

**AFFILIATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN**

**L'ECOLE DES HAUTES ETUDES EN SANTÉ PUBLIQUE**

**AND**

**THE TRUSTEES OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK**

L' École des Hautes Etudes en Santé Publique (EHESP) (Institution) and The Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York, on behalf of its School of Public Health (Mailman School of Public Health), wish to join in the following agreement in order to further a privileged relationship between the Institutions by promoting mutual cooperation on education and scientific research. This privileged relationship recognizes both institutions' desire to foster leadership and excellence in public health education and research nationally and internationally by establishing bridges where fields and history once divided, supporting novel ideas where status quo prevailed, in an effort to create, shape and nurture the public health for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

1. Within fields that are mutually acceptable, the following general forms of cooperation may be pursued:
  - a. Exchanges of scientific material and information;
  - b. Enrollment of visiting graduate doctoral students, masters students for educational or research electives for periods of 6-24 weeks;
  - c. Joint supervision of doctoral studies or theses;
  - d. Appointment of postdoctoral research fellows for periods of 1-3 years;
  - e. Visiting, temporary, renewable term or joint appointments of faculty members and research scholars;
  - f. Joint mentorship programs as well as faculty exchanges;
  - g. Joint and comparative research activities and organization of joint conferences
  - h. Editorial collaboration in scientific journals;
  - i. Joint research and teaching activities in each Institution affiliated centers or platforms around the world, as agreed by the Deans of the schools, the responsible instances and the Centers directors.
  - j. Reid hall utilization for joint programs or programs of mutual interest, including teaching and research.
2. At the time of this agreement, some initial areas of potential collaboration have been identified. They include:
  - a. epidemiology (particularly cardiovascular disease, aging and social epidemiology), with a focus on chronic disease

- b. comparative studies of health systems, health determinants and outcomes, urban health. EHESP and MSPH will conduct comparative studies of health systems, health determinants and outcomes, aiming at learning from each other and creating the foundations for a better public health in the future. Access to databases of the French health system in France as well as relevant US databases in NY and the US will also be made possible. All access will respect the reciprocal constraints of confidentiality norms.
- c. Teaching expertise in exchange of research placement. A pilot program where Columbia off-shore trainees and qualified research staff could be sent for training to EHESP in exchange for placement of EHESP students in Columbia off-shore collaborative sites may be studied. The proposal calls for waiving of EHESP tuition fees in exchange for all-inclusive placement of EHESP students at MSPH collaborative sites for practica and/or master's essays. Details of quotas and ratios will need to be determined.
- d. Joint conference on Comparative US and French Health Systems in Spring 2010, organized by SciencesPo/ EHESP Center for Public Health Policy Analysis, and Mailman School of Public Health. Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health would be the coordinating US interlocutor.
- e. Public Health Reviews has been acquired by EHESP School of Public Health. The Editorial Board will comprise an international roster of recognized scientists. Columbia MSPH will have two seats on the Board, one of them being the Dean. Similar to the collaboration between the Am J of Epidemiology and Epidemiologic Reviews, the two Deans discussed the possibility of having PHR be affiliated with AJPH whose editorship is at Columbia MSPH. Columbia will initiate discussions with the American Public Health Association to that effect. Such collaboration will further link the two institutions in the public view.
- f. Searching for innovative, productive and forward-looking ways to utilize Reid hall (the Columbia University campus in Paris), for joint programs or programs of mutual interest, including teaching and research. This agreement could allow access to 4 to 5 classrooms for public health classes as well as 5-7 offices for EHESP (and possibly Columbia) faculty working towards the goals and spirit of this agreement. For the utilization of that space, EHESP would contribute utilization fees. In the spirit of this agreement, Columbia proposes that these fees contribute to a trust fund allowing for competitive funding of Columbia University scholars and students to collaborate with EHESP counterparts.
- g. Collaboration on the Executive MPH/Executive MBA program. Faculty from both institutions will teach at the other institution as determined by specific agreement. As part of their Executive

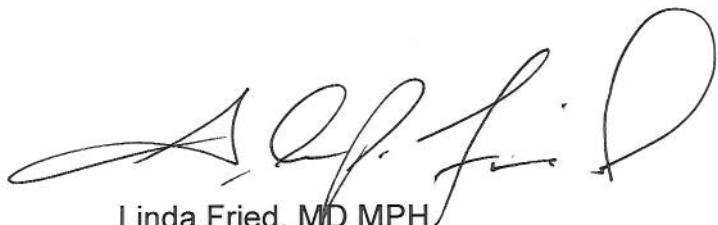
program, students will also have the possibility to spend time at the other institution where joint classes with the other institution's executive students will be held.

- h. Social sciences, particularly research on the subject of risk and its perception.
  - i. This initial list does not preclude other areas of collaboration.
- 3. Each institution shall require that any student or faculty member who participates in a cooperative agreement program under this Agreement shall meet the other institution's standards of maturity, ability and health, including proof of routine immunizations. Each institution shall require that any visiting student, research fellow, or faculty member carry adequate health insurance and not permit this coverage to lapse while the student, fellow or faculty member is participating in the cooperative program. The home institution and its students will be insured, as provided under the host university's policies, against any malpractice liability occurred in the course of undertaking the activities, including clinical activities if any.
- 4. Before beginning any collaborative research or any faculty exchanges in which faculty may perform research activities at the host institution, the parties agree, in writing, on matters relating to any intellectual property that may be developed through such research.
- 5. These activities are to be carried out after mutual consultation between the two institutions or the divisions thereof concerned. Regarding visiting students, each institution will nominate its own students for participation, but final admission is determined by the receiving institution. A joint admission committee or communication between the committees at both institutions may be encouraged.
- 6. The Mailman School and EHESP will waive tuition and registration fees for visiting students under this Agreement. An agreement will be reached on limits on the maximum number of credits that can be taken by one student and the number of students who can participate at any given time. A curriculum committee will be formed to determine which courses fit the requirements for substitution credit at each institution. The host institution will help visiting students in finding suitable housing but all participants will be responsible for their own travel and living expenses during visits at the other institution. For the purposes of this Agreement, the parties may make full or partial use of any financial support offered by public or private bodies of such institutions.
- 7. Columbia University and EHESP will facilitate the placement of students in specific respective and relevant international sites. This agreement does not grant either party an automatic right to a site placement, but authorizes the general mechanism. Further detailed agreement shall be carried

under the umbrella of this general Agreement. The initial agreement may target Columbia University Centers in sub-Saharan Africa, particularly the francophone countries, as well as EHESP Centers in Mali and Laos.

8. The studies undertaken and the examinations passed at EHESP will be acknowledged by Columbia and vice versa. On the basis of this Agreement, students taking part in exchanges will remain registered and pay tuition at their home Institution and may not obtain their final qualification at the other institution.
9. During their time at the host institution, exchange or visiting students and faculty will be granted customary privileges such as: an institutional email address, proper institution identification, access to library facilities, and space.
10. While maintaining their own rights and independence, each institution agrees to consult in good faith with the other before engaging in collaborative programs that may appear to bring unfair strain to this affiliation agreement, in either the research subject matter if it is ongoing, or the nature of the other potential affiliate.
11. This Agreement will remain in effect for a period of five academic years from the date of signing, at which time it will be reviewed for possible renewal for a further five-year period.
12. Amendments or termination of this Agreement may be made at any time through mutual written consent of the two parties.
13. As faculty at the Mailman School and at EHESP, Moïse Desvarieux will further bridge both institutions and will have his office in Reid Hall.

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