

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY

AND

PANJAB UNIVERSITY

This Memorandum is made on 13th February 2024

Background

The Parties wish to explore further opportunities for collaboration in teaching and research. The aim of this Memorandum is to provide a frame work within which the Parties will seek to develop a long-term collaborative relationship.

As Universities we subscribe to the common values of academic freedom and freedom of speech and embrace our duty to teach and undertake research ethically and with integrity, producing reliable, trustworthy and accessible results.

1. Scope

The purpose of this Memorandum is to express the intentions of the Parties and except as provided in clauses 4, 7 and 9, it is not intended to be legally binding. This Memorandum may be subject to revision or renewal by mutual consent or termination for any reason by either Party upon service of written notice to the other Party.

Cooperative projects between the institutions may include any of the academic disciplines of the Parties. In the first instance, it is expected that both parties intend to explore collaborations as noted in the appendices of this Memorandum.

2. Purpose

Initial focus and discussion shall be in relation to:

- (a) exchange of information on course development and teaching methods;
- (b) exchange and mobility of staff and students;
- (c) development of joint research projects;
- (d) development of collaborative courses leading to awards of NTU;
- (e) organizing joint lectures and seminars;
- (f) Any other areas which may promote the academic interests of the Parties in research and/or teaching

3. Confidentiality

The discussions relating to any contemplated transactions shall be confidential and shall be binding upon the Parties and their respective affiliates. Each Party

shall be responsible for any breach of this Memorandum by any of its affiliates.

4. Term

This Memorandum and its appendices shall become effective upon the date of signature and shall remain in force, subject to earlier termination, for a period of 5 (five) years. Either Party may terminate this Memorandum at any time on 15 calendar days' written notice to the other Party without incurring any liability.

5. Coordination

In order to carry out and fulfil the aims of his Memorandum, each Party will appoint a coordinator, who will be responsible for managing the development and conduct of any activities upon which the Parties agree.

6. Collaboration

Any specific research projects or collaborations shall be conducted under an appropriate separate agreement executed by the Parties. Such agreements will be legally binding.

Exchange of faculty and students shall be conducted under separate agreements to be signed by the parties. These agreements will set out the responsibility of each Party in detail and will be legally binding.

7. Intellectual Property

Nothing in this Memorandum is intended to confer any Intellectual Property Rights ("IPR") by one party to the other or change either party's ownership of its background IPR in existence on or before the date of this Memorandum or falling outside of the scope of this Memorandum.

Any collaboration or exchange agreements that become signed under the aegis of this Memorandum will spell out the ownership of intellectual property rights of any discoveries made as a part of such agreements.

8. Relationship

At all times during the performance of its obligations under this Memorandum, the parties shall act as independent contractors. This Memorandum is not intended to create and shall not be construed to create a relationship of principal and agent, employer and employee, joint venture, partnership, or any relationship other than that of independent contracting parties.

9. Disputes

The parties shall attempt to resolve in good faith any dispute arising between them out of the operation of this Memorandum. If the dispute cannot be resolved informally, it shall be referred to the Vice-Chancellors of Nottingham Trent University and Panjab University.

10. Status

This Memorandum does not create any legally binding obligations or rights between the Parties.

Any specific arrangements undertaken by the parties will be documented in legally binding agreements

University Coordinators

NTU:

PU:

Review

The collaborative activity will be reviewed on an annual basis by the University coordinators noted above and report prepared annually
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Memorandum as of the date first written above.

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Professor Edward Peck
Vice-Chancellor
Nottingham Trent University

Professor Y.P.Verma
Registrar
Panjab University

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