

**Agreement on Dual Ph.D. Degree Program
between
the College of Pharmacy, Kaohsiung Medical University
and
the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Szeged**

The College of Pharmacy at Kaohsiung Medical University and the Faculty of Pharmacy at the University of Szeged wish to promote the interchange of students with the aim of strengthening scientific cooperation between their institutions. For this purpose, cooperation facilitating a dual degree program has been planned with the specific regulations listed in this agreement as the guidelines for operation.

At Kaohsiung Medical University and at the University of Szeged the Ph.D. degree will be conferred by the home university on Ph.D. students who complete the required period of study, including at least one learning period (one semester or one year) or research in the host university, and who fulfill the graduation requirements of the home university, and this degree will be adopted by the partner university at the request of the Ph.D. student. The additional formal Ph.D. degree from the partner university will be awarded. This dual Ph.D. degree program will be initiated in the academic year 2012/2013. The quota for participation in the dual Ph.D. degree program is a maximum of 3 graduate students/year.

I. Applications by students for participation

1. As regards the details of application procedure, the entry requirements and the costs, the regulations relating to Ph.D. education at Kaohsiung Medical University and at the University of Szeged and the “Agreement on Joint Supervision of Ph.D. Dissertation” (appendix) must be taken into consideration.
2. A dual Ph.D. degree program can be started only after the agreement has been reached between the supervisors of this student at the College of Pharmacy, Kaohsiung Medical University and the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Szeged with the approval of the Deans of the Faculties. Before signing of the “Agreement on Joint Supervision of Ph.D. Dissertation”, the necessary documents of the Applicant must be transmitted to the partner university (an English-language copy of master diploma, the student card, and an English-language examination certificate).

II. Curriculum design

1. The Ph.D. degree program will be co-supervised by at least two faculty members (at least one from the home institute and at least one from the host institute) who have the responsibility of certifying the attainment of the required numbers of credit points for courses and the acceptance of the dissertation defense by the home university.
2. The rules of credit point accumulation and course requirements will be set by the regulations of the home universities. The students can fulfill courses either at Kaohsiung Medical University or at the University of Szeged. The courses satisfactorily completed by the student in the partner university should be certified by the supervisor (duration, description of the content and credit point of the course). The credits of courses should be granted by the home university.
3. Research work performed by the Ph.D. student in the partner university must be summarized by the student in a report (2-3 pages) at the end of the residence, and confirmed by the host supervisor.
4. The dual Ph.D. degree program must lead to at least one joint publication of Kaohsiung Medical University and the University of Szeged in an internationally acknowledged journal. Such publications should have two corresponding authors (one from Kaohsiung Medical University and one from University of Szeged), and as far as possible the Ph.D. student should feature as first author.

III. Duration of study

1. Residency requirement:

Residency requirement shall be not less than one learning period (one semester or one year) for Ph.D. students.

IV. Dissertation

1. The Ph.D. dissertation and a short Thesis should be written in English according to the requirements of the home university (relating to the extent and other formal requirements).
2. The procedure relating to submission of the dissertation must follow the specific regulations of the home university.

V. Doctoral degree qualifying examination and dissertation defense committee and the oral examination

1. Doctoral Degree Qualifying Examination should be performed according to the regulations of the home university.
2. The composition of the oral defense committee and the chairman of the committee must satisfy the regulations of the home university. The committee will be composed of 5-7 members, at least one of whom shall be delegated by the partner university as defense committee member or reviewer.
3. The public defense of the dissertation shall be performed in English.
4. The public defense of the dissertation shall be held in the home university of the student.

VI. Public dissertation defense and intellectual property rights

1. The contents of the dissertation are protected by intellectual property rights. The presentation and publication of the collaborative research results achieved by the laboratories of the two universities, and the use and protection of all data featuring in the dissertation must adhere to the respective regulations and practices in both countries and to the agreement signed by the supervisors of the Ph.D. degree program from both universities.
2. If controversial issues regarding industrial property rights arise, there will be a necessity to work toward a subsequent agreement.
3. Neither party can publicize any result of any joint research project without mutual consent.
4. If any result of collaborative research is publicized, the contribution of each party must be referred to.
5. Both parties must maintain the confidentiality of the material and respect the privacy requirements of each party.
6. In the event that any research result is achieved by one party, the originator of that result has copyright ownership in accordance with copyright laws and regulations.

VII. Degree conferral

On successful completion of the Dual Ph.D. Degree Program, the degree of Ph.D. will be conferred by the home university on participating students who meet the graduation requirements, and this degree will be adopted by the partner university at the request of the Ph.D. student. The additional formal Ph.D. degree from the partner university will be awarded.

VIII. Tuition and fees

1. Students participating in this program are responsible for the payment of any necessary tuition fees to their home university. Tuition fees at the host university are waived.
2. Participating students do not have to pay credit fees at the host university.
3. Dorm fees for students are paid by the host university.
4. Travel costs between the two countries by air and a reasonable daily living allowance for the participating Ph.D. students will be covered by the home university.

IX. Effectiveness, amendments and termination

1. This agreement shall come into effect on the date of the final signature.
2. Should either of the two universities consider that any part of the present agreement is no longer appropriate, that university can propose an amendment. Any amended version will come into effect after it is signed by the two universities.
3. If termination of the present agreement becomes necessary, written notice must be given to the other institution at least six months prior to the desired date of effect of the termination.
4. If the present agreement is terminated, both universities shall fulfill their duties and responsibilities based on good faith to protect the rights of students who have enrolled in the dual Ph.D. degree program.

X. Enrollment, application for suspension of studies in the Ph.D. degree program, and return from suspension

1. For enrollment, application for suspension of studies, and return from a temporary suspension, the regulations relating to Ph.D. education at Kaohsiung Medical University and the University of Szeged shall be taken into consideration.

This agreement is prepared in two copies. After the final signature, one copy shall be held by both universities.

SIGNED this day of

March 16, 2012

Kaohsiung Medical University

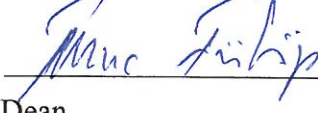


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