



MONASH University
Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences

Khon Kaen University



A LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
the School of Psychology, Psychiatry and Psychological Medicine,
Monash University, Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences,
Australia
AND
the Faculty of Nursing, Khon Kaen University, Khon Kaen, Thailand

This document outlines the terms of collaboration between the School of Psychology, Psychiatry and Psychological Medicine, Monash University (hereinafter referred to as the School) and the Faculty of Nursing, Khon Kaen University (hereinafter referred to as KKU).

I. Student placement at the School

1. KKU PhD students will be placed at the School during 2006-2010 for a period of six months.
2. While it is not an absolute requirement, it is to students' advantage to have English proficiency equivalent to IELTS 6.
3. KKU students will be provided with the following academic support:
 - ◆ Academic advisers to work with them on developing their research protocol (aims, objectives, methods), data analysis and publications
 - ◆ Participation in the School's research seminars
 - ◆ Participation and contribution to the School's PhD students' activities

- ◆ Access to office space, printing and computers facilities, including email and internet
 - ◆ Access to library facilities
4. For each student placed at the School, KKU will pay a fee of \$2,500. Return airfares, accommodation, health cover, and living allowance in Melbourne are the responsibility of the students themselves or KKU.
 5. The Head of School will report to KKU Dean on the overall performance of each student at the end of the placement.

II. Staff collaboration

School and KKU will actively pursue research and training collaboration as outlined below:

1. School academic staff will give lectures and research seminars as well as conduct relevant workshops of diverse length (ranging from one day to one week) for KKU academic supervisors and doctoral students. Dates and topics of these workshops (e.g. effective postgraduate supervision, qualitative social science research methods, writing for publication) will be those mutually agreed upon between KKU and the School. Financial support will be negotiated for each workshop individually.
2. KKU supervisors and other academic staff visiting their KKU PhD students or the School, when appropriate, will contribute to the training provided to undergraduate and postgraduate students at the School. They will also be expected to contribute to other relevant academic activities at the School. KKU staff will have access to all academic activities in the School and will be entitled to office space, computer and printing facilities and access to the library.
3. KKU and the School also agree to explore possibilities of staff exchanges and research collaboration.

IV. Future collaboration

KKU and School of Psychology, Psychiatry and Psychological Medicine will explore the possibility of further collaboration beyond February 2010, based on the broad principles of this Letter of Understanding.



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