



**Memorandum of Understanding for the Development of Medical Student Exchange Programs and Research Collaboration
Between:**

The National Autonomous University of Honduras (UNAH) and I-Shou University School of Medicine for International Students (ISU), of the Republic of China Taiwan

On-behalf of the first party, Dr. Francisco Jose Herrera Alvarado, adult citizen, Honduran and of local residency, with identity card No. 0801-1953-04220, acting under my faculties as Rector and Legal Representative of the National Autonomous University of Honduras (UNAH); in accordance with the Appointment Agreement N. 12-2017-JDU-A.I.-UNAH from the University Board of Trustees, with broad and sufficient authority for the celebration of this agreement; on-behalf of the second party, Dr. Roger Chen, Ph.D, President of I-Shou University (ISU), appointed since the First of February 2018, acting as representative of the aforementioned institution of higher education and research in the City of Kaohsiung, Kaohsiung County of the Republic of China (Taiwan), located at No. 1, Sec. 1, Syuecheng Rd., Dashu District, Kaohsiung City 84001, Republic of China (Taiwan).

UNAH and ISU wish to promote greater international cooperation and enhance the academic and research opportunities for their students and academic faculties, in accordance with their goals of higher education internationalization that lead to joint cooperation for improvement of health, education, and wellbeing of the peoples of Honduras and the Republic of China Taiwan. Furthermore, UNAH and ISU wish to educate and prepare the next generation of health leaders, whom will be capable of working in an effective manner across borders and cultures for the improvement of global health. The Universities agree to mutually support the activities oriented to the development of collaborative educational and research programs with special emphasis on the development of student exchange programs for Honduran medical students.

PURPOSE OF THE MEMORANDUM

The Universities understand and agree that the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish the terms and guidelines for the academical exchange of Medical Career students to complete an exchange of 4 (four) years until obtaining the Title of Doctor of Medicine, which will enable them to continue further residency studies, and upon their return to Honduras will



have to complete the respective paperwork for Degree incorporation according to the standing Honduran bylaws. The graduated Honduran physicians medical selected students must complete one (1) year of mandatory Medical Social Service at a national reference Hospital.

OBJECTIVES OF THIS AGREEMENT

The specific objective for this memorandum is to outfit both Parties with a framework within which they may associate their efforts in academics, research and society entailment, permitting the subscription of additional specific instruments through which joint development activities can be made.

TERMS and ACTIVITIES

- a) UNAH and ISU wish to explore the development of educational programs and research in common areas of interest. Both UNAH and ISU will promote direct contact and cooperation between the members of each school, departments, research institutions and centers within their respective areas of study, subject to the provisions each institution's regulation.
- b) UNAH and ISU agree that the entire operative program is framed within the context of this Memorandum which should include direct involvement with the public and should contribute to the benefit of the peoples of Honduras and Taiwan. Such programs shall include scholar, specialist, technician and student exchange, and will have to be arranged by the parties. In the context of medical student exchange the monetary resources have been assumed entirely under the Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund (ICDF) scholarships program.
- c) UNAH and ISU shall cooperate to identify sources of potential investment for the development and execution of support programs contemplated under this MOU.
- d) UNAH and ISU shall work together to promote academic meetings, seminars, conferences and courses for faculty members and students of each party at their respective institutions.
- e) UNAH and ISU agree that any activities undertaken by the parties under this MOU or pursuant to any further agreement, shall be in compliance with the applicable bylaws and regulations of their respective countries. Each party agrees to notify the other party of any violations or failure to fulfill the acquisition of knowledge thereof.



- f) UNAH and ISU recognize that the curricular content of both medical careers is creditable based on criteria for the level of academic training secured within the contents of the coursed programs with interdisciplinary character of the internship program at UNAH and medical clerkships at ISU, comprising the same subjects of interest and teaching philosophy of the health issues of both nations, tropical diseases, trauma, public health, in-hospital and community health assistance, among others.
- g) UNAH and ISU recognize the importance of promoting the processes of internationalization through academic mobility to increase the quality of professional training and contribute to holistic development through the exchange of knowledge and capacities.

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EXECUTION PLAN, FOLLOW-UP AND MONITORING

UNAH and ISU shall establish a joint committee that will oversee the activities by the parties in accordance to this MOU. The committee shall be composed of two representatives of each party, a permanent member and a substitute member, whom will be designated by the leaders of their respective institutions; the Rector of UNAH and the President of ISU. The parties shall designate their respective members within forty-five (45) calendar days from the Effective Date of this Agreement or from the date of its signature, whichever is later in time.



RESPONSIBLE UNITS FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING

To ensure the continuity and clarity of communications between UNAH and ISU, each party shall designate a liaison office and/or individuals for the coordination and management of activities aimed to exploring the objectives of this MOU. The following offices and individuals are designated by the parties:

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International Student Section: +886-7-657.7711 ext.2092~2098 (English Hotline: 886-7-657.7711 ext. 2099).
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EFFECTIVE PERIOD

This MOU shall be effective for a period of five (5) years, commencing from the date the present Memorandum is signed.

CONFLICT RESOLUTIONS

Within the understanding that the present instrument is subscribed under good faith, in case that any controversy may arise in terms of its implementation, interpretation, fulfillment, termination or any other related matter, the Parties will resolve their differences through direct arrangement, avoiding in any case litigation.



REASONS AND CONDITIONS FOR TERMINATION

1. Without bias to other rights, either party may terminate this MOU through written notification upon sixty (60) days in advance notifying the other party their intent to terminate.
2. The termination of the Memorandum may arise if it is incurred in the failure of the disposed therein.
3. The termination shall be executed without bias to the acquired rights and obligations of the parties.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This MOU constitutes the entire agreement between UNAH and ISU with respect to the subject matter contained within the present document and shall supersede any or all prior oral or written prior agreements. This MOU may only be modified by the written agreement of the representatives duly authorized by each party.

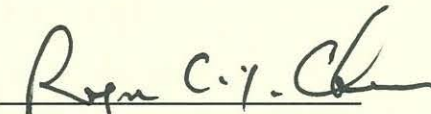
This Memorandum of Understanding between UNAH and ISU has the same value and interpretative effect in both English and Spanish.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of each party, have executed this MOU as a statement of their agreement by signing below.

For: National Autonomous University of Honduras

For: I-Shou University

Dr. Francisco Jose Herrera Alvarado
Rector
National Autonomous University of Honduras



Dr. Roger Chen
President
I-Shou University

Date: 09 / 03 2020

Date: 07 / 16 2020