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TEHRAN UNIVERSITY
OF
MEDICAL SCIENCES

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
JOINTLY SUPERVISED PhD DEGREE
(Cotutelle)**

BETWEEN

**MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY (MQ)
CRICOS 00002J**

AND

TEHRAN UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES (TUMS)

1. It is the wish of Macquarie University (MQ) and Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TUMS) (**"the Parties"**) to jointly reach a framework for collaboration by virtue of which each will develop and promote academic activities that will offer doctoral research students opportunities for international education.
2. Each Party's specific intention in entering into this Memorandum of Understanding is to demonstrate to the other Party its respective interest in pursuing a proposed jointly supervised Doctor of Philosophy (**"Cotutelle"**) program. Each successful candidate will be awarded a separate degree by each university including a Doctor of Philosophy by Macquarie University (MQ) (**"the Proposed Collaboration"**).
3. The Proposed Collaboration will provide:
 - an opportunity to facilitate international research for doctoral candidates, including access to the latest research equipment in two countries/institutions;
 - a mechanism to enhance co-operation and collaboration between the researchers and the universities involved;
 - an opportunity to recruit international students of the highest calibre to research training programs.
4. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is only to express the intentions of the Parties. The provisions contained in this Memorandum of Understanding are not legally binding on either Party, and no legally binding obligations are intended to, or do, arise as a consequence of the existence or execution of this document.

5. Where either or both of the Parties propose any specific arrangement concerning students from either or both of their institutions relating to the implementation of the Proposed Collaboration ("Proposal"), each Party agrees to nominate an appropriate representative and the Proposal shall be negotiated between the representatives of the Parties. Once the Parties have reached an agreement in relation to the Proposal, the agreement shall be recorded and governed by a separate legally binding agreement executed by both Parties ("a Legal Agreement").
6. A Legal Agreement should, without limitation, include provisions requiring:
 - (a) compliance by each Party (to the extent applicable) with the laws of country of each Party; and
 - (b) each Party's commitment to use reasonable endeavours to assist students governed by the arrangements under the Legal Agreement, to complete their studies, even if the Legal Agreement is terminated.
7. The universities acknowledge that all salary, travel, living and allied costs and expense will be determined at the discretion and be the responsibility of the visitor's home university.
8. If a research candidate meets the Macquarie University (MQ) criteria for a Cotutelle Scholarship, Macquarie University (MQ) will cover tuition fees for up to 3 years and, while on campus, a stipend at the Australian Postgraduate Award rate. The Cotutelle Scholarship will also include a return economy airfare.
9. All visits of staff and students will be subject to compliance with entry and visa requirements of the two countries involved, and the requirements of the two universities.
10. Macquarie University (MQ) asks Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TUMS) to note particularly the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW) and the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (Cth) and the requirements placed on Macquarie University (MQ) under those Acts.
11. Each Party recognises that the other Party has, may have, or will have arrangements of a similar or different nature with other persons, whether in each Party's respective countries or elsewhere in the world, during the currency of this Memorandum of Understanding.
12. This Memorandum of Understanding becomes effective from the date of the last signature and shall remain current for five (5) years with the understanding that it may be terminated by either party giving six months' prior written notice to the other Party.

13. Each party acknowledges that, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties, the termination of this Memorandum of Understanding will not have any affect whatsoever on any Legal Agreement in force at the time of termination of this Memorandum of Understanding.
14. Dr. Mohammad Hossein Nekoofar, the director of International Relations, Accreditation and Ranking and Dr Ren Yi, Director Research Training and International Research Training Partnership (or delegate) are the representatives of Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TUMS) and Macquarie University (MQ) respectively to have correspondences.



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Signed on behalf of
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Date: 9.6.2016



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Signed on behalf of
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Date: 25/05/2016

