



MEMORADUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
TEHRAN UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
AND
UNIVERSIDADE DE SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA
FOR
ESTABLISHING SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION

Parties

- 1) Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran (TUMS), legally and fully represented by Dr. AbbasAli Karimi, Chancellor of the University, with address in Number 21, Dameshgh St., Vali-e Asr Ave., Tehran 1416753955, Iran.
- 2) Universidade de Santiago de Compostela, Santiago de Compostela, Spain (USC), legally and fully represented by Dr. Antonio López Díaz, Rector of the University, with address in Praza del Obradoiro, s/n, 15782 Santiago de Compostela, acting in name and representation of the same, in virtue of the faculties that confers him the Organic Law 6/2001 of Universities of 21 December and of the Decree 14/2014, of 30 January, by which regulate the Statutes of the University of Santiago de Compostela.

Purpose

- 1) Within the framework provided by this MoA to actively promote, develop and implement academic exchange, joint medical scientific research, TUMS and USC wish to further strengthen the strategic collaboration between both Parties by making possible the realization of **doctoral thesis in joint supervision**, for what both parts subscribe the present MoA.
- 2) This agreement of cooperation establishes the conditions for the joint supervision of the realization of doctoral thesis between the two institutions associated.





Clauses:

1) Responsibilities of the PhD Student

The PhD student commits to:

- Fulfill with the requirements of access and be admitted to the studies of doctorate in accordance with the valid disposals of both institutions associated.
- Enroll annually in both universities, paying the registration and tuition fees in the institution where will realize the reading of the doctoral thesis and remaining exonerated to pay the registration and tuition fees in the other university.
- Realize a stay of investigation by a minimum time of six (6) months in USC. The stay will be defined jointly by the directors of thesis and can be undertaken on a row or in several different periods.
- Fulfill deadlines deposit and defense of thesis that the two universities have established, taking into account that the time of preparation of the thesis may not exceed three years from the signature of the specific agreement of joint supervision.
- Subscribe a safe and accidents insurance in each institution associated, according to the rules of each university.

2) Specific Agreement

For each PHD student a specific agreement will be signed in which indicates, at least: complete name of the PhD student, title of the thesis, directors of both institutions, university of defense of the thesis, language of the thesis, of his summary and conclusions, as well as date of reading.

3) Eligibility

- Each year TUMS will pre-select a number of outstanding potential candidates who can apply for a vacancy in a PhD Program at USC starting in September/February.
- Pre-selection of potential candidates by TUMS will be based on a stringent assessment of their previous academic background and academic performance, research interest and competency, research proposal, command of written and spoken English, communication skills, attitude and motivation. Candidates must have an IELTS Band Score above 6.5 (with each skill above 6.0) or its equivalent in TOEFL iBT (above 92) or TOEFL CBT (above 237). The details of the criteria will be published during each call on TUMS website.

4) Supervision

- Admitted students will have two supervisor(s) from both TUMS and USC who will supervise the student and determine a joint research project agreed by both supervisors.
- Participants must comply with Spanish immigration laws and visa regulations when applicable.
- Candidates who enroll at USC will be responsible for their own financial support.

5) Research Collaboration

- To ensure effective collaboration and continuous progress, research departments and research groups from both parties will maintain regular contact with one another with respect to ongoing and potential joint research projects.
- PhD supervisors from both parties will maintain regular and close contact in order to exchange views on ongoing and potential joint research projects, research lines, PhD candidate(s), and joint publications. Monthly teleconferences are encouraged.
- In publications (co-)authored by PhD candidates from TUMS jointly supervised by USC, the relevant PhD supervisors from both parties will be credited as (co-)authors in accordance with their contribution to the relevant research project and manuscript.

6) Miscellaneous

- Both parties will periodically evaluate the ongoing collaboration and explore possible additional areas for improvement and further collaboration. Both parties will appoint Joint Monitoring Committee to evaluate and promote the progress of the MoA. This Committee will be composed of four members, two from each institution. Members on behalf of USC will be:
 - a) The Vice-Chancellor with responsibilities in PhD studies or the person to whom he/she may delegate.
 - b) The Director of the International Doctoral Studies (EDIUS) or the person to whom he may delegate.

Members on behalf of TUMS will be:

- a) The Director of International Relations
- b) The Director of Higher Education Affairs
- Both parties will promote the progress of this Agreement, encouraging joint research projects and individual PhD candidates, discussing new collaborative ideas, and improving and strengthening the areas in which they collaborate.



- Each party guarantees the full commitment of its PhD supervisors and other faculty and staff members involved in this Agreement and will keep them informed to successfully implement the actions involved in this agreement.
- Each party will actively and timely inform the other party on any developments which may be relevant to the other party in relation to this Agreement, including but not limited to developments related to the relevant research departments, research groups, research lines, faculty and PhD supervisors, program management and organization, and applicable laws and regulations.

7) Duration and Termination

- This agreement shall remain in effect for the initial period of 4 years from the date of signature. After this initial period, this agreement will be automatically renewed unless and until it is terminated by either party by giving not less than six (6) months prior notice in writing to the other.
- Terminating of the Agreement shall not affect PhD participants of the program who were already enrolled in a PhD Program before written notice pursuant to previous paragraph was given, and these participants will be allowed to complete PhD Program in accordance with the terms reflected in the agreement.

8) Execution

- This agreement is executed in two counterparts in English and each of which will be deemed to be an original copy hereof, and all such counterparts together shall constitute one single agreement.
- This agreement was signed in 07/01/2021.

On behalf of
Tehran University of Medical Sciences

Dr. AbbasAli Karimi
Chancellor

Signature:



On behalf of
Universidade de Santiago de Compostela

Dr. Antonio López Díaz
Rector

Signature:

