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| **Partner Institution logo** | **Memorandum of Understanding**  **ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH COLLABORATION**  **between**  **PARTNER INSTITUTION, Place, Country**  **and**  **PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY, Pondicherry, India** | **Pondicherry University logo** |

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is executed between the following parties:

PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY **-** A Central University under the Ministry of Education established under University Act 1985, Government of India, situated at Puducherry UT, India.

The REGISTRAR, Pondicherry University, is duly authorised to enter into and sign the MOU on behalf of Pondicherry University, Puducherry (hereinafter called as ‘PU’).

AND

NAME OF PARTNER INSTITUTION with brief description

“DESIGNATION” is the authorised signatory of this MOU on behalf of the PARTNER INSTITUTION.

**Background of the institutions**

Pondicherry University offers Postgraduate and Doctoral research programs in multiple disciplines leading to Masters and PhD degrees from its campuses at Puducherry (Main), Karaikal, Mahe, Yanam and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Post-doctoral Research Fellowships and National and International Collaborative Research Projects are also undertaken by faculty.

Partner Institution …… brief background

PARTNER INSTITUTION and PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY, Pondicherry have agreed to the following protocols governing their collaboration on academic and research related activities:

1. **AREAS OF COLLABORATION**

The scope of collaboration on academic and research activities in this Memorandum of Understanding includes the following categories:

* Academic and Research collaboration in the areas of mutual interest.
* Exchange of academic information, scholarly information, materials and publications.
* Exchange of students and faculty.
* Sponsorship of cooperative seminars, workshops and other academic meetings.

1. **Student Exchange**

Pursuant to the agreement for academic exchange, PARTNER INSTITUTION and Pondicherry University will exchange students according to the terms laid out in Annexure 1. It is desired by both parties that there will be regular flow of students in both directions.

1. **Faculty Exchange / Mobility:**

On invitation by the host institution, teaching staff may go for a teaching stint at the partner institution with due approvals on either side. Financial commitments will depend upon availability of support from funding agencies.

1. **Research Collaboration**

Faculty from both Institutions will collaborate in the supervision of exchange students and in joint research in disciplines of mutual interest. All such joint research activities will be governed by the terms laid out in Annexure 2.

1. **Commencement, Renewal, Termination and Amendment**
2. This MOU will come into force upon affixing of the signatures of the representatives of the partner institutions and will remain in effect for a period of FIVE years from the date of the last signature. This MOU may be renewed upon its expiry, with the agreement of both partner institutions. If either partner institution wishes to terminate the MOU at the end of the five years period it must notify the other institution no less than six months prior to the expiry of the MOU.
3. This MOU or its renewal and the actions taken under it may be reviewed at any time. Modifications may be made by mutual agreement and any amendment or extension to the agreement may be formalized by the exchange of letters between the two institutions. For all issues arising out of this Memorandum of Understanding or in its implementation the concerned parties to this MoU will resolve the same amicably by mutual consent of both the parties.
4. Both Parties understand that all final arrangements will have to be negotiated and will depend on the availability of funds. During implementation of the present MoU both Parties shall comply with legal regulations being in force in both countries.
5. This MoU was made in two equivalent copies in English, with one copy for each Party. The signing parties signed the agreement themselves digitally in person. Electronically inserted scanned signatures on PDF of the MOU document are acceptable by both parties for the purpose of this MoU. Each signatory has personally inserted his/her signature and verified the contents of this document.

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| Signed: | Signed: |
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| Name  Designation  Representative of  PARTNER INSTITUTION  DATE: | Name, The Registrar,  Pondicherry University  Legal Representative of  Pondicherry University DATE: |
| WITNESSED BY:  SIGNATURE  MOU Coordinator  Name & Designation  Name  Designation | WITNESSED BY:  SIGNATURE  Name  Dean – International Relations  MOU Coordinator  Name & Designation |