



**PROGRAM SPECIFIC AGREEMENT FOR A
COLLABORATIVE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (Ph.D.) PROGRAM IN KINESIOLOGY**

Between

**BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
BY AND ON BEHALF OF GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY AND ITS
BYRDINE F. LEWIS COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
ATLANTA, GEORGIA, U.S.A.**

And

**HANGZHOU MEDICAL COLLEGE
HANGZHOU, CHINA**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of Georgia State University and its Byrdine F. Lewis College of Nursing and Health Professions, and College of Education and Human Development Atlanta, Georgia, United States of America ("Georgia State") and Hangzhou Medical College, Hangzhou, China ("HMC") agree to institute a collaborative doctoral student program (PhD) in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement ("Agreement").

Georgia State and HMC hereby agree to the following:

1. Description of Program

This Agreement is established to enhance graduate student research and training and faculty research collaboration in medical and health sciences between Georgia State and HMC.

There will be two possible pathways for this program available to HMC students. Top performing undergraduate students (majored in rehabilitation therapy or clinical medicine) with Bachelor's degrees from HMC can apply to the PhD in Kinesiology program at Georgia State University using one of the following two pathways. **Pathway 1:** HMC students with a Master's degree or a degree that is equivalent to a Master's degree in the U.S., its equivalency established through a credentialing process, will be eligible to apply for Georgia State's PhD in Kinesiology program. **Pathway 2:** HMC students with a Bachelor's degree will complete a Masters in Health Sciences or Masters of Science in Exercise Science at Georgia State and may then be eligible to apply for Georgia State's PhD in Kinesiology program.

These students will pay out-of-state tuition rates unless a tuition waiver is granted for a qualified graduate research assistantship. HMC students who are enrolled in the PhD program and who qualify, may be granted a graduate research assistantship, which will stem from research funds that

HMC will provide to Georgia State for each of its students (see Section 5. B. for graduate research assistantship details).

HMC faculty may also participate in professional development and mentorship opportunities through scholar visits and research opportunities. Optionally they may also engage in mentoring, language, research and teaching activities through the Faculty Mentoring Program at Georgia State as part of this program.

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 9 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 (5) year renewal terms, as applicable, upon the advance written agreement of both parties.

The academic year at Georgia State consists of two regular semesters: 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 an abbreviated Summer term and a Summer Institute. Graduate students from HMC may attend any semester.

3. Number of Students

Starting in Fall 2020, up to three (3) new students annually from HMC will be invited to apply to Georgia State for the MS in Health Sciences, MS in Exercise Science, or PhD in Kinesiology program depending on their pathway as described in Section 1, Description of Program.

4. Units Involved in Program

Participants in the program will be drawn from School of Clinical Medicine at HMC. The program at Georgia State will include participation from the Department of Physical Therapy in the Byrdine F. Lewis College of Nursing and Health Professions, and the Department of Kinesiology and Health in the College of Education and Human Development.

5. Graduate Student Research Program

A. Admission Requirements for Students to Participate

As described in Section 1 above, HMC will select outstanding students with Bachelor's/Master's degrees from their programs to apply to receive training, participate in collaborative research, and earn a PhD degree from Georgia State. HMC students will fulfill all application requirements, including the submission of a graduate application and other supplemental materials. Application/transfer to the PhD in Kinesiology will follow Georgia State's normal process for either pathway.

HMC students are required to submit TOEFL iBT (minimum 79/120) or IELTS (minimum 6.5/9) scores in order to prove English language proficiency. In addition, students will need to submit their GRE scores (with an expected minimum requirements of 155 for verbal and 151 for quantitative).

HMC may select outstanding students in the 4th year of their undergraduate studies in order to apply for a MS in Health Sciences or MS in Exercise Science offered at Georgia State. Upon completion of the Master's program they will then become eligible to apply for Georgia State's PhD in Kinesiology program. HMC students will pay the tuition and fees for the Master's program. They may be offered graduate research assistantship position only upon being admitted to the Georgia State PhD in Kinesiology program (see Section 5. B. for graduate research assistantship position details). HMC students are responsible for tuition and mandatory fees of the Program not covered by the Georgia State graduate research assistantships. These charges include, but are not limited to: books, health insurance, and applicable lab fees. Georgia State University tuition and fees must be paid in full by the published fee payment deadline.

HMC students admitted to Georgia State will complete all degree requirements. At the end of each semester or academic term, students will follow appropriate procedures at Georgia State to ensure academic records/transcripts from Georgia State are sent to HMC.

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. HMC students must submit immunization documentation, including but not limited to Measles, Mumps and Rubella or MMR, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Varicella, and Hepatitis B for enrollment.

Georgia State has final authority over decisions regarding admission of students to its courses.

B. Student Responsibilities and Expenses

HMC agrees to charge each HMC student in this program \$10,000 per calendar year on behalf of Georgia State for their stipends and supply funds. The funds will be transferred directly to Georgia State through the Georgia State Research Foundation in the form of a grant which will not be subjected to indirect costs. With the guarantee of these funds, Georgia State's Department of Kinesiology & Health may grant each student from HMC a graduate research assistantship position. The students will participate in research in the Department of Physical Therapy and the Department of Kinesiology and Health throughout the academic year.

HMC students are responsible for paying mandatory Georgia State tuition and fees and any charges not covered by Georgia State research assistantship positions (e.g. health insurance) each semester by published deadlines. Each awarded graduate research assistantship is \$6,000 per calendar year (minimum of \$2,000 for Fall and Spring and \$1,000 for Summer).

Each year HMC will provide \$10,000 in stipend and supply funds per student per year to be deposited at Georgia State as a special sponsored project. This dollar amount may be modified upon mutual agreement.

C. Visa Requirements

The respective Georgia State academic department will forward all necessary international student data received from HMC students to Georgia State's International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) office to enable processes needed for participating students to obtain an F-1 visa. Data will include documentation of sufficient financial resources in the United States. Forms will be provided by Georgia State.

The above information must be received at Georgia State approximately six (6) months (February 1st) preceding the international student's arrival (August 1st) to the U.S to enroll for the Fall term. This documentation enables Georgia State to sponsor the students as part of this Agreement but does not commit the institution to any financial support.

D. Insurance Requirements for Students

Personal health, hospitalization and accident insurance, including a repatriation and medical evacuation plan, as well as liability coverage, is required for all international students studying onsite 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 HMC who do not have appropriate insurance must obtain, at their own cost, Georgia State's international students' insurance policy.

E. Housing for Students

The Georgia State University Housing Office will provide HMC students information about university housing. HMC students are responsible for negotiating leasing agreements with the Georgia State University Housing Office or off-campus housing as appropriate. Housing space at Georgia State is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. HMC students who wish to live in Georgia State housing must complete the application process at least four (4) months preceding their arrival. When housing is provided by Georgia State, housing and board costs must be paid by the published deadlines.

F. Compliance with Rules and Regulations

HMC students will be subject to the rules and regulations of Georgia State, and the laws and procedures of the United States. Georgia State will assume no responsibility for a student's conduct or lack of compliance with any of the U.S. laws. Furthermore, Georgia State reserves the right to require a student to withdraw from the program at any time if the student's academic performance or personal misconduct warrants such action, provided, however, that Georgia State will, absent extenuating circumstances, attempt to consult with HMC before implementing such action. The dismissal of a student shall not abrogate this Agreement, or the arrangements regarding other students.

6. Faculty Mentoring Program

To support this program, identified faculty from HMC may attend Georgia State on paid sponsorship as short-term scholars under its Faculty Mentoring Program. This will allow HMC faculty to be paired with Georgia State faculty to facilitate professional development and training activities. HMC faculty may be paired with their Georgia State counterparts to engage in activities that include developing and revising curriculum, co-teaching, classroom observation, language enhancement and pedagogy (if desired), and cross-cultural activities. Negotiation for this program may be initiated under a separate agreement by contacting partnerships@gsu.edu.

7. Research

Upon the approval of Georgia State University, selected HMC faculty can serve on dissertation committees of students from HMC. Georgia State University faculty will serve as committee chairs.

The Committees determine the location of dissertation research, which may include Hangzhou (with faculty oversight from GSU) and Georgia State University campuses.

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. Students pledge to disclose any intellectual property developed as a result of joint research to both Georgia State and HMC unless such disclosure is unlawful under the laws of the United States and China. If valuable intellectual property is created as a result of joint research, ownership of such intellectual property shall be determined in accordance with the law of inventorship or authorship of the country in which the research occurred and Georgia State University's policies. The parties agree that Georgia State University will evaluate the intellectual property, in consultation with the other party, to determine whether formal patent, copyright, or other protection is desirable.

8. 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 unrelated to an individual's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position.

9. 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 approved 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).

10. 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 and its
Byrdine F. Lewis College of Nursing
and Health Professions and College
of Education and Human Development**


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