

Cooperation Agreement



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between

Shiraz University of Medical Sciences

and

the Ministry of Health of Tajikistan

In accordance with a mutual desire to promote international academic, cultural and scientific exchange, Shiraz University of Medical Sciences (Iran) and the Ministry of Health of Tajikistan enter into this Cooperation Agreement.

The rectors of both institutions, for the purpose of furthering cooperation through both educational and academic exchanges, hereby affirm their intent to promote such exchanges as will be of mutual benefit for their respective institutions. Educational, academic and medical exchanges are considered here to include but not be limited to:

- Development of mutually beneficial academic programs and courses
- Exchange of academic staff and research assistants for the purpose of teaching and research
- Exchange of students for study and research
- Reciprocal assistance for visiting academic staff and students
- Exchange of documentation, pedagogical information and research materials
- Development of health tourism industry between two parties

Both parties decide by mutual consent that all the financial agreements will have to be negotiated and will depend on the availability of funds.

i **A. Student Exchange**

Both parties hereby agree that:

1. The exchange of student and staff shall be administered through the office of Vice-Chancellor for Global Strategies and International Affairs at Shiraz University of Medical Sciences and the Department of International Cooperation of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Population of Tajikistan.
2. They may in principle nominate not more than 6 undergraduate or graduate students for exchange each year.
3. However, this number may vary in any given year provided a balance of exchanges is attained over the term of the agreement.
4. While nominees will normally be accepted for exchange by the host university, the host university reserves the right to review the applications of nominees and make final decisions concerning admission.
5. A selected student may study for a period of 3 to 18 months at the host university.
6. The travelling expenses of students could be supported by the delegating university; lodging and living expenses could be supported by the host university.
7. Exchange students will not pay examination, matriculation and tuition fees to the host institution, but shall pay these to the home institution as per the usual regulations of the home institution.
8. Any academic credit received during the course of the program at the host institution may be transferred to the home institution in accordance with the appropriate regulations of the home institution.
9. Each host institution will issue appropriate documents for each accepted nominee for the issuance of a student visa, in accordance with current national laws. It is the responsibility of each individual student to obtain a student visa in their home country in a timely manner.
10. The student will provide his or her own health, accident, repatriation and civil liability insurance.

i **B. Staff Exchange**

Both parties hereby agree that:

1. Both parties agree to support the exchange during each academic year of maximum 2 professors or members of scientific staff from each university.
2. However, this number may vary in any given year provided a balance of exchanges is attained over the term of the agreement.
3. The travel expenses of staff members of the partner universities could be supported by the home university. The expenses for accommodation and subsistence could be supported by the host party for a maximum pool of time equivalent to 3 months per academic year.
4. Each host institution will issue appropriate documents for each visiting staff member for the issuance of a visa, in accordance with current national laws. It is the responsibility of each individual staff member to obtain a visa in their home country in a timely manner.

i **C. Scientific Research**

Both parties hereby agree that:

1. Collaboration in research will be on topics related to regional development, amongst others.
2. Details of each research program or research project shall be arranged by mutual consent by the relevant departments, centers, etc., of both parties subject to the approval of the higher authorities of each party.
3. Relevant academic materials, technical information including research reports, periodicals, etc. and other information available to each party shall be exchanged between parties.
4. All information and/or data that may be exchanged, acquired and shared in connection with the areas of cooperation between both parties pursuant to this Cooperation Agreement shall be treated strictly confidential and shall not under any circumstances be divulged by the receiving party unless and otherwise such information has already been in public domain.
5. Any cost and expenses that may be incurred by jointly performing research programs and research activities shall be negotiated and agreed upon to the satisfaction of both parties before starting such programs and activities.

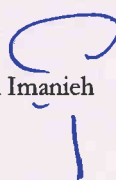
This Cooperation Agreement shall come into force from the moment of its signing by both parties and will remain in effect for a period of 5 (five) years. The terms of the agreement will be extended for a further period of one year, unless one of the parties no later than three months prior to expiration of the validity of this memorandum informs in the written form about its intention to terminate the agreement.

The present agreement was signed on August 20, 2015 and made in 2 (two) original copies each in English and Tajik languages and each is of equal legal force. During the interpretation, priority is given to the English version.


From Shiraz University of Medical Science Dr. Homeira Vafaei will be the responsible academic staff member of the Cooperation Agreement. For the Ministry of Health of Tajikistan this will be Dr. Saymakhmud Ismoilzade.

Shiraz University of Medical Sciences

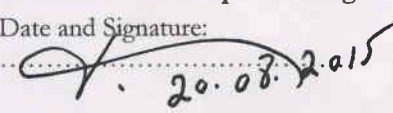
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Chancellor

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Dr. Nasrollah Erfani
Vice-Chancellor for Global Strategies and International Affairs


Date and Signature:  August 20, 2015

Dr. Homeira Vafaei
Head of the Iran's Medical Council-Fars branch & Responsible academic staff member of the Cooperation Agreement


Date and Signature:  20.08.2015

Ministry of Health of Tajikistan

Prof. Nasim Olimov
Deputy Minister

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Dr. Nuriddin Muhiddinov
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Dr. Saymakhmud Ismoilzade
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