

SPECIFIC AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE SCHOOL OF
PHARMACY**

AND

**JAGADGURU SRI SHIVARATHREESHWARA UNIVERSITY (JSS) COLLEGE OF
PHARMACY**

This Specific Agreement is made and entered into on this 28th day of October, 2017 between The Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University, a body politic and corporate of the State of Illinois, Governing Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, (SIUE), on behalf of the SIUE School of Pharmacy (SOP) and Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara University (JSS) on behalf of the JSS College of Pharmacy.

Whereas, SIUE is a nationally accredited higher education university in Edwardsville, Illinois, U.S.A. and JSS University is a higher education academic institution in Mysore and Ootacamund, India.

Whereas, SIUE and JSS University have as a common purpose to expand their capacity to deliver higher education to their citizens, to enrich the global diversity of their students and to promote mutual understanding between members of their two countries;

Whereas, SIUE and JSS University wish to provide for academic cooperation for exchange of their students and faculty within the School of Pharmacy and College of Pharmacy.

Now, therefore, SIUE School of Pharmacy and JSS College of Pharmacy hereby agree to provide said experience under the following terms:

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE)

Southern Illinois University (SIUE) is a comprehensive university offering curricula on its main campus in Edwardsville, Illinois, U.S.A., as well as its dental facility in Alton. Under the leadership of its Chancellor, SIUE provides high quality educational opportunities and services consistent with the needs of the nation, Illinois, and the communities in which its campuses are located. SIUE's main campus is in Edwardsville, with an urban service and teaching center located in East St. Louis, Illinois. SIUE is located 17 miles northeast of St. Louis, Missouri, on the bluffs east of the Mississippi River. As a regional, state-supported university, SIUE services the most populous region of Illinois outside Chicago on a 2600-acre campus. A comprehensive public institution, SIUE's current enrollment is nearly 14,000. It offers over 30 master's degrees and 40 undergraduate degree programs. It is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Over 400 international students from over 50 countries attend SIUE.

1.2 Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara University (JSS)

Jagadguru Sri Shivarathreeshwara (JSS) University is a deemed university located in Mysore, Karnataka. It was established in 2008 under Section 3 of the UGC Act 1956

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and is part of JSS Mahavidyapeetha, which runs a variety of educational institutions. JSS University is focused on medical and health-related studies, and comprises JSS Medical College, JSS Dental College and JSS College of Pharmacy at the main campus in Mysore as well as another Pharmacy College in Ootacamund, Tamil Nadu. With a view to extend the horizons in the field of Health Sciences, the Department of Water and Health, Department of Health System Management Studies and Department of Life Sciences was also started. Today, more than 500 faculty members instruct approximately 4300 undergraduate and graduate students and around 300 research scholars. The Pharm D program offered by JSS University is granted international certification by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), USA.

2. PURPOSE AND OUTCOMES OF THIS SPECIFIC AGREEMENT

- 2.1. The direct exchange programs established under this Specific Agreement are designed to enhance the educational experiences of faculty and students enrolled at both institutions' pharmacy units by providing them with teaching and research opportunities outside their home institution.
- 2.2. Faculty exchanges are designed to diversify the experiential knowledge of faculty who teach courses at SIUE and JSS University, to enhance the integration of international dimensions into the curricula of both institutions, and to provide faculty with the opportunity to develop research initiatives that include international data bases and collaborative efforts with colleagues.
- 2.3. This Specific Agreement will provide faculty with additional alternatives when developing proposals for sabbatical leaves and other forms of professional development.
- 2.4. Student exchanges are designed to enrich and intensify the undergraduate, graduate or professional doctoral degree learning environment.
- 2.5. This Specific Agreement will provide students with additional course alternatives when developing their degree programs or when considering internship or experiential possibilities.
- 2.6. It is therefore assumed that coursework successfully completed as part of a student exchange will be incorporated into existing degree programs.

3. FACULTY EXCHANGES

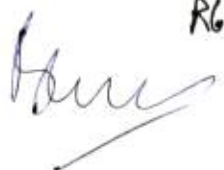
- 3.1. Each institution will assist in providing support for its faculty who wish to engage in teaching, research and scholarly activities as visiting scholars at the host institution. Collaborative teaching and research among the faculty of the two academic units is strongly encouraged and will be supported as appropriate by both institutions.
- 3.2. Each institution will encourage faculty who participate in the exchange program or who are visiting scholars to interact with the faculty, staff, students and other constituencies of the host institution. Of special interest to JSS University and SIUE will be faculty initiatives within their respective pharmacy programs.
- 3.3. Arrangements for interactions between JSS College of Pharmacy and SIUE School of Pharmacy may be formal or informal.

4. PARTICIPATION AND EXPENSES

- 4.1. Except in unusual cases approved in advance and in writing by both institutions, the home institution will continue to pay the salaries and benefits of the faculty who participate under the terms of this agreement.
- 4.2. Non-teaching appointments as visiting scholars will normally be associated with sabbatical or other forms of leave from the home institution.
- 4.3. All participants under this Specific Agreement attending the SIUE School of Pharmacy as a student or faculty member/visiting scholar and who reside off-campus during their stay shall sign a legal release before arriving on campus.
- 4.4. Those who participate under this Specific Agreement will be responsible for arranging and financing their own transportation, lodging and the payment of living expenses, including health insurance.
- 4.5. The host institution will assist the participants with making these arrangements. Final arrangements are the responsibility of the participant.

5. STUDENT EXCHANGES

- 5.1. Each institution will permit selected undergraduate and professional doctoral degree students, where mutually agreed to as appropriate, to study at the host institution and to earn academic credit at their home institutions.
- 5.2. Credits earned under this Specific Agreement will be considered resident credit because the student will register for courses and pay tuition for the number of credit hours the student expects to earn from the home institution while studying at the host institution.
- 5.3. While studying at the host institution under this Specific Agreement, students will be considered continuously enrolled at their home institution.
- 5.4. The courses in which SIUE and JSS University students enroll at the host institution will be determined by the home institution in consultation with the host institution.
- 5.5. Each institution will provide an evaluation of the students' coursework in a form appropriate for each course and according to the policies and practices of each institution to insure that students receive appropriate grades and credits given the work that has been completed at the host institution.
- 5.6. Each home institution will facilitate the conversion of work completed at the host institution into resident credit.
- 5.7. Requirements to participate in this program include
 - 5.7.1. SIUE and JSS University students must have completed a minimum of one full academic year at the home university;
 - 5.7.2. JSS University students are required to purchase health insurance to cover medical treatment in the United States. JSS University students will be able to purchase health insurance coverage through a program negotiated regularly by SIUE. Enrolled students' minor illnesses may be treated at the SIUE Health Center according to University regulations. Hospital and other medical expenses are the responsibility of the student. SIUE students studying at JSS University must hold comparable insurance to other SIUE students.

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5.7.3. Students may perform activities allowed as per the applicable local laws while participating in an internship or experiential course in a professional doctoral degree at the home institution.

5.8 The duration of the exchange will be based on the course that the student is enrolled in at the home institution. The annual number of students exchanged shall be mutually agreed to by both parties but shall not exceed 2 students per academic year or 4 students for one academic term (semester) from each institution any academic year unless additional students are agreed to in writing by both parties.

6. TUITION, FEES AND OTHER PROGRAMMATIC EXPENSES

6.1. Students shall pay tuition* to their home university and shall be exempt from paying tuition that is normally applied to students in the host university.

Definition of tuition*: the amount of money charged by the university to take classes.

6.2. Students will be responsible for any expenses related to professional and/or clinical experiences as specified by Pharmacy Boards.

7. TERMS OF AGREEMENT

7.1. This agreement shall be for 5 years from the date the agreement is fully signed.

7.2. Once this term has expired, the agreement shall be deemed to be automatically renewed for yearly periods until a renewed Agreement is written.

7.3. If either of the two parties wishes to terminate the agreement at any time, it must notify the other party with a minimum of six (6) months advance notice.

7.4. Both parties are authorized to change any of the clauses, by mutual agreement, and to submit the modifications to the competent authorities in their institution for their approval.

8. EVALUATION

8.1. Annually, each institution will collaboratively discuss outcomes of this program.

8.2. At least 1-2 faculty members and/or students will participate annually in an exchange program.

9. NON-DISCRIMINATION

9.1. Neither Party will discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, marital status, sexual orientation or disability and will comply with all of their own relevant national and local discrimination laws, policies, and practices.

10. AMENDMENTS


10.1. No alteration or amendment to this agreement shall be valid unless it is in writing and has been signed by both parties. No modification agreed on orally but which has not been incorporated in the written agreement shall be binding.

11. EXECUTION

11.1. As proof of agreement, the under mentioned sign this document in duplicate. Each party represents that the person executing this Agreement has the full authority to execute such Agreement.

12. ASSIGNMENT

12.1. Neither Party may assign this Agreement, or any portion of it without prior

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written consent of the other party.

13. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

13.1. This Agreement supersedes all previous contracts, agreements or understandings between the Parties with respect to the same subject matter and constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties hereto.

14. SEVERABILITY

14.1. If any term, covenant or condition contained in this Agreement is deemed to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, then the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be construed and enforced with that term, covenant or condition limited so as to make it valid, legal or enforceable to the greatest extent allowed by law, or, if it is totally invalid, illegal or unenforceable, then as if this Agreement did not contain that particular term, covenant or condition. In such event, the remaining provisions of the Agreement shall be valid and enforceable to the extent permitted by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, through their duly authorized officers, accept the above terms effective the day and year of the final signature.



Dr. B. Suresh

Vice Chancellor, JSS University, Mysore, India

28/10/2017 (Date)



Dr. Randy Pembroke
Chancellor, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, U.S.A.

10-28-17 (Date)

Dr. Randy Dunn
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