RENEWAL OF THE PROGRAM SPECIFIC AGREEMENT FOR A COLLABORATIVE GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH PROGRAM

Between

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
BY AND ON BEHALF OF GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA, U.S.A.

And

CHINA MEDICAL UNIVERSITY
TAICHUNG, TAIWAN

In furtherance of the existing relationship from 2012, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of Georgia State University ("Georgia State") and its College of Arts & Sciences, School of Nursing and Health Professions, and School of Public Health, Atlanta, Georgia, United States of America, and China Medical University, and its College of Health Care and College of Public Health, Taichung, Taiwan ("CMU") agree to continue a collaborative graduate student research program in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement ("Agreement").

Georgia State and CMU hereby agree to the following:

1. Description of Program

This Agreement continues to enhance graduate student training and faculty research collaboration in medical sciences between CMU and Georgia State. Top masters-level students at CMU will be selected to apply to Georgia State as Master’s-level students. CMU will provide Georgia State with funds for graduate research stipends and materials, and Georgia State will waive tuition. The Program at Georgia State will include the MSc in Biology in the College of Arts & Sciences, the MSc in Nursing in the Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing & Health Professions, and the MPH in Public Health in the School of Public Health.

2. Term and Academic Years

This Agreement becomes effective on the date it is duly signed by representatives of both institutions. The term of the Agreement shall commence on the effective date and shall be in effect for five (5) years, unless earlier terminated by either party pursuant to Section 8 below. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the term of this Agreement shall not extend beyond one academic year if Georgia State assumes any financial obligations by entering into this Agreement. This Agreement may be
renewed for additional academic year or five year renewal terms, as applicable, upon the advance written agreement of both parties.

The academic year at Georgia State consists of two regular semesters: the Fall semester begins in August and ends in December, and the Spring semester begins in January and ends in early May. In addition, there is a Summer semester and an abbreviated Maymester. Graduate students from CMU have no restrictions on which semesters they can attend Georgia State.

3. Number of Students

Starting in Spring 2016, up to ten students from CMU will be invited to apply as transfer students to Georgia State.

4. Units Involved in Program

Participants in the program can be drawn from the College of Health Care and College of Public Health at CMU.

5. Graduate Student Research Program

A. Requirements for Students to Participate

CMU will select outstanding graduate students from their graduate program to receive training, participate in collaborative research, and earn a Master’s degree from Georgia State. The selected students at CMU will apply to one of the Georgia State programs referenced in Section 1.

The CMU students will fulfill all application requirements for their chosen academic program at Georgia State. The College of Arts & Sciences, Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing & Health Professions, and School of Public Health agree to waive the GRE requirement.

CMU students are required to establish English language proficiency by submitting TOEFL or IELTS scores and meeting the minimum score required by their chosen academic program at Georgia State. CMU students admitted to Georgia State will also take the GSTEP (Georgia State Test of English Proficiency) upon arrival.

CMU students at Georgia State will complete all degree requirements. Their graduate course credits from CMU may or may not transfer based on Georgia State policy and the decision of the academic units involved. Up to 9 credits of appropriate graduate courses may be transferred to Georgia State toward the respective Master’s degree.

The school, department or unit involved in this Agreement at CMU will provide academic counseling to its own students to ensure that the courses taken at Georgia State are acceptable with respect to its own degree programs. Georgia State will supply CMU with course descriptions and other pertinent materials to assist in determining course equivalency. At the end of each semester or academic term, students will follow appropriate procedures at the Host University to ensure academic records/transcript from the Host University are sent to the Home University.

Students will be required to comply with the standard rules, regulations, and enrollment restrictions of Georgia State in the selection of courses, including requirements of language proficiency and health documentation. CMU students must submit immunization documentation, including but not limited to Measles, Mumps and Rubella or MMR, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Varicella, Hepatitis B for enrollment.
Georgia State has final authority over decisions regarding admission of students to its courses.

B. Student Responsibilities and Expenses

CMU agrees to provide these students with MSc/MPH stipends and supply funds. The funds will be transferred directly to Georgia State, through the Georgia State Research Foundation. With the guarantee of these funds, Georgia State’s respective College or School will grant each student from CMU a graduate research assistantship. The students will participate in research in the respective units throughout the academic year. CMU students are responsible for paying mandatory Georgia State fees and any charges not covered by Georgia State research assistantships (e.g. health insurance) each semester by published deadlines. Each graduate assistantship is $6000 per academic year.

Supply funds will be agreed upon at the start of each academic year. However, in the first year, CMU will provide $10,000 per student per year to be deposited at Georgia State as a special sponsored project; the exact amount will be dependent on the availability of funds and the number of students from CMU.

C. Visa Requirements

The respective Georgia State academic department will forward all necessary international student data to Georgia State’s International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) office to enable participating students to obtain an F-1 visa. Documentation of sufficient financial resources in the United States is also required. Forms will be provided by Georgia State.

The above information must be received at Georgia State approximately three (3) to four (4) months preceding the international student’s arrival to the U.S.

D. Insurance Requirements for Students

Personal health, hospitalization and accident insurance, including a repatriation & medical evacuation plan, as well as liability coverage, is required for all international students studying at Georgia State. Students who already have insurance must submit proof of such coverage to the Georgia State’s International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) for approval. Students from CMU who do not have appropriate insurance must obtain Georgia State’s international students’ insurance policy.

E. Housing for Students

The Georgia State Housing Office will provide CMU students information about university housing. CMU students are responsible for negotiating leasing agreements with the Georgia State Housing Office as appropriate. Housing space at Georgia State is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. CMU students who wish to live in Georgia State housing must complete the application process at least four (4) months preceding their arrival.

F. Compliance with Rules and Regulations

CMU students will be subject to the rules and regulations of Georgia State, and the laws and procedures of Atlanta, GA, USA.

Georgia State will assume no responsibility for a student’s conduct or lack of compliance with any U.S. laws. Georgia State reserves the right to dismiss any CMU student at any time for academic or personal misconduct in violation of established regulations provided, however that Georgia State will, absent
extenuating circumstances, attempt to consult with CMU before implementing such action. The dismissal of a student shall not abrogate this Agreement, or the arrangements regarding other students.

6. Research

To the extent allowable by law, the parties may engage in joint research, conference participation, publication of research results and other research-related activity. The parties understand and agree that national laws regulating the export of technologies may prohibit participation by visiting students, faculty, and researchers on specific research projects in the host country. The parties further understand and agree to secure all university and other required approvals prior to conducting research activities and to abide by all policies and procedures governing such activities.

If students participate in research funded by a third party sponsor, the parties agree that such research activities will abide by the terms of the sponsorship agreement. If students receive third party confidential information for research purposes that was provided under a written nondisclosure or confidential disclosure agreement, the parties agree that the students will be bound by the confidentiality and nondisclosure terms of such agreement.

7. Equal Opportunity

Both parties to this Agreement subscribe to a policy of equal opportunity, and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, age, ethnicity, religion, national origin, or disability.

8. Modification, Termination, Renewal of Agreement

This Agreement may be modified, revised, or renewed but only upon the mutual consent of the parties in writing. Either party may terminate this Agreement by written notice submitted at least 90 days in advance of the next academic semester. Termination will not affect existing students in the program. Unless renewed by mutual written consent, this Agreement will conclude at the end of the specified academic term or year (as defined in section 2 above).

9. Primary Contacts / Program Directors

The Primary Contacts/ Program Directors will ensure that the terms of this Agreement are carried out. They will serve as the contact persons at each institution, ensure the general welfare of program participants, ensure that necessary approvals are in place, and have administrative oversight of the program.

The primary contacts for the parties to this Agreement are the following:

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WHEREFORE the parties to this Agreement signify their acceptance of the terms and conditions contained herein by signing in the spaces below.

Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of Georgia State University

By: [Signature]
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Date: 30 November 2015

China Medical University

By: [Signature]
Wen-Hwa Lee
President

Date: Dec. 30, 2015