



*Shiraz University*  
— of —  
*Medical Sciences*



**ALA-TOO INTERNATIONAL  
UNIVERSITY**

**Memorandum of Understanding  
between**

**Shiraz University of Medical Sciences, Iran  
and  
Ala-Too International University, Kyrgyzstan**

In view of the shared objectives in developing international academic, cultural, and scientific exchanges, this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and between Shiraz University of Medical Sciences (SUMS) and Ala-Too International University (each an “Institution” and collectively, the “Institutions”).

**SCOPE OF THE 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:

- Development of mutually beneficial academic programs
- Joint supervision of MSc and PhD theses by faculty advisors and supervisors from both Institutions
- Facilitating joint research and encouraging joint publications
- Reciprocal assistance in introducing and implementing staff and student exchange programs
- Organizing and holding joint conferences, seminars, webinars etc.

**GENERAL TERMS**

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

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

***Both Institutions hereby agree on the following areas of cooperation:***

#### **SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH**

1. Research collaborations will focus on topics related to regional development as well as other areas of interest.
2. Proposals of joint research projects shall be set forth, and approvals are to be granted after both Institutions fully discuss the validity of the projects and agree on issues of costs and ownership.
3. Both Institutions understand that financial arrangements shall be negotiated in each case and will depend on the availability of funds. Both Institutions will endeavor to solicit external funding to support collaborative projects.

#### **STAFF & STUDENT EXCHANGES**

1. Each Institution will welcome visiting faculty members, students and administrative staff from the other Institution. The two Institutions agree in principle to staff and student exchange programs. The details of such programs will be negotiated in separate written agreements.
2. All costs and expenses including tuition and fees, housing costs, book expenses, travel expenses and other costs shall be agreed upon in a separate written agreement containing the terms and conditions of the exchange program.
3. Both Institutions agree to provide assistance with visa issuance formalities in support of academic activities and information regarding suitable accommodation.



#### **VALIDITY OF AGREEMENT**

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.

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