

# Memorandum of Understanding Akamai University, USA & Neuropuncture, Inc., USA

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into between Akamai University, USA and Neuropuncture, Inc., USA, launched in 2021 and revised Sept. 7, 2023.

## 1. Parties to Agreement:

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**2. Date:** 27 December 2021, Updated 07 September 2023, Nov. 9, 2023

**3. Regarding:** Memorandum of Agreement

## 4. Missions of Parties:

### 4.1 Akamai University

Akamai University is dedicated to improving human and planetary health. Our mission is founded on the premise that amelioration of world problems and the creation of sustainable lifestyles, racial equality / justice, and interconnected global practices of sustainability of the planet are the hallmarks of responsible individual and corporate world citizenship. Akamai is legally established by corporate charter and operating under approved bylaws in good standing as a non-profit degree-

granting institution under the laws and regulations of the State of Hawaii with our academic program located to a new site in Hawaii. Administration is currently moved to the State of North Carolina after its original founding in Hawaii in 2002. Akamai University is a premier accredited University with the Accreditation Service for International Schools, Colleges and Universities (ASIC), United Kingdom which is a member of Council for Higher Education Accreditation. (CHEA) International Quality Group.

#### **4.2 Neuropuncture, Inc.**

Neuropuncture is the clinical manual of a groundbreaking acupuncture system that incorporates neuroscience into its clinical applications for pain management, orthopedic conditions, and internal medicine.

Neuropuncture is the only complete neuroscience acupuncture system that provides consistent, clinically reproducible neuroscience electrical acupuncture training which includes:

- training in neuroscience electrical acupuncture
- learning 21st century acupuncture medical language
- studying research supported electrical acupuncture treatment prescriptions

#### **5. Purpose of Agreement**

The objective of this memorandum is to map out the roles and responsibilities of Akamai University and Neuropuncture, Inc. in co-delivery of degree programs in acupuncture building on qualified acupuncturists. It is the intention of the cooperating parties that educational programs shall be delivered at a high standard of academic quality and the parties shall maintain a high degree of institutional integrity in conduct of their affairs giving practicing acupuncturist to complete advanced studies leading to a Doctor Neuroscience Acupuncture (DNA) degree.

This Doctor of Neuroscience Acupuncture (DNA) program is designed to incorporate advanced on-line teaching programs with exams also given on-line. The final portion of the program will have each student completing an original dissertation or project on a topic of their choice that is supervised by AU faculty and Neuropuncture Inc. All parts of this program will utilize advanced distance learning techniques which can be accessed on a world-wide basis.

#### **6. Duration of this Agreement**

The initial duration of this agreement shall be 5 years from the date of final approval of the agreement. The agreement may be renewed for an additional period to be determined by the parties. The University shall review the progress of the agreement annually on the anniversary date of the agreement and provide a written status report to Neuropuncture, Inc. A similar status report will be submitted to Akamai by Neuropuncture, Inc.

#### **7. Applicability of this Agreement**

Neuropuncture Inc. and Akamai University both recognize the other as a quality learning institution with a high standard of education and is pleased to jointly offer these joint programs.

#### **8. Akamai Promotional Permissions**

The parties shall be permitted to use logos and web links on their websites and describe the collaborative program making use of the script from this memorandum and as otherwise appropriate and approved.

## **9. Overview of Admittance to Akamai Degree**

Akamai University shall honor 30 credits earned at Neuropuncture Inc. to be used as appropriate for earned equivalency credits for the required 52 credits for a doctoral degree, by this MOU, for all credits earned under approved classes and instructors,. **This includes 6 credits in research must also completed or transferred in from previous studies as acceptable credit. This requirement is verified by both parties.**

AU accreditation approval, ASIC requires 25% of the degree must be given through AU faculty. This is compromised of the finishing activities.

1. Finishing Required Courses for Doctor Neuroscience Acupuncture Program
  - 1.1 EXM 980 Exam of degree coursework as foundation for dissertation / project
  - 1.2 RES 985 Dissertation / Project Proposal = 4 credits
  - 1.3 Res. 990 Dissertation / Project = 8 credits
  - 1.4 EXM 995 Oral Review of Completed Dissertation / Project – 2 credits
2. Akamai shall admit qualified applicants with existing acupuncture licensing and/or graduation recommended from an approved school of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, who will study under the cooperative DNA program of Akamai University and Neuropuncture, Inc.
3. The initial stage of qualifications is done by Neuropuncture, Inc. as outlined in this MOU. They verify all required coursework is in place to enter the degree at the finishing activities level. The qualification and basic verification is submitted by Dr. Corradino to then be used and evaluated by Dr. Bulbrook, AU current president or her associate. An individualized study plan is initiated and signed by both Dr. Corradino and Dr. Bulbrook or their designated authorizing associated and sent to the student for their signing including the DNA tuition agreement and method of completing the requirements.
4. Neuropuncture, Inc. verified appropriate malpractice insurance is secured by applicant and documented by Neuropuncture, Inc. to cover the acupuncturist practice.
5. Course work in ethics must be also documented and achieved to enter the program as well as licensure that might need to be added as well.

## **10. Jurisdiction, Disputes, and Termination of Agreement**

### **10.1 Jurisdiction**

This agreement is entered into within the State of Hawaii and as is necessary is subject to the laws of the State of Hawaii and the United States of America. This agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with those laws and is not subject to the laws of any other country nor shall the courts of any other country have jurisdiction.

### **10.2 Handling of Disputes**

Neuropuncture, Inc. and Akamai University agree to reconcile disputes through mediation, and, if that fails, by binding arbitration, costs shared equally. In case of dispute, the Arbitration Law shall apply, as it is understood by the International

Chambers of Commerce. All arbitration proceedings will be under the rules and regulations of USA.

### **10.3 Student Disputes**

Under no circumstances, will Akamai be held responsible for any dispute arising between students and Neuropuncture, Inc., for actions that are contrary to the stipulations in this agreement, or that fall outside normally expected modes of ethical business operations. However, Akamai will extend full cooperation to Neuropuncture, Inc. for addressing such disputes by providing any information that may help in resolving such disputes. Students entering Akamai degree programs because of this MOU, shall agree and be bound by mediation and arbitration as the sole means for resolving conflicts with Akamai and Neuropuncture, Inc. shall require all student participants to sign an agreement that they shall handle disputes according to this policy.

### **10.4 Compliance with the Law**

Akamai University and Neuropuncture, Inc. shall establish the needed policies, procedures and standards as required to comply with all applicable laws and regulations that may apply to students during their DNA studies. Neuropuncture, Inc. has sole responsibility to comply with legal licensing responsibilities at the training site. Neuropuncture Inc. has the responsibility of the licensed practitioner operating legally in the place of clinical work. Neuropuncture, Inc. is solely responsible legally for the practice of its students outside of the educational parameters. *Any project or research conducted as part of the educational requirements must follow IRB standards and protocols that are compatible with legal requirements in the place where service is conducted.*

### **10.5 AU & Neuropuncture, Inc. Students Must Operate in Compliance with Local Regulations to Legally Practice or provide their Service**

While in progress with educational studies and requirements, where applicable, AU and Neuropuncture Inc. students must operate under a Code of Ethics and legal requirements and regulations that are required in their location. AU nor Neuropuncture Inc. are responsible to initial and oversee these requirements and are not held liable for breach of the contracts in place between the students and their community, state, or country. Students are expected to provide documentation as appropriate to follow local regulations.

### **10.6 Students Required to Carry Liability Insurance**

All students are expected to show proof of professional liability insurance for their practice and / or service. AU nor Neuropuncture Inc. are responsible for any claims regarding the students practice nor service. Neuropuncture, Inc. as part of admittance of the student must verify the students has liability insurance.

### **10.7 Cancellation of Agreement**

**Cancellation for Breach.** Any party may terminate this MOU with a written notice served by telefax or post if it is found that any party has breached or infringed on any of the major terms of the MOU. The parties may also demand compensation for actual

and documented losses incurred because of such major breach or infringement or failure to be settled by arbitration.

**Cancellation by Mutual Agreement.** This Memorandum may also be terminated by mutual agreement among the parties. All special cancellation stipulations shall apply.

**Unilateral Cancellation.** Any party may cancel this agreement at any time for any reason, with reasonable prior notice of at least three months. All special cancellation stipulations shall apply.

### **10.8 Special Cancellation Stipulations**

If any party cancels this agreement, the parties remain obligated to pay promptly any fees owed and to finish instructing or working with any students who have paid tuition, or to refund such tuition payments according to the policies of Akamai University, and according to respective laws governing such actions.

### **10.9 Force Majeure**

No party shall be liable for any failure or delay in performance under this agreement (other than for delay in the payment of money due and payable hereunder) to the extent said failures or delays are proximately caused by causes beyond that party's reasonable control and occurring without its fault or negligence, provided, as a condition to the claim of non-liability, the party experiencing the difficulty shall give the other prompt written notice, with full details following the occurrence of the cause relied upon. Dates by which performance obligations were scheduled to be met shall be extended for a period equal to the time lost due to any delay so caused.

### **11. Statement of Non-Discrimination**

Akamai University and Neuropuncture, Inc., agrees they will not discriminate based on race, color, national and ethnic origin related to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded and made available to applicants or students at either school. Neuropuncture agrees that Akamai University may give preference in admissions to those students that demonstrate a high potential for success in completing the desired programs through self-motivated study. All eligible students shall be accepted and provided access to Akamai courses, whenever possible. Akamai agrees that admission evaluations shall focus upon the duration, nature and content of prior experience, training, and the value of the experience in relation to the desired field of study. Akamai expects Neuropuncture, Inc. to follow a likeminded set of procedures in determining eligibility for its own programs and services.

### **12. Modifications to this Agreement**

Any change, additions or deletions to this Memorandum shall be made by written Addendum signed by all appropriate parties. This agreement shall not be modified verbally, or in any other manner, unless later put in written format and signed by both parties. The changes shall become effective on the date the written document is signed by both parties.

### **13. Financial Matter**

*Akamai Tuition and Fee Policies All students entering the DNA program at Akamai University shall pay the following tuition and fees relevant to the completion activities.*

**Additional Mentorship / Expenses for the conduct of Research:** Affiliate Neuropuncture Inc. Mentorship Program based on the individual student needs in collaborative discussion with Dr. Corradino. Other fees include IRB application, Supplies for Research, Processing Final Dissertation Document Expenses following Akamai University Binding fees. These additions are not reflected in the finances below but will be discussed with Dr. Corradino and Dr. Bulbrook as needed.

<b>Degree Level</b>	<b>AU DNA Research &amp; Finishing Activities Based on AU &amp; Neuropuncture Inc. Affiliation</b>
<b>Application Fee</b>	<b>Non-refundable \$200 application &amp; processing transfer cr.</b>
<b>Standard Tuition</b>	<b>\$15,600 US (52 credits at \$300 per credit)</b>
<b>Tuition + Application</b>	<b>\$15,800 US</b>
<b>Tuition reduction</b>	<b>\$ 9,000 transfer (30 cr. from Neuropuncture, Inc. x \$300)</b>
<b>Net Tuition</b>	<b>\$ 6,600 total due (6 crs research &amp; 16 crs. Finishing)</b>
<b>Registration Fee</b>	<b>\$3000 payable as tuition down payment at acceptance</b>
<b>Balance Due</b>	<b>\$3600 paid as agreed from options below</b>

*Single payment, monthly installments, quarterly installments or other. See descriptions below.*

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**6 credits in Research before the finishing activities started.**

**Finishing Activities of 16 Credits Only Costs**

*Finishing Activities Required by ASIC are: credits 16 X \$300 per credit*

**Finishing Required Courses for Doctor Neuroscience Acupuncture Program**

EXM 980 Exam of degree coursework as foundation for dissertation / project  
If an exam was offered at the School or Institute, the exam can be incorporated into this required course but must be administered by an oral exam conducted by the AU faculty committee and verification of written exam taken.. ASIC requires the exam be conducted and documented by a three-person AU faculty members.

RES 985 Dissertation / Project Proposal = 4 credits

Res. 990 Dissertation / Project = 8 credits

EXM 995 Oral Review of Completed Dissertation / Project – 2 credits

Initial payment of \$3000 toward tuition sent to AU is due on acceptance into the program with remaining amount to be paid monthly or quarterly before taking the final exam. A tuition agreement will be made and approved by the student and administer of the program Dr. Michael Corradino with agreement from AU president on terms. An additional \$25 per installment fee will be charged.

If the full tuition amount is paid upfront a 5% discount will be applied.

**14. DNA Student Registration**

Students are required to initiate registration to commence studies under this MOU first with Neuropuncture who verify eligibility from transcripts sent. Once verification of eligibility is complete, the documentation is sent to AU to officially accept students into the DNA program. A fee of \$200 will be paid to cover the process of transcript process and coordination of completing the finishing activities through AU to meet joint standards of AU and Neuropuncture Inc.

Dr. Bulbrook will be student committee chair for the initial students entering into this arrangement and the second committee member to be Dr. Corradino and the third member Dr. Patrick Conte.

AU tuition paid follows the same procedures and amounts in all AU doctoral programs.

AU & Neuropuncture are responsible to collect all fees that pertain to their requirements for the degree and verify amounts to be paid to complete all degree requirements in a timely manner.

## **15. Credentials of the Parties**

### **Akamai University Credentials**

- [Founding Articles of Incorporation; Revised Articles of Incorporation 2021](#)
  - [USA Nonprofit Tax-Exempt Status / USA.NC Nonprofit Tax-Exempt Status](#)
  - [USA Permanent Tax-Exempt Status](#)
  - [State of Hawaii Tax-Exempt Status Certificate of Good Standing](#)
- [ASIC Premier University Certificate of Accreditation](#)
  - [Akamai Listing in ASIC International Accredited Colleges Directory](#)
  - [Akamai University Statement of Accreditation](#)
  - [American Academy of Project Management](#)
  - [AAPM Letter of Authority](#)
- [GUIDE Association Membership](#)
  - [IADL Certificate of Accredited Membership](#)
  - [United Nations Global Compact](#)
  - [United States Distance Learning Association](#)

### **Neuropuncture, Inc.**

Neuropuncture is a special system of acupuncture that applies neuroscience and other Western medical sciences, to the classical TCM acupuncture model for understanding it's mechanisms and to apply these findings to the diagnosis and treatment of pain cases, internal medicine cases, sports medicine and orthopedics. When this is done what is found is an extremely effective approach to modulating the nervous system. From targeting specific receptors for the release of specific neurohormones, in resetting dysfunctional visceral autonomic reflexes, to depolarizing excited overstimulated nerve roots for pain management.

Neuropuncture works by predominately targeting and stimulating specific neuro tissue. 2500+ years go when TCM was being developed and the physicians of that

time did not have the understanding and advancements in the study of anatomy and physiology, cellular biology, molecular biology, molecular genetics, and especially neuroscience, as we have had in the past 75 years. When these new scientific models are applied to TCM acupuncture, the Ah-ha light bulb goes on and a lot of the mystery and smoke clears revealing an absolutely amazing neuro-medical treatment modality, the Neuropuncture.

Neuropuncture is a unique acupuncture system Dr. Corradino developed by incorporating the research of the neurophysiological mechanisms of acupuncture, combining research of electrical acupuncture's effects on specific neural receptors, while maintaining the holistic traditional TCM model.

Neuropuncture develops your credibility, your communication, TCM practitioners should be able to use TCM terms and identify and articulate the mechanisms, to patients and MD's and other health care practitioners, while reserving our "practitioner language" for, and between our colleagues, and other like-minded individuals. We must also understand the metaphors and where and when they were developed.

Creating treatment protocols that are evidence based and clinically reproducible. Applying western medical sciences to the classical TCM module does not subtract from the efficacy of the "traditional" acupuncture system, it only amplifies and further explains the unique, powerful neuromodulating effects that can be scientifically understood, and harnessed by Neuropuncture's techniques. From depolarizing affected nerves, targeting specific receptors for the release of specific neuropeptides, to regulating dysfunctional autonomic reflexes.

## **15. Signatures of Agreement**

[Akamai University](#) & [Neuropuncture, Inc.](#) enter this memorandum of understanding freely and in good faith with full intention of abiding by guidelines of the highest academic quality and in total fulfillment of all local and international laws and regulations guiding the operations of the cooperating institutions.

The undersigned, authorized by their respective organizations to enter into this agreement, undertake this collaborative undertaking with full understanding of the responsibilities and benefits of so doing. This is a memorandum of our understanding and statement of intent to work together toward the betterment of the human condition and the mutual support and achievement of our respective organizational missions.



**Akamai University**  
Dedicated to improving human and planetary health



**Approved Signature Page Affiliation with [Akamai University](#) & [Neuropuncture, Inc.](#)**

**Signed by Dr. Mary Jo Bulbrook, BSN, RN, Med, EdD, CEMP/S/I, HTP/I, CHIS**  
Akamai University President

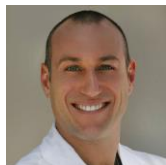
For and on behalf of **Akamai University**, Executive Board of Directors USA

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Date: 27 December 2021. Revisions Approved 07 September 2023



**Signed by Dr. Michael D. Corradino, DAOM, MTOM, DNA**  
Doctor of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine  
Master in Traditional Oriental Medicine  
Doctor of Neuroscience Acupuncture



For and on behalf of **[Neuropuncture, Inc.](#)** (Founder/Creator, USA)

Approved through Zoom discussion 07 September 2023 Recording

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