

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

is made on the day of 24-September-2019

Between

Amity Universities and Institutions

AND

The Open University

Background

- i. Amity University (AU) and the Open University (OU), share a number of interests in both research and teaching.
- ii. The two Parties have identified that a stronger relationship between them is mutually beneficial and wish to establish a more formal relationship with each other.

1. Commencement and Duration

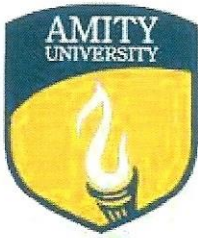
- 1.1. This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") shall take effect on the date of signing and shall continue for a period of 5 years unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions of Clause 7.

2. Force of this MOU

- 2.1. The areas of agreement outlined in this MOU are described to facilitate more detailed and specific negotiations between the parties which may lead to the preparation and signing of one or more formal agreements between AU and OU Unless specifically noted herein, this MOU is not intended to be of legal force and effect in any manner whatsoever. This MOU shall not create a legal relationship between the parties.


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3. Broad Areas for Cooperation

3.1. AU and OU will discuss the possibility of cooperation in the following areas:

- (a) The development of joint research activities
- (b) The development of joint Teaching Initiatives
- (c) Research Projects for AU students at OU
- (d) Organising of joint seminars and conferences
- (e) Joint Publications
- (f) Internship for students
- (g) Developing technological tools around real world challenges
- (h) Any collaborative efforts that both may appropriate from time to time

3.2 Representatives of the Parties may agree to review the operation of this MoU from periodically.

4. Joint Contributions

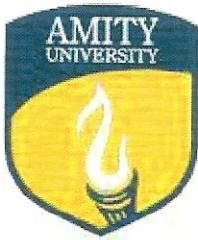
4.1. Potential areas for collaborative research will be identified and recorded in subsequent research specific agreement(s) that set out appropriate and relevant contributions by the Parties. The may include

- (a) Access to its research laboratories and assist in development of projects involving the parties.
- (b) Joint submission of research proposals to national and international organisations to obtain support for their common research objectives.
- (c) AU and OU shall work specifically in the areas defined in Para (i) and para 3.1.
- (d) Collaboration in seeking additional commercial partners to further these initiatives.

4.2. The parties acknowledge that all specific financial arrangements proposed must be negotiated and will depend upon the availability of funds and organizational approvals.

5. Confidentiality and Privacy

5.1. AU and OU recognize that they will come into possession of information which the other considers to be confidential, including Personal Information ("Personal Information" means information and opinions recorded in any form about an individual whose identity is apparent, or can reasonably be ascertained, from the information or opinion). Each of AU and OU covenants and agrees that it shall not, at any time, disclose to any third party, any



confidential information of another party without first having obtained the prior written consent of the other party.

- 5.2. The provisions of this Clause 5 are intended to and shall be binding upon the parties upon the signing of this MOU, and shall survive the termination or expiry of this MOU.

6. Intellectual Property

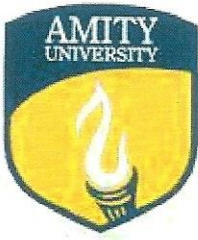
- 6.1. "Intellectual Property" means and includes all copyright, all rights in relation to inventions (including patent rights), plant varieties, register and unregistered trade marks, registered and unregistered designs and all other rights resulting from intellectual activity in the scientific, industrial, literary or artistic fields.
- 6.2. Each party shall retain all rights to existing intellectual property belonging to it and contributed by it ("Background IP") at the commencement of each Research Project arising under this Agreement.
- 6.3. If any IPR issue emerges as a result of joint research, then a specific IPR addendum will be jointly agreed upon.

7. Termination

- 7.1. Either of AU or OU may terminate this MOU by written notice to the other party. A minimum period of six months notice will be required from a party wishing to terminate the MOU, or such shorter period as the parties may agree upon in writing.
- 7.2. The termination of this MOU shall not affect the implementation of activities that have been undertaken prior to such termination, unless agreements pertaining to such activities explicitly provide for such termination.

8. Amendments and Supplementary Agreements

- 8.1. The parties may agree to amend this MOU at any time by further memoranda in writing executed by the duly authorized officer(s) of each party.
- 8.2. The Parties shall wherever necessary enter into written agreements to facilitate collaborative activities arising from this MOU. Such agreements will specify the details of agreed activities and programs, including the contributions and responsibilities of the parties, funding, intellectual property provisions, confidentiality, risk allocation and indemnity obligations of each party.



9. Use of Name and Logo

- 9.1. No party shall use, nor permit any person or entity to use, the name or logo (or any variation thereof) of another party without first obtaining prior written consent from the other party. The Parties intend that this provision shall be binding upon them and shall survive the termination or expiry of this MOU.

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