

**Memorandum of Understanding for
Academic Cooperation and Exchange between
Tehran University of Medical Sciences
and Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL),
Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne**

In recognition of their commitment to the advancement of learning through teaching and research, and to strengthening friendly relations between them, Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TUMS) and Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) commit to the following Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the promotion of educational and academic links between the two universities.

Both universities will make every reasonable effort to encourage direct contact and research cooperation between their faculty members and departments under the provisions of this MOU, and endeavor to cooperate in the fields with which both parties are concerned. Both universities agree on the following general forms of cooperation within spheres of mutual interests:

1. Encourage academic visits by faculty members and researchers for conferences, seminars, lectures and discussions;
2. Exchange of academic materials and academic publications and joint research activities in the fields of:
 - a. Cancer
 - b. Health Informatics
 - c. Genetics
3. Creating opportunities for graduate and undergraduate students to take courses and to engage in internships, service learning and research at the other institution;
4. Developing proposals for possible undergraduate or postgraduate transfers or dual diploma degree programs;
5. Publication of joint academic research.

Themes of joint research activities, the conditions for utilizing the results achieved, and arrangements for specific visits, exchanges, and other forms of cooperation shall be negotiated for each specific case.

Both universities understand that all financial arrangements shall be negotiated and will depend upon the availability of funds. Both universities will endeavor to obtain external funding to support collaborative efforts.

This MOU shall become effective on February 27th 2016, for a term of five years. It is subject to renewal by mutual written consent of the parties within six months prior to the expiration date. In the event that either institution wishes to terminate this agreement at the expiration date, they shall do so in writing to the other institution, with a notice period of six months.

This MOU may be revised with the mutual consent of both parties.

Date: February 27th, 2016

Tehran University of Medical Sciences



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