



## Letter of Agreement concerning a clinical elective student exchange program Between

Medical University of Graz Universitätsplatz 3, 8010 Graz, Austria

And
China Medical University
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Taichung 40402 Taiwan

For bilateral cooperation in the years 2011, 2012 and 2013

Whereas, the parties desire to enter into this agreement for bilateral cooperation for the purpose of development and dissemination of medical knowledge, the Medical University of Graz, further on referred to as MUG, and the China Medical University, further on referred to as CMU, therefore agree:

## Art 1. Students Exchange:

- a) Each year both institutions may send up to 2 human medicine students for 4 weeks each to the partner institution for a clinical clerkship consisting of 5 days a week clerkship and 2 days weekend, beginning in 2011.
- b) Available fields at MUG are Anesthesiology, Ophthalmology, Gynecology & Obstetrics, Dentistry and subspecialties, Surgery and subspecialties, Dermatology, ENT, Medicine and Subspecialties, Pediatrics, Infant surgery, Neurosurgery, Neurology, and Radiology & Radio-oncology on a space-available basis. Emergency medicine and Psychiatry are available only for German speaking students. At CMU the following fields are available: Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Otolaryngology, Neurology, Anesthesiology, Oncology, Experimental Diagnosis, Surgery, Family Medicine, Urology, Orthopedics, Psychiatry, Rehabilitation, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Ophthalmonology, Radiology, Dermatology, Nuclear Medicine, Emergency Medicine and Acupuncture. Acupuncture, Emergency Medicine and Psychiatry are available only for Chinese speaking students.
  - These fields may be modified by mutual agreement.
- c) Registration & Tuition fees: Students will continue to be registered at their home university. Students and doctors do not have to pay any tuition fees to their host institution.
- d) <u>Calendar:</u> MUG prefers to host and send students during the Austrian holiday months July or August. At any other months, MUG cannot guarantee housing for exchange students due to a shortage of student hostels in Graz.
  - <u>Accommodation:</u> Both parties undertake reasonable endeavor to assist exchange candidates to find appropriate housing. The exchange students are responsible for all costs arising from their housing and subsistence.
- e) <u>Certificate:</u> At the end of medical clerkship, the students will receive a clerkship certificate or a confirmation of academic training at the host institution if they have at least 80% attendance.

## Administrative requirements:

- f) <u>Lingua franca</u>: is English. All exchange candidates have to be fluent in English in order to be eligible to participate in this program.
- g) <u>Selection & Eligibility:</u> Both parties select and nominate their eligible exchange candidates and provide the partner institution with relevant information no later than 3 months prior to the supposed start of medical clerkship.
- h) Relevant information of exchange candidates include:
  - Application form of the host institution with the participants' names as stated in their passports
  - Copy of passport showing number, validation, name and photo
  - CV and photo
  - Proof of comprehensive Health Insurance coverage and required immunization for the period spent at the host institution
- i) <u>Visa:</u> After receiving the applicants' packages, the hosting organization sends an official invitation letter for each receiving applicant via post, fax and e-mail attachment to firstly its embassy in the sending institutions country and secondly to the sending institution itself. The official invitation letter should contain the details of final acceptance in order to help each applicant to get the visa. However, the exchange candidates are responsible to meet all requirements to gain a visa of the hosting country and for all expenses arising from that.
- j) Reception by the host institution: After getting the required visa, each applicant sends a notification by e-mail to the hosting institution containing the exact date, time and way of their arrival at least 2 weeks prior to the beginning of clerkship. The host institution will undertake reasonable endeavours to receive the arriving exchange candidates at the airport or main train station of the hosting city. Both parties prefer the participants to arrive in groups.
- k) <u>Intercultural Understanding:</u> All exchange candidates should follow the morals and traditions of the hosting country and the hosting institution. To foster the understanding of differences in lifestyle and culture and subsequent expected behavior in the host country each host institution provides the medical exchange students information material and/or instructions prior to or at their arrival in the hosting country.
- Expenses: The exchange candidates are responsible for the costs of their airplane tickets, transportation, meals, outings, books, consumables and other incidental expenses arising out of the exchange as well as the expenses of medical treatment if unfortunately necessary. Any company with the medical exchange candidate (spouses or similar) shall be responsible for their personal board and lodging.
- m) An individual agreement about the terms and conditions of the sojourn at MUG has to be signed by each exchange candidate. However, with this individual agreement the exchange candidates do not enter into any relation of employment with the MUG and will not obtain any kind of financial compensation by the MUG.
- n) <u>Liability and Misbehaviour</u>: Both parties expressly do not assume any liability for the misbehaviour or negligence of exchange candidates which are related in any way to this exchange program.

## Miscellaneous:

- a) <u>Termination</u>: This agreement shall be effective beginning with the date of signature and shall continue in effect until September 2013 unless one party provides written notification of termination to the other not less than ninety (90) days prior to termination date. The termination date is September 30 each year. Should this occur, the parties agree to carry out the terms of this agreement for any exchange candidate already nominated to the hosting institution for medical clerkship.
- b) Amendments: Other provisions may be added upon mutual written agreement as an addendum to this agreement, provided all parties sign such an addendum. The parties submit proposals regarding the following year by October.
- c) This Agreement is a complete and exclusive statement of the agreement between the Parties concerning the subject matter hereof and supersedes all proposals or prior agreements, oral or written. This Agreement can only be modified in writing by the duly executed representatives of both Parties.
- d) Any dispute between the Parties arising out of the Interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Parties
- e) This Agreement shall be executed in two (2) counterparts, one (1) for CMU and one (1) for MUG, each of which shall be deemed an original.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties signing below for the China Medical University and for the Medical University of Graz hereby warrant that they have right, power, and authority to execute this Letter of Agreement on the date signed.

ON BEHALF OF THE CHINA MEDICAL UNIVERSITY