Cooperation Agreement for a 3+X Program

Between

The University of Rhode Island

And

Huazhong University of Science and Technology

This Agreement is made between Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan, P.R. China, (hereinafter referred to as HUST), and The University of Rhode Island USA, (hereinafter referred to as URI). The parties agree as follows:

1. Agreement and variation

1.1. HUST and URI wish to establish a collaborative education program defined as a 3+X program (typically X=2) in which qualified students enrolled at HUST for three years and for 2 years at URI. After successfully completing the first three (3) years of their undergraduate curriculum in the School of Pharmacy, or a related field, HUST applicants, subject to all applicable URI Graduate School and the URI College of Pharmacy/COP policies of admission procedures and standards, will be accepted into the URI College of Pharmacy (COP) for the next two (2) years to finish a required training curriculum to qualify for their bachelor’s degree awarded at HUST and a Master’s degree to be awarded by URI.

1.2. The Parties have agreed that the collaborative education program will be conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in this Agreement.

1.3. No agreement or understanding varying or extending this agreement shall be legally binding upon either party unless specified in writing and signed by both Parties. Parties may agree to modify the agreement in writing to the extent that it is inconsistent. This being so, the later agreement is the one which is binding.

2. The Program

2.1 The academic program of the 3+X Program will be implemented and administered in two phases.
2.2 During Phase I, HUST will select students as candidates for study at URI under the 3+X Program and these students will study at HUST to complete the first three (3) of a four (4) year Bachelor’s Degree program in the aforementioned areas (section 1.1). The qualified students, as recommended by HUST and evaluated and accepted by URI in accordance with URI’s COP standards, will enter Phase II of the 3+X Program. In Phase II the students will continue their studies in COP at URI following the approved curricula. (See Appendix I for COP approved curricula.) Each successful student will receive a Bachelor’s degree from HUST and a Master’s degree from URI.

**Phase I**

2.2.1 Three years of study at HUST during which time the students will complete courses required by the HUST as well as extra English language classes and achieve the language proficiency required by URI for entry.

2.2.2 Applicants must be prepared linguistically, so as to be able to participate in the instructional programs of URI with success; applicants will be expected to meet URI published English proficiency standards. Students must submit the official results of the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or the IELTS (International English Language Testing System), or the Pearson Test of English taken within the past two years. Students must arrange for ETS or equivalent agency to report their scores directly to the URI Graduate School.

2.2.3 Students who wish to proceed to Phase II will be assessed by a URI COP Graduate Admissions Committee to determine their qualification for entry to the URI program in a manner assessed of other international students wishing to enroll at URI. Students who maintain a GPA of 2.75 or higher and/or are in the top quartile of their class during the first three (3) years of study at HUST will be considered for admission.

2.2.4 Students who pass the assessment process in 2.2.3 and meet all requirements of Phase I will be admitted to study at URI under the 3+X program with an official admission letter to assist their application for an F-1 visa to continue their education at URI.

2.2.5 Once all URI requirements of enrollment (Graduate School and College of Pharmacy) and the immigration process leading to an F-1 visa have been satisfied, students will be permitted to enroll in the COP at URI.

**Phase II**

2.2.6 URI COP will perform an assessment of all the applicants recommended by HUST at the end of Phase I and offer admission to students meeting URI’s
admission standards and the standards set forth by the related programs at HUST. Students who fail the assessment or are unable to obtain an F-1 visa to the USA will continue their studies at HUST.

2.2.7 After successful completion of Phase I and following the aforementioned selection procedure, students will be conditionally admitted to URI Graduate School under this Agreement to start Phase II. The COP will evaluate the student’s overall academic record (a course by course evaluation) to determine admissibility, and if admissible, the student will be admitted by the Graduate School and the I-20 will be issued for the student to apply for the F-1 visa.

2.2.8 Students in Phase II will be afforded all of the usual privileges of full time international students that attend URI in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

2.2.9 Students who have successfully completed one year of degree specific technical electives and a senior design project at URI will be reviewed by URI COP and if approved by HUST will be awarded the Graduation Certificate and Bachelor’s Degree by HUST.

2.2.10 Students shall receive a notification letter of their completion of their Bachelor’s Degree by HUST and HUST will forward an official copy of the letter and a transcript to the URI Graduate Admissions office. Once the letter and transcript are received and evaluated and the student meets graduate department and the URI’s Graduate School standards, the student will be admitted into the URI’s Master program in the COP. All successfully completed URI course work taken during the first year at URI may be counted toward a Master’s degree in COP at URI.

2.2.11 All regularly admitted graduate students shall be subject to the same academic regulations and policies regarding class performance, community standards, and student discipline systems at URI.

3. The Tuition and Fees

3.1 Student fees for Phase I studies will be established and collected by HUST and URI shall have no claim against those fees.

3.2 Students in Phase II will be responsible for all costs to study at URI. The cost shall include travel between China and the United States, room and board, insurances and all of the prescribed fees to be collected by URI. The base fees for Phase II are those published by URI for International students. These fees may be adjusted at
the sole discretion of URI. (Please refer to Appendix II for estimated cost for the program).

3.3 Each student is responsible for living expenses, including during extended academic recess (e.g., summer, winter and spring breaks), all transportation costs, books and supplies, health insurance, and personal and incidental expenses.

3.4 HUST students in Phase II may be awarded an URI University Scholarship of up to $5,000 per year. To be considered, HUST students must not be receiving any other funding or financial support from URI, including from faculty grants. Eligible students must have a minimum GPA of a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent and must meet published URI English proficiency standards. Awards will be made on a competitive basis, based upon academic interest and achievement. The scholarship amount will be deducted from the cost of out-of-state tuition. The awarding of the University Scholarship of $5,000 normally will not exceed two years for any specific degree program. No scholarships will be awarded to students who are conditionally admitted to URI.

3.5 HUST will have no claim against fees collected by URI. HUST waives all rights to commission on student fees paid to URI.

3.6 While minor illnesses may be treated at the URI Health Services, each student must be covered by insurance to cover medical contingencies of greater magnitude while at URI that adhere to the Office of Exchange Coordination and Designation Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, United States Department of State and the URI health insurance standards.

4. Liability, Insurance, Indemnification

4.1 Each institution shall be liable for its own acts or omissions and the acts or omissions of its employees and agents for any claims made by any person or entity for property damage or bodily injury, including death. Neither institution shall be liable for any indirect, special or consequential damages, including without limitation, operating losses, lost earnings, profits, or other revenue.

4.2 Each Party shall, during the Term and any Extended Term of this Agreement, keep and maintain, at its sole cost and expense, insurance coverage in such amounts and with such companies as may be reasonably agreed upon and shall provide each other upon execution of this Agreement, and upon reasonable request thereafter, with an appropriate certificate of insurance in standard form evidencing such insurance coverage in compliance with this Agreement and containing a provision that written notice of any cancellation or modification of any required insurance policy be given no less than ten (10) days prior to the effective date of such cancellation or modification.
4.3 Each institution shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless, the other, including their respective governing board, board members, officers, directors, trustees, employees, students, agents, and contractors, for any and all loss, liability, payment, or judgments, including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising out of or in connection with any claim, demand, action or proceeding brought for made by any person or entity for property damages or personal/bodily injury including death, caused by or resulting from its negligence or willful misconduct or the negligence or willful misconduct of its directors, officers, employees, agents or contractors.

5. Term and Termination

5.1 This Agreement commences on the date of the last signature by a party to the Agreement. The duration of the agreement is three years.

5.2 This Agreement may be extended for an additional term of three (3) years by mutual agreement signed by both parties.

5.3 This agreement may be terminated by a party serving on the other party at least 6 months prior written notice. If the termination date falls during a phase of the Program, the agreement will be terminated after the completion date of that phase of the Program.

6. Controlling Laws

6.1 Before resorting to external dispute resolution mechanisms, the Parties shall attempt to settle by negotiation any dispute in relation to this Agreement.

6.2 This Agreement will be governed by the laws of the United States and the state of Rhode Island during the period that students are enrolled and studying at URI. During that period, the English version of this Agreement shall control.

6.3 This Agreement will be governed by the laws of the People’s Republic of China during the period that students are enrolled and studying at HUST. During that period, the Chinese version of this Agreement shall control.

7. State Agency Permission

The state agency permission attached hereto is incorporated herein by this reference as though set forth herein.
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APPENDIX I

COP Approved Curricula in related programs

During the first year at URI (Year 4 in the program), students are expected to complete the required course work in accordance to the URI COP senior year requirement. Also, during this year students are expected to complete their undergraduate research project as part of HUST undergraduate degree requirements.

The second year at URI (Year 5 in the program), students are required to complete the required course work and/or research work in accordance to the URI COP Master degree requirement.

HUST students wishing to be admitted to the COP must choose among the following courses, depending on which program they would like to be considered for admission at the COP at URI:

Core courses in fourth year (At least 24 credits)
BPS 403 (3 credits) Pharmacokinetics I
BPS 405 (3 credits) Physical Pharmacy
BPS 425 (3 credits) GMP's in the Manufacture of Pharmaceutical Products
BPS 442 (3 credits) Pharmacogenetics and Pharmacogenomics
BPS 443 (2 credits) Manufacturing and Formulation Laboratory
BPS 445 (3 credits) Natural Products/Biotechnological Drugs
BPS 451 (3 credits) Techniques in Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Biology
BPS 504 (3 credits) Pharmacokinetics II
BPS 587 (3 credits) General Pharmacology
PHP 580 (3 credits) Pharmacoeconomic Analysis

Electives in fourth year (At least 6 credits)
BPS 497/498 (2 credit) Experimental Research with faculty
BPS 533 (3 credits) Medicinal Plants
BPS 621 (2 credits) Manufacturing Pharmacy I
BPS 622 (3 credits) Manufacturing Pharmacy II
PHP 503 (2 credits) Health Systems I
PHP 504 (3 credits) Health Systems II
PHP 540 (3 credits) Principles, Methods and Applications of Epidemiology;
PHP 550 (3 credits) Pharmacoepidemiology
PHP 580 (3 credits) Pharmacoeconomics
PHP 680 (3 credits) Legal Environment of Health Administration.

Core courses in fifth year (At least 20 credits)
PHC 502 (3 credits) Drug Development
PHC 520 (1 credits) Pharmaceutical Sciences Journal Club
PHC 597/598 (2 credits) Special topics
BPS 530 (3 credits) Drug Metabolism
BPS 535 (3 credits) Pharmaceutical Biotechnology
PHC 599 (6-9 credits) Master’s Thesis Research
693, 694 (BPS) Seminar I, II (1 each)

Electives in fifth year (At least 10 credits)
BPS 551 (3 credits) Chemistry of Natural Products
BPS 521 (3 credits) Cancer Chemotherapy and Toxicology
BPS 503 (3 credits) Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics for Scientists
BPS 546 (3 credits) Advanced Toxicology
BPS 641 (3 credits) Biochemical Pharmacology
BPS 503 (3 credits) Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics for Scientists

Total URI Pharmaceutical Sciences 3+X Master Degree Program Credits: 30. For more information, go to: http://web.uri.edu/pharmacy/academic/graduate/