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Education Act no. 1/2011

Charter of the George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science, and Technology of Târgu Mureș

REGULATION OF ORGANISATION AND OPERATION OF DEPARTMENTAL CENTRES FOR MEDICAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH OF THE GEORGE EMIL PALADE UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE, PHARMACY, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY OF TÂRGU MUREȘ

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Chapter I. General dispositions

Art. 1. Departmental centres for medical and pharmaceutical research can be organised within the faculty Departments of the George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science, and Technology from Târgu Mureş, as non-legal bodies, based on the provisions of art. 133 par. 2 of the Education Act no. 1/2011.

- **Art. 2.** The headquarters of each Research Centre is established by the Department Council, within the premises of the research or administrative, didactic activity of the University or of partner institutions. Depending on the existing work teams, different extensions / work points can be organised.
- **Art. 3**. The Centre functions for an indeterminate time period and it can be wound up or reorganised through decision of the University management.
- **Art. 4.** Departmental Research Centres are set up in order to contribute to the development of research activity, by stimulating clinical and fundamental research activities, interdisciplinary research, materialised through ISI publications and research grants.
- **Art 5.** The activity of Departmental Research Centres is subject to the internal rules of UMFST Tg. Mureş, contracts being concluded by and with the agreement of UMFST Tg. Mureş.

Chapter II. Objectives of Departmental Research Centres

- **Art. 6**. The objectives of the Departmental Research Centres are mainly:
- (1) stimulating university scientific research
- (2) stimulating interdisciplinary scientific research
- (3) stimulating the completion of scientific research activities through ISI publications and grants
- (4) involving students in the research process
- (5) stimulating the formation of competitive research teams
- (6) developing an attractive research environment in order to involve students, doctoral students, master students, and residents in the research process.



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Chapter III. Organisation of Departmental Research Centres

Art. 7. A Departmental Research Centre comprises Research Laboratories that operate within the disciplines, each laboratory being focused on specific research topics.

Art. 8. The Research Laboratories are constituted by the free association of teaching staff around active scientific personalities who assume the responsibility for coordinating the research carried out within the laboratory.

Art. 9. Each laboratory is led by a Head of Laboratory who organises the laboratory research activity.

Art. 10. Inclusion of new laboratories in the structure of the centre is possible at any time during the year, with approval of the Administrative Board of the Centre.

Art. 11. The Research Laboratories carry out their activity independently, under direct coordination of the Head of Laboratory, stress being laid on interdisciplinary research.

Chapter IV. Management of the Research Centre

Art.12. The Research Centre is coordinated by an Administrative Board, including the Director of the Centre and the Heads of Research Laboratories. The positions of a director and laboratory head are not management positions according to the Education Act no. 1/2011 and consequently they do not benefit from a management allowance.

Art.13. The Director of the Centre is elected through vote by the Centre members, being a well-known scientific personality, whose research activity has been materialised through ISI publications and research grants, according to national standards. Any member of the Centre staff may apply for this position, candidates being proposed or self-proposed. The Centre Director may be revoked at the initiative of a majority of the Centre members through voting.

Art.14. The Administrative Board has the following duties:

- (1) establishes the scientific strategy of the centre
- (2) identifies and proposes new research topics
- (3) ensures the coordination of research activities
- (4) informs the members of the centre about new opportunities of financing the research activity
- (5) analyses the activity report and performance criteria obtained by each laboratory based on biannual reports.



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Chapter V. Members' Rights and Obligations

Art.15. The members of the Research Centre have the following rights:

- (1) to benefit from the research infrastructure of the centre
- (2) to develop scientific collaboration relations on behalf of the centre
- (3) to propose new research topics
- (4) to receive assistance in finalising publications

Art. 16. The members of the Research Centre have the following obligations:

- (1) to carry out the research activity according to the principles of research ethics
- (2) to finalise the research activity through publications (especially ISI publications) and participate in research grants
 - (3) to observe the internal regulations of the university
 - (4) to observe the provisions of this Regulation
 - (5) to submit proposals of scientific research to research competitions

Chapter VI. Collaborations

Art.17. In order to carry out the research activity and obtain quantifiable results, the Centre may establish collaborations with public or private clinical and research units, which will be regulated by protocols approved by the Administrative Board of the Centre and by the University Administrative Board.

Art.18. In order to attract students in the research process, a student scientific circle affiliated to the centre can be set up, including students interested in the research topics of the centre and whose members will participate in the scientific and research activity, materialised through scientific papers and other publications. Activity of student scientific circles within the Research Centre will be subject to the Regulation on the organisation and functioning of student scientific circles.

Art.19. Departmental Research Centres may join or establish collaborative relationships with one another or with other research units as well as with members from other departments, based on joint research interests.

The Senate of the George Emil Palade University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of Tîrgu Mureş approved the present regulation on January 10, 2013, the date on which it enters into force.