



**Shahid Beheshti**  
University of Medical Sciences

**U. PORTO**

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**SHAHID BEHESHTI UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, IRAN**

Represented by Dr. Ali Asghar Peyvandi, Chancellor

**AND**

**UNIVERSITY OF PORTO, PORTUGAL**

Represented by Dr. Sebastião Feyo de Azevedo, Chancellor

This Memorandum of Understanding is intended to promote international collaboration between Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences, Iran, represented by Dr. Ali Asghar Peyvandi, Chancellor, and University of Porto, Portugal, represented by Dr. Sebastião Feyo de Azevedo, Chancellor.

### **Purpose of Agreement**

1. The purpose of this agreement is to establish academic and educational collaboration between the two universities, to cooperate for a range of higher educational activities, which both sides may jointly identify areas of mutual interest and carry out cooperative activities on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit.
2. This MOU will be carried within the framework of the respective laws and regulations of the two countries and is not intended to create any legal binding rights or obligations.

### **Terms**

The Parties hereby agree to the following scope of collaborations:

#### **Article 1: Joint Educational Programs**

The Parties agree to an exchange program for students and research staff including practical training and experience of research methodology and techniques.

### **Article 2: Joint Research Projects**

Collaboration in research-related activities will be organized in areas of mutual interest.

### **Article 3: Exchange of Academic Staff**

The Parties will develop a mechanism for exchange of academic staff for mutual benefit of both sides.

### **Article 4: Exchange of Resources in Education and Research**

The Parties will provide available facilities and undertake local managements needed for the effective conduct of specific activities as may be defined in a work plan to be jointly evolved by the parties.

### **Article 5: Exchange of Students**

The Parties will promote exchange of students for short-term and long-term studies in fields of mutual interest.

### **Article 6: Exchange of Information**

Exchange of technical data and information relating to fields of mutual interest with respect to the laws of both countries.

### **Article 7: Faculty Members Visits**

The Parties will make every reasonable effort to establish joint programs. The Parties will support arrangement for such visits.

## **Implementation and Funding**

1. Each party will designate one officer who will regularly exchange information to identify priorities for cooperation on the field of mutual interest.
2. Each of the participating institutions shall be fully responsible financially for the activities carried out under its direction or by its staff, except as otherwise agreed by the parties.
3. All cooperative activities under this MOU will be subject to the availability of funds to both sides.

## **Intellectual Properties**

Both institutions will ensure that any results and publications originating from this collaboration will be available for the two sides and will be published as a joint work with the name of both institutions included.

## **Amendments and Disputes**

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by written agreement signed by the representatives of both universities. Any dispute arising out of the interpretation

and/or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably in good faith through consultation or negotiation between the universities without reference to any third party or any international tribunal.

### **Duration, Renewal and Termination of Agreement**

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect immediately after signature by the representatives of both Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences and University of Porto for a period of 5 years, after which it will be automatically terminated. The agreement may be renewed upon mutual written consent by both universities at least six (6) months prior to the date of termination.

Any modification to the present agreement shall be undertaken by mutual decision in writing and any new changes will start on a date agreed by both universities.

Either university may terminate this agreement by giving six (6) months' notice in writing. Termination of the agreement is subject to finalization of decided common projects and activities.

This Memorandum of Understanding is three (3) pages and signed in two (2) originals in English, both texts being equally valid.

Porto, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017



*Ali Asghar Peyvandi*

**Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences**  
Dr. Ali Asghar Peyvandi  
Chancellor

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