On behalf of  
Oman Medical College  
Dr. Saleh Al Khusaibi  
Dean

On behalf of  
Tehran University of Medical Sciences  
Dr. Abbasali Karimi  
Chancellor

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Date: 7 May 2018

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]