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# LIC/ PHD student funding agreement

**Agreement between Mid Sweden University and Workforce Development**

**Ministry of Public Health, Thailand regarding funding of third-cycle studies up to Degree of Licentiate/ Degree of Doctor**

# 1. Background

Third-cycle studies are regulated by the national rules and regulations of the Higher Education Act and the Higher Education Ordinance, but also by the local rules and regulations of the Department of Nursing sciences at Mid Sweden University. These are the rules, regulations and ordinances that regulate third-cycle studies and no other agreements och contracts can rescind them. The Higher Education Ordinance demands funding for the entire third-cycle studies and at the same time, the working conditions of the Lic/PhD student

are regulated by both the Higher Education Ordinance and the local agreements decided by the faculties. If the Lic/PhD student is not employed by one of the departments of the faculty, an agreement which regulates the funding and working conditions of the Lic/PhD student is needed. The Parties signing the agreement shall be updated on national and international regulations regarding third-cycle studies. Within the framework of the above mentioned background the following terms have been agreed upon between Mid Sweden University and Praboromarajchanok Institute for Health, Workforce Development, Ministry of Public Health in Thailand

# 2. extent

This is an agreement regarding funding of third-cycle studies between Praboromarajchanok Institute for Health, Workforce Development, Ministry of Public Health in Thailand, hereinafter referred to as The Company, and The Department of Nursing sciences at Mid Sweden University, hereinafter referred to as The Department. The condition of the agreement is that the Lic/PhD student is admitted to third-cycle studies at the Faculty of Human Sciences at Mid Sweden University.

# 3. working conditions

The Department must make sure that the Lic/PhD student can devote him or herself to the third-cycle studies 100 % of full-time. The individual study plan shall regulate the working conditions in detail.

# 4. employment

The Lic/PhD student is employed and maintains his or her normal workplace in the Company during the entire third-cycle studies. The Company has employer’s responsibility for the Lic/PhD student with the exception of supervisor responsibility for the research/ education. Mid Sweden University does not have any employer’s responsibility in accordance with this agreement. The location for the third-cycle studies is Sundsvall (Mid Sweden University).

## 5. duration of agreement

This agreement comes into force on the day when the Lic/PhD student has been admitted to third-cycle studies and terminates when he or she has completed all of the obligations for the Degree of Licentiate/ Degree of Doctor (whichever occurs first), however no longer than 31 August 2018. The condition for the agreement is that the Lic/PhD student must be admitted to third-cycle studies at Mid Sweden University. If a doctoral student substantially neglects his or her undertakings in the individual study plan, the Vice-Chancellor shall decide that the doctoral student is no longer entitled to supervision and other study resources (Higher Education Ordinance, Chapter 6, section 30). The University and the Company may then terminate the agreement. Leave of absence may be granted by Mid Sweden University if applied for.

There will be a review of the third-cycle studies at the beginning of each term (twice a year) with representatives/supervisors from the Company and the Department.

## 6. commitment of the department

The Department commits to

* pay for a principal supervisor from Mid Sweden University
* pay for a joint office with infrastructure at Mid Sweden University
* provide the infrastructure, equipment and a workplace necessary to complete the third-cycle studies
* annually pay expenses the Lic/PhD student has up to 20 000 SEK for travel, conferences, seminars and external courses that have been decided upon by the supervisors after approval of the Department and the Company

The individual study plan shall regulate the commitment of the Department on a more detailed level.

# 7. commitment of the COMPANY

The Company commits to

* pay 100% of the salary of the Lic /PhD
* offer a an assistant supervisor
* ensure that the Lic/PhD student may ease the normal workload to the extent necessary in accordance with current rules and regulations to be able to fulfill the student’s individual study plan and education

## 8. COMMITMENT OF THE LIC/ PhD STUDENT

The individual study plan regulates the commitment of the Lic/PhD student, such as a detailed plan for the thesis work. The student must be physically present at Campus Sundsvall during the first study year.

## 9. PUBLICATION

The Lic/PhD student has the right to publish results in accordance with standard academic procedures. Research results may be used freely in education and in the research and development work of the Company.

## 10. RIGHT TO RESULTS

The PhD student is employed by the Company and thereby, the Company’s rules of ownership and publication are applicable. The Company has the rights to all reports the student may produce in accordance with the Company.

# 11. DISPUTES BETWEEN THE UniversitY AND THE COMPANY

Insofar a dispute arises in reference to this agreement; the Parties shall in the first place attempt to solve it through negotiation between the Parties. In cases where the amount in dispute does not exceed 5 MSEK, a dispute between the Parties in reference to this agreement shall be solved through arbitration according to the rules of expedited arbitration of the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce. If the amount of dispute exceeds 5 MSEK, a dispute between the Parties in reference to this agreement shall be solved in accordance with Swedish arbitration law. The arbitration procedure shall take place in Sundsvall. However, each of the Parties has the right to turn to the general court to receive payment for indisputable claims that are due.

This agreement has been drawn up in three (3) copies. After approval, each party will receive one copy.

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Workforce Development

Ministry of Public Health Mid Sweden University Lic /PhD student

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