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To

All the Director/Dean/Principal of Colleges  
Affiliated to Rajiv Gandhi University of  
Health Sciences, Karnataka, Bengaluru

Sir/Madam,

Sub: Information regarding MoU entered between Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) and Maastricht University (UM) with regard to award of PhD between both UM and RGUHS based upon principles of mutual equality and the reciprocity of benefits

We are happy to inform you that Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Karnataka has entered into an MoU with Maastricht University (UM) for award of PhD between both University of Maastricht and RGUHS based upon principles of mutual equality and the reciprocity of benefit. The scope of the said MoU is to encourage mutual cooperation, exchange visits, technology updates, transfer of data-sharing for producing effective documents for publications and patenting etc. The Teachers working under the colleges affiliated to RGUHS, having post graduate degree are eligible to pursue their Ph.D. under this collaborative scheme of RGUHS &Maastricht University.

Maastricht University is engaged in research and education in a variety of fields including Health, Medicine and Life Sciences, in particular the areas of

- Cardiovascular Diseases,
- Chronic Diseases (Diabetes, COPD),
- Mental Health and Neuroscience,
- Oncology and Developmental Biology,
- Advanced Molecular Imaging,
- Regenerative Medicine,
- Nutrition and Metabolism,
- Care and Public Health and Health Profession Education.

### **OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the cooperation is to make possible and to institute academic cooperation with regards to award of PhD between both UM and RGUHS based upon principles of mutual equality and the reciprocity of benefits. PhD degree will be awarded by UM which is recognized as an equivalent degree in India for promotional purpose.

### **SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES**

The scope of activities in Research field shall include:

Seek opportunities to cooperate in research in areas of mutual interest. The details of specific proposals will be determined by the mutual agreement of relevant faculties of both Universities. At present, the areas of particular interest include development of bio- pharmaceuticals, chronic disease biology, mental health & neurosciences and oncology.

The research project will be so designed to

- Encourage mutual cooperation
- Exchange visits – if required and decided by the Guides of the project
- Technology updates
- Transfer of data-sharing for producing effective documents for publications and patenting.

The form of cooperation may vary with the goal of each project.

Representatives from RGUHS and UM will seek possibilities to facilitate programs. The details of specific proposals will be determined by mutual agreement of the relevant faculties of both universities on a case-by-case basis.

Program may include joint supervision of post-graduate students and the provision of library access and academic assistance for doctoral research (PhD) students.

### **CONTRIBUTION BY THE RGUHS AND UM**

In accordance with the prevailing laws and regulations in their respective country and subject to personnel and budget limitations:

1. Funding will be provided on case to case basis for implementation of activities based on funding opportunities arising from National and International grants. RGUHS will not take any financial responsibilities .University of Maastricht University will provide free hostel accommodation and food for the students for the period required for them to stay at Maastricht University. Travel expenses to go to Maastricht University shall be borne by the student himself.
2. Assign qualified faculty, scientists and other experts to assist in the implementation of activities.
3. All necessary clinical work Data analysis will be carried out at RGUHS / affiliated institute and the PhD degree will be awarded by Maastricht University upon successful completion of defense ceremony.
4. PhD degree will be based on successful peer reviews and publication of papers in recognized journals as agreed upon.
5. Since the doctorate degree is awarded by Maastricht University, an equivalence degree can be obtained by applying for the same in India, which is recognized. This can be recognized for career promotions.

### **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS, RESULTS AND PUBLICATIONS**

Intellectual property rights on any information which already exists prior to this cooperation or which is not the result of this joint collaboration remain the property of the University which provides the information, unless explicitly agreed otherwise in writing between the Universities.

An agreement on intellectual property rights shall be drawn up separately in accordance with the laws of the respective countries for all intellectual property rights, results and publications which are jointly generated as a result of the cooperation between both universities.

### **DURATION & ELIGIBILITY**

1. Ordinarily duration of PhD program will be 4 to 5 years, but depending on case to case basis duration may vary.
2. Basic eligibility to enroll in to PhD is to have a Post Graduate degree from a recognized university.

## METHOD OF SELECTION

PhD proposals will be reviewed and selected by committee jointly comprising of officials from RGUHS and University of Maastricht. Successful candidates will be intimated.

The Heads of the Institutions are hereby requested to bring this information to the notice of their ~~the~~ teachers working at their respective colleges to explore the possibility of conduct of research under this scheme wherein the PhD will be awarded by the Maastricht University which is recognized as an equivalent degree in India for promotional purpose.

Interested candidates please contact:

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Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,



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To,

All Colleges Affiliated to RGUHS.

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1. PA to Vice-Chancellor/Registrar/Registrar(Evaluation)/Finance Officer, RGUHS.
2. Office copy.