

**EDUCATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DOCTORATE SCHOOL IN ONCOLOGY
AND GENETICS, UNIVERSITY OF SIENA
AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF NEUROLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY**

THE PARTIES

University of Siena, Siena, Italy

University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, USA

PREAMBLE:

- the parties agree on the fundamental importance of promoting inter-university cooperation for the development of educational and scientific postgraduate programmes;
- the parties have already been collaborating on a scientific and educational level for some time, with positive results;
- the agreement on cooperation has been formulated in order to foster both specialised learning and professional understanding for postgraduates;

AGREE

To sign this agreement. Once signed, it will remain valid for 5 years unless one of the parties declares it expired, this to be done before October 1 of the year preceding the year when such expiration will take place.

Art. 1 Objectives

This agreement is aimed to formalise the research and teaching activities that are shared between 1) the educational training in Medical Genetics (Doctorate School in Oncology and Genetics), based in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Siena, and 2) the post-doctoral training research programme in Neurogenetics, based in the Department of Neurology in the College of Medicine, University of Kentucky.

The cooperation aims to promote the specific reciprocal research interests of the doctoral programmes in the University of Siena and the University of Kentucky. The scientific objectives of the programme are to inaugurate new disciplinary sectors in emerging fields of study and to promote the intersection of diverse research areas, such as the genetics of Parkinson's disease.

Specifically, the agreement between the two Universities aims to promote the methodological exchange between Dr. Alessandra Renieri, Medical Genetics Unit of Department of Molecular Biology, University of Siena and Dr. Franca Cambi of the Department of Neurology, University of Kentucky. A long-standing collaboration already

exists between these two groups in the area of genetics and physiopathology of Parkinson's disease.

The cooperation programme offers to both students and teachers the opportunity to undertake part of their teaching and research activity at the exchange institution with which the cooperative agreement is established, within the framework of integrated research programmes to be defined each year by the two participating institutions.

Art. 2 Governing Body

The following bodies will be responsible for managing the present agreement:

In Siena, University of Siena:

-the Teaching Staff Committee of the educational training in Medical Genetics (Doctorate School in Oncology and Genetics) proposes and verifies the programme objectives. Members of the exchange institution may be asked to join the Committee.

- the Scientific Committee evaluates the outcomes of the programmes.

In Lexington, University of Kentucky:

- The Department of Neurology (Neurogenetics Program).

Both institutions will define each year the educational and scientific programmes outlined in the Preamble, and may create joint committees for the evaluation of doctoral dissertations.

Art. 3 Validation of study periods abroad

The Parties agree to recognise the periods of study abroad undertaken by their respective students. Both universities agree to seek the appropriate institutional approvals in order to provide credits and/or a certificate based on the work completed during the study abroad period.

Art. 4 Organization of Programme of Study

Teaching and seminars within the educational training in Medical Genetics at the University of Siena, including first and second year modules as well as tutorial discussions of the dissertation, are structured according to a credit system. The programme of study at the University of Kentucky will work within the didactic structure of the Department of Neurology and will consist of daily lectures, grand rounds, a neuroradiology conference and teaching rounds weekly. Journal club is held on a monthly basis. In addition, a variety of seminars are available weekly in the UK Chandler Medical Center on topics relevant to this exchange programme. Attendance at lectures, conferences and seminars, and any tutorials will be recorded and processed through the normal curriculum evaluation at the University of Kentucky. Thanks to this organizational system, Italian Ph.D. students spending part of the doctoral programme at U.K. will be able to quantify the work undertaken during the exchange and have it recognised by their home institution.

Part of the teaching programme in the two participating institutions will be undertaken in English, in order to facilitate participation of students from both the cooperating institutions in the programme itself. All teaching activities provided by visiting members of the participating institutions will be in English.

The parties agree to create and update a website, containing all relevant information about activities undertaken and planned, as well as teaching or research materials relevant to the joint activities or in any other manner deemed useful.

The doctoral student who elects to take advantage of this exchange programme must reside for no less than six months (not necessarily consecutive) in the exchange institution.

Art. 5 Legal responsibility

For personal or material damages caused to third parties, the law of the land where these may occur will apply.


Art. 6 Changes to the agreement

Any change or addition to this agreement or any supplementary agreement must be made in writing, with the assent of the two participating institutions, at least six months in advance. Any change to the agreement will affect the activities of the academic year following.


Both the Italian and English texts of this agreement are equally valid. In case of doubt the English version will prevail. They will be approved by the relevant bodies of the participating institutions.

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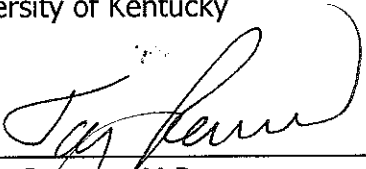
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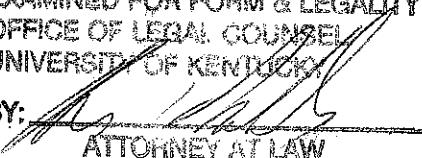
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