



**Memorandum of Understanding**  
**Between**  
**Shiraz University of Medical Sciences, Iran**  
**And**  
**Al-Farabi Kazakh National University**

In pursuit of shared objectives to foster international academic, cultural, and scientific exchanges, this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and between Shiraz University of Medical Sciences (SUMS), represented by its Vice Chancellor for Global Strategies and International Affairs, Dr. Manica Negahdaripour, and Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, represented by Mr. H. İbrahim Söğüt on behalf of Dr. Utegenov R.N., the University's Deputy Director of the Internationalization and Recruitment Department. Hereinafter, each party shall be referred to as an "Institution," and collectively as the "Institutions."

**ARTICLE I: SCOPE OF COLLABORATION**

In the spirit of fostering cooperation and academic exchanges, hereby it is acknowledged that the above Institutions are committed to such exchanges, which include but are not limited to:

**1.1 Organizing Academic Mobility Programs:** The Institutions will organize academic mobility programs, including student and faculty exchanges, delivered in online, in-person, or hybrid formats. These programs may initially focus on short-term non-degree offerings, such as clinical observerships and postdoctoral opportunities, with the potential to expand into more structured degree-based exchange programs, such as PhD by Research, across various fields of medicine and related disciplines.

**1.2 Development of Joint Academic Courses and Programs:** Faculty members from both Institutions will collaborate to develop joint academic courses and programs in mutually relevant disciplines, fostering shared educational resources and expertise.

**1.3 Joint Supervision of Theses:** The Institutions will facilitate joint supervision of MSc and PhD theses, with advisors and supervisors from both parties working together to support students' research endeavors.

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**1.4 Research and Technology Collaboration:** The Institutions will engage in joint research initiatives and technology development/transfer projects, focusing on priority areas to promote the exchange of scientific knowledge and resources for mutual benefit..

**1.5 Professional Development and Capacity Building:** Both Institutions will offer professional development and capacity-building courses for teachers, specialists, and staff, ensuring they remain updated on the latest advancements in education, science, and administrative practices.

**1.6 Scientific Events:** The Institutions will co-organize scientific events, such as seminars, conferences, workshops, and schools, covering various fields of medicine and related disciplines, to enhance academic and professional networks.

**1.7 Cultural Initiatives:** To deepen mutual understanding and broaden educational horizons, the Institutions will host joint cultural events, conferences, and forums that celebrate and share diverse cultural perspectives.

**1.8 Additional Collaborative Activities :** The Institutions may pursue other activities and programs as mutually agreed upon, further enhancing their partnership and addressing emerging opportunities and needs.

## **ARTICLE II: IMPLEMENTATION**

2.1 Both Institutions shall make the necessary provisions for the implementation of this MOU in accordance with the academic policies as well as applicable laws and regulations governing each Institution.

2.2 Prior to initiating any specific activity under this Memorandum, the Institutions shall enter into a separate written agreement setting forth the specific details of the proposed activity, including funding and intellectual property rights. Each separate agreement, prior to becoming effective, shall be vetted in accordance with each Institution's internal policies and procedures and signed by an authorized representative of each Institution.

2.3 Both Institutions understand that financial arrangements shall be negotiated in each case and will depend on the availability of funds. Both Institutions will endeavour to solicit external funding to support collaborative projects.

2.4 Both Institutions agree to provide assistance with visa issuance formalities in support of joint activities under this MOU and information regarding suitable accommodation.

## **ARTICLE III: GENERAL TERMS**

3.1 This Agreement is not intended to, and does not create any right, benefit, or trust responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or equity, by either Institution and its affiliates against the other Institution and its affiliates.

3.2 Any cost and expenses incurred for joint projects and programs shall be negotiated and agreed upon to the satisfaction of both Institutions before starting such projects and programs.

3.3 All information and/or data that may be exchanged, acquired and shared in connection with the areas of cooperation between both Institutions pursuant to this MOU shall be





treated strictly confidential and shall not under any circumstances be divulged by any of the two Institutions unless such information is already available in the public domain.

3.4 Neither Institution shall use the other Institution's name, logo, trademarks, or other intellectual property in any manner whatsoever without obtaining prior written consent for each instance of use.

3.5 This MOU may be amended or renewed upon a written agreement signed by an authorized representative of each Institution.

3.6 The activities of this MOU must be carried out in accordance with academic and university policies as well as applicable laws, regulations and accreditation standards in each country and Institution.

3.7 In the event of a dispute arising out of or relating to this MOU or any separate agreement entered into pursuant to this MOU, the Institutions shall establish a committee of six (6) senior representatives, three (3) appointed by each Institution, to attempt to resolve the dispute.

#### ARTICLE IV: VALIDITY

The agreement shall be effective as of the date of the last signature indicated below, and shall continue to be effective unless it is terminated by either Institution with three (3) months' prior written notice. Should this occur, both Institutions will maintain their commitments to ongoing joint projects, exchange programs or any Legal Agreement in force.

The present agreement was prepared in two original copies in English and each is of equal legal force.

**On behalf of**  
**Shiraz University of Medical Sciences**

**Name: Manica Negahdaripour**  
**Position: Vice Chancellor for Global**  
**Strategies and International Affairs**

**Signature and date:**



11.3.2025

**On behalf of**  
**Al-Farabi Kazakh National University**

**Name: H. İbrahim Söğüt**  
**Position: Official representative of Dr.**  
**Utegenov R.N., Deputy Director of**  
**Internationalization and Recruitment**  
**Department**

**Signature and date:**



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