

**AGREEMENT FOR THE PH.D. PROGRAM IN
HEALTH PROMOTION AND COGNITIVE SCIENCES**

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BETWEEN

the Università degli Studi di Palermo, legally represented by the interim Rector Prof. Massimo Midiri, born in a Palermo on 30 march 1962, tax code n. 80023730825

AND

The LITHUANIAN SPORTS UNIVERSITY, legally represented by the interim Rector Prof. Diana Rėklaitienė, born in Kaunas on 26 February 1974, code no. 47402260246

PROVIDED THAT

- a) the art. 4, act 210/98 sets the rules for Ph.D. programs
- b) the art. 19, act 240/2010 refers to provisions on Ph.D. programs
- c) the Ministerial decree n. 45, 8th February 2013) published in the Official Government Journal n. 104 on 6th May 2013 (art. 10) sets the rules for Ph.D. programs in cooperation with foreign institutions;
- d) the Università degli Studi di Palermo regulations for Ph.D. programs were approved by the University Senate on 13th February 2018,
- e) the Ministerial decree of 25th January 2018 sets the amount of Ph.D. Scholarship;
- f) the activation of the Ph.D. program in Health Promotion and Cognitive Sciences at the Università degli Studi di Palermo is subject to the decisions taken by the University Government Bodies for the academic year in which the program will be activated;
- g) The LITHUANIAN SPORTS UNIVERSITY will provide advisory opinion for each academic year.

Being all the above provisions an integral part of this agreement to activate the Ph.D. program, the following is agreed upon and stipulated:

ART. 1

(Administrative Head Office)

The Università degli Studi di Palermo, considering what stated in paragraph D, is committed to activate the Ph.D. program in *Health Promotion and Cognitive Sciences* and Administrative Head Office of the program is the Università degli Studi di Palermo.

Every Ph.D. program will cover a period of three years.

Procedures for admittance to the program will be specified in the call notice.

The Administrative Head Office at LITHUANIAN SPORTS UNIVERSITY able to provide the info related to the PhD Program is located at the Department of Doctoral Studies and Research.

ART. 2

(Program management)

The Università degli Studi di Palermo and LITHUANIAN SPORTS UNIVERSITY will coordinate the advanced research activities at an international level.

Both Institutions are committed to the program activation for the entire three-year period and to make available the facilities as well as the operating, scientific, bibliographic, and educational equipment functional to the program.

Both Universities shall provide the necessary teaching and administrative staff from the Schools and Departments where the program will take place.

Each University will support the expenses for their department member and student mobility that will transfer to carry out activities in the partner University.

ART. 3

(Ph.D. Faculty Board)

the Ph.D. Department Board is established according regulations of the Università degli Studi di Palermo, to operate and manage the Ph.D. program.

Faculty members of LITHUANIAN SPORTS UNIVERSITY can concur provided that they meet the research evaluation requirements, for this purpose established by the hosting Department in Palermo on the basis of their scientific curriculum. Other members can be part of the Ph.D. Department Board and they participate in the final evaluation of the Ph.D. program.

The Department Board of the Ph.D. program in Health Promotion and Cognitive Sciences, is in charge to develop and operate the Ph.D. course.

The Ph.D. Department Board:

- defines the scientific areas of the course
- states the educational objectives and activities
- organizes the specific educational activities to achieve the Ph.D. degree, specifying methods and considering the available teaching, scientific and educational facilities and equipment's, the services available to students and faculties, as well as the student needs.

The Ph.D. Department Board also guarantees active participation of all partner institutions in the implementation of program activities.

ART. 4
(Assistantships and financial participation)

The Università degli Studi di Palermo will finance Ph.D. assistantships for the entire period of the program (three years).

At least students for each cycle will get the Ph.D. degree Health Promotion and Cognitive Sciences, officially approved by Università degli Studi di Palermo and by the LITHUANIAN SPORTS UNIVERSITY. LITHUANIAN SPORTS UNIVERSITY will support the program by providing mentoring and research lab activities carried out also in Lithuania.

ART. 5
(Program activities)

Each University must provide for:

- the exchange of Department members, researchers and graduate students participating in the Ph.D. program to implement research and educational programs established jointly;
- participation in the operating bodies and evaluating committees of their Ph.D. programs;
- granting of the official title of the Ph.D. degree which is recognized in the Countries of the partner institutions;
- access to facilities and libraries of both institutions;
- access and use of research equipment available in both institutions.

Each partner institution might provide a minimum of 1 year of research activities in the form of lectures, educational courses, seminars, mentoring, and research lab trainings.

All Ph.D. students must spend at least twelve (12) months at LSU, during which LITHUANIAN SPORTS UNIVERSITY will provide the facilities, educational and research activities (Local students fee must be applied, if required) in the field of Health Promotion and Cognitive Sciences established by the Ph.D. Board. All Ph.D. students must follow the same preparatory program activities carried out in Italy and in Lithuania. Students need to fulfil all the access regulations at both Institutions, and they must complete all the requirements at both Institutions for the development of their PhD studies.

ART. 6
(Program responsibilities)

The enforcement of this agreement is the responsibility of the Ph.D. Coordinators. The activities carried out under the present cooperation are open to the Ph.D. Department Board members and to enrolled students. The Ph.D. Department Board of each partner institution will include at least one faculty member from the other institution complying with the requirements indicated in art. 4, section b) of Ministerial Decree n. 45 of 8th February 2013.

ART. 7
(Student mobility)

Doctoral students will be enrolled at both universities. During the academic year corresponding to periods of stay at LSU, the student will pay the enrolment fees at this university. For the rest of the academic years, the students must formalize the enrolment at LSU, although they may ask for the exemption from paying fees in case of paying in the second University. Students need to fulfil all the access requirements for both Institutions, and they will need to complete all stages in the development of his/her PhD according to the regulations of both Institutions.

Students with grants will carry out planned educational activities at the partner institution for a minimum period (uninterrupted or not) of one year.

Students will carry out their research activities under the direction of two Advisors (Italian and Lithuanian) that will be both responsible for and control the thesis work; they will also act as research leaders for each Ph.D. student.

Students will have to present annually a detailed report on educational research advancements; their learning will be evaluated with procedures established by the Ph.D. Department Board and only students positively evaluated will be admitted to the following year or final defense. The Ph.D. thesis will be written in English or Italian and defended in the language of one of the partner institutions or in English.

The student will have also to prepare a thesis summary in the two official languages (Italian, and English) of the partner institutions.

The Ph.D. thesis will be defended in one of the partner institutions in front of a joint evaluation committee. The committee will be composed of an equal number of representatives of each institution, according to their respective regulations.

The institutions will provide guest students with access to educational and research facilities needed to carry out their Ph.D. activities. In addition, the institutions will offer to the guest students the same services available to their own students.

Faculties, researchers and students participating in this agreement will be provided medical care, within the limits of existing international agreements on mutual guarantees and assistance.

ART. 8
(Degree title)

Students will be awarded with the PhD degree in Health Promotion and Cognitive Sciences of the Università degli Studi di Palermo, and with the PhD degree in the LITHUANIAN SPORTS UNIVERSITY, in *Health Promotion and Cognitive Sciences*, to their respective regulations.

ART. 9**(Duration of the agreement)**

This agreement shall take effect when executed by the parties, referring to as the first year of the program, and shall terminate at the end of the program. The agreement will be considered automatically renewed for the next six years after the signature, unless one of the Institutions will cancel it within 6 months before the end of the program.

ART. 10**(Registration of the agreement)**

The registration of the present document will be carried out according to the procedure officially established by each University and following modifications; registration fees will be charged only to the requesting party.

The present agreement will be edited in two original copies, one for each partner Institution.

ART. 11**(Final instructions)**

Both universities are committed to resolving any discrepancies by consensus and compliance with the principles of good faith and cooperation between the two institutions.

Any arising controversy, according to the present agreement, will be settled by the Court House of Palermo and Kaunas.

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