

## Cooperation agreement for the establishment of a Doctoral Training Program

Between

**University of Rome Tor Vergata**  
(Party to this Agreement)

And

**Evangelic University of Cameroon**  
(Party to this Agreement)

**Whereas** the University of Rome Tor Vergata and the Evangelic University of Cameroon wish to establish a high-quality collaborative doctoral training program for outstanding students under the financial support of the Evangelic University of Cameroon and relative funds;

**And Whereas** the aim of this Agreement is to develop PHD education and research collaborations between the two universities;

**Now therefore**, in consideration of the recitals herein and other valuable considerations, the Parties agree as follows:

### 1 - Purpose of the Agreement

The purpose of this Agreement is as follows: to implement an education track for doctoral studies in

- Immunology, molecular medicine and applied biotechnology,
- Microbiology, immunology, infectious diseases and transplants,
- Tissue engineering and remodeling biotechnologies for body function,
- Medical-surgical sciences,
- Medical-surgical biotechnologies and translation medicine,
- Nursing sciences and public health,
- Materials for health, environmental and energy,
- Law and juridical remedies, private law, comparative law, roman legal system.

at the University of Rome Tor Vergata (subjected to finding willing doctoral co-supervisors) for students sponsored by the Evangelic University of Cameroon, leading to a degree awarded by the University of Rome Tor Vergata.

### 2 - Program Overview

**2.1** - The recruited students shall be accepted by the doctoral program of University of Rome Tor Vergata based on the set doctoral student admission eligibility criteria and that such students receive partial doctoral scholarship funding from the Evangelic University of Cameroon.

**2.2** - The students are expected to spend a maximum of three years for their doctoral studies, with at least two years at the Evangelic University of Cameroon, and up to one year at University of Rome Tor Vergata.

**2.3** - The students are expected to complete all requirements for obtaining the doctoral degree of University of Rome Tor Vergata, and will receive the doctoral degree from University of Rome Tor Vergata.

### **3 - Scientific Fields of Cooperation**

Although Biomedicine is an area of priority, the Parties shall promote collaboration more broadly in other science disciplines, including Environmental, Economics, Human Developmental and other related disciplines (subjected to finding a supervisor who is willing to participate) at both Universities.

### **4 - Entry Criteria**

**4.1** - Candidates must be designated by the Evangelic University of Cameroon as eligible for scholarship support from the Evangelic University of Cameroon and related funds.

**4.2** - Candidates must fulfil all required eligibility criteria for doctoral studies in the relevant Department/School at the University of Rome Tor Vergata.

### **5 - Application and Selection Process**

Applicants will follow the normal process for application to University of Rome Tor Vergata. They will indicate that they wish to be considered under the Evangelic University of Cameroon and University of Rome Tor Vergata Doctoral Studies Agreement.

### **6 - Funding and Research Model**

**6.1** - University of Rome Tor Vergata shall not charge tuition fees to the students registered under this Agreement, except paying their own incidental fees and health insurance costs (UHIP), while residing at University of Rome Tor Vergata.

**6.2** -The maximum length of this program is 4 years. Students are expected to spend at least 2 years of their studies on campus at the Evangelic University of Cameroon, completing the majority of their program requirements (courses and milestone requirements, comprehensives, thesis proposal defence and any other requirements of their specific program) under the supervision of eligible faculty members (their local supervisors). During that period, they will register as "full-time off campus" at University of Rome Tor Vergata, and as such are not liable for tuition or incidental fees and are not eligible for financial support from University of Rome Tor Vergata. The students are expected to spend up to 1 year on campus at University of Rome Tor Vergata. However, those students requiring longer than 3 years to complete the program are not eligible for extra funding from the Evangelic University of Cameroon.

**6.3** - Local supervisors at the Evangelic University of Cameroon should apply for an Adjunct Faculty status at the University of Rome Tor Vergata, Co-supervisors from both Universities shall serve on the supervisory committee, if permitted by the Department concerned, and if permitted by the relevant Associate Dean, Graduate Studies, in the Faculty concerned.

## **7 - Coordinators of Activities**

The Evangelic University of Cameroon appoints the following official as a coordinator of activities:

Prof. Vittorio Colizzi

University of Rome Tor Vergata appoints the following as a coordinator of activities:

Prof. Carla Montesano

## **8 - Agreement Duration**

The Cooperation Agreement shall be effective for six years, from the date of last signing of this agreement.

## **9 - Notices**

**9.1** - Any notice to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and addressed to the coordinator of activities (as described in Section 7 above).

**9.2** - Notice will be deemed given (i) when verified by written receipt if sent by courier, or when received if sent by mail without verification of receipt or (ii) when verified by automated receipt or electronic logs if sent by facsimile or email. Notices sent by facsimile or email should be followed as soon as possible by original signed documents.

## **10 - Non-Exclusivity**

This Agreement in no way restricts the Institutions from participating in similar activities or arrangements with others.

## **11 - Media Releases**

Any media releases resulting from this Agreement shall be coordinated with the Communications and Media Departments, or similar departments, of both Parties.

## **12 - Dispute Resolution**

Any disputes in connection with this Agreement shall be settled by negotiation between the parties through their designated contact persons, as decided upon by mutual agreement between the Parties.

## **13 - Independent Institutions**

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to create or imply a joint venture, partnership, principal-agent or employment relationship between the Parties.

**In witness where of** the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the dates shown hereunder:



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