

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between RAND and UCLA
September, 2002

INTRODUCTION

The University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and RAND have a long and productive history of collaboration and cooperation in the area of health services research and education. This relationship has built and operated one of the country's foremost centers of excellence and innovation and has brought many benefits to both institutions, as well as to the community and nation. Given the benefit that this relationship has accrued to both organizations, UCLA and RAND each wish not only to continue, but also to strengthen, expand and extend these ties. While specifically addressing the UCLA/RAND relationship in the broad area of health services research and education, this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is also intended to provide the basis upon which other UCLA/RAND collaborations might develop and flourish. With this understanding, the MOU establishes a formal relationship between UCLA and RAND in the health services area.

The fundamental principle underlying this MOU is that the working relationship between RAND and UCLA should be grounded in and supportive of each institution's mission, policies and procedures. On this basis, RAND and UCLA hereby agree as follows:

I. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION AND AWARD ADMINISTRATION

1. Generally, RAND staff and UCLA faculty are to submit their health services proposals through the institution where the majority of the work is to be conducted. However, the selection of the institution through which proposals will be submitted is to be based on an assessment of how best to maximize the chances for funding success and will take into consideration factors as, for example, available infrastructure support, the extent of institutional investment in the proposal development process, the history of previous support from the funding source, issues related to organizational recognition and the existence of prior successful programs upon which the proposal in question seeks to build and extend.
2. Within the health services area, submission of research or education proposals through either institution shall be seen as benefiting both institutions, in accordance with conditions outlined above. Recognizing this, RAND hereby grants authorization to its researchers to participate in the UCLA Clinical Scholars Program. UCLA hereby grants authorization to those employees who are otherwise eligible to serve as Principal Investigators under UCLA policy either automatically or by exception, to submit health services

