

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

ANNA UNIVERSITY
Sardar Patel Road, Guindy
Chennai 600 025, INDIA

And

ADDIS ABABA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa
PO Box 385, ETHIOPIA

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) is executed at Chennai & AAiT, India/Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on this 15th day of January, 2023

BETWEEN

ANNA UNIVERSITY, an entity brought into existence by an Act of the Legislature of Tamil Nadu, having its office and campus at Sardar Patel Road, Chennai - 600025, represented by the Registrar, Anna University, which term shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof hereinafter be referred to as the **PARTY OF THE FIRST PART/ANNA UNIVERSITY**

AND

ADDIS ABABA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY, having its office at Addis Ababa, PO Box 385, Ethiopia, represented by the Chief Executive Director, Addis Ababa Institute of Technology, which term shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof hereinafter be referred to as the **PARTY OF THE SECOND PART/ ADDIS ABABA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY**



Whereas Anna University was established on 4th September 1978 as a unitary type of university. It offers higher education in Engineering, Technology, Architecture and Applied Sciences relevant to the current and projected needs of the society. Besides promoting research and disseminating knowledge gained there from, it fosters cooperation between the academic and industrial communities. The University was formed by bringing together and integrating four well known technical institutions in the city of Madras. College of Engineering (CEG) (1794), Madras Institute of Technology, Chromepet (MIT) (1949) and three Technological Departments of the University of Madras, Alagappa College of Technology (ACT) (1944), School of Architecture & Planning (SAP) (1957). From December 2001, the University has become a large, highly renowned University with affiliating status.

Whereas, Addis Ababa Institute of Technology, with its headquarters at King George VI St, Addis Ababa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia was established in 1953 and became a chartered member of Addis Ababa University in 1961. Currently, it has a special autonomous status from Addis Ababa University and has a Supervisory Board, which is its highest governing body, led by the Chief Executive Director with the rank of the Academic Vice President of University. It is one of the oldest and the largest higher teaching, learning and research institutions in the country. It aims at promoting the Engineering education in the country to speed up the technology transfer and innovation, to bring about the necessary transformation and a fast growth in the Ethiopian economy. AAiT comprises the following Schools and Centers: the School of Civil and Environment Engineering, the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, the School of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, the School of Chemical and Bio Engineering, the School of Multidisciplinary Engineering (comprising the Center of Biomedical Engineering, the Center of Renewable Energy and the Center of Materials Engineering), the School of Information Technology Engineering, the Center of Railway Engineering, and Center of Ethio-Mines Development.

Whereas Anna University and Addis Ababa Institute of Technology, Addis Ababa University have agreed to the protocols governing their collaboration on academic and research related activities as stated hereunder:



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NOW THIS DEED OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITNESSETH AS

FOLLOWS:

1. SCOPE

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

1.1.1. Academic and Research collaboration in the areas of mutual interest.

1.1.2. Exchange of academic information, scholarly information, materials and publications.

1.1.3. Exchange of students and faculty

1.1.4. Sponsorship of cooperative seminars, workshops and other academic meetings.

2. STUDENTS EXCHANGE

2.1. Pursuant to the agreement for academic exchange Anna University Chennai, India and Addis Ababa Institute of Technology, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia will exchange students according to the terms laid out in Annexure I.

3. RESEARCH COLLABORATION

3.1. 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 II.

3.2 There won't be any financial commitments to both the Universities.

4. INSURANCE

4.1. Participants in the exchange will be personally responsible for purchasing required health/medical insurance for the time period of their exchange experience. The host institution will assist incoming participants in identifying available health insurance options designed for international students and scholars.



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5. JOINT PROPERTY

5.1. The Parties agree that any intellectual property rights arising from or in connection with any programme or activity under this agreement, through and by the joint and collaborative efforts of both Parties shall be jointly owned and subject to any other terms and conditions as may be agreed upon writing.

5.2. Both Parties shall acknowledge one another in any form of writing, publication or presentation based on research derived from the cooperative efforts of both Parties under this agreement, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon in writing by the Parties.

6. NO MONETARY CONSIDERATION

6.1. No monetary consideration will be exchanged between the two institutions, nor will there be any reimbursements for expenses, or sharing of fees or profits arising from the instant agreement.

7. INDEMNITY

7.1. The parties agree to indemnify and hold one another harmless from any and all claims by exchange participants, their parents, survivors, or agents, arising from any negligent acts or omission on the part of either university or any of their employees. The relationship of the Institutions under this agreement shall be that of independent contractors, and a party shall not be deemed, nor hold itself out as being, a partner or agent of the other party. Neither Institution shall be liable for acts of the other, nor shall they be liable for the acts of students/faculties participating in the exchange.

8. COMMENCEMENT, RENEWAL, TERMINATION, AMENDMENT AND SEVERABILITY

8.1. This MOU will come into force upon affixing of the signatures of the representatives of the partner institutions and will remain in effect for 5 years. This MOU may be renewed upon its expiry, with the agreement of both partner institutions.



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- 8.2. If either partner institution wishes to terminate the MOU at the end of 5 years period, it must notify the other institution not less than 6 months to the expiry of the MOU.
- 8.3. This MOU may be terminated by either party upon giving 30 days' notice to the other Party.
- 8.4. 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 parties.
- 8.5. The amendment or termination of the agreement shall not be effective without deliberation between the parties, but if the deliberation does not lead to a mutually agreeable path forward for any reason, either party may terminate this agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice. In case the MOU ceases to be in effect, this shall not affect the completion of existing activities.
- 8.6. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to law, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

9. EXECUTION IN COUNTERPARTS

- 9.1. This Agreement may be executed in two counterparts by each of the Parties hereto on separate counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall constitute an original, but all counterparts shall together constitute a single agreement.
- 9.2. The exchange of copies of this Agreement and of signature pages by email shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Agreement as to the Parties and may be used in lieu of the original Agreement for all purposes. Signatures of the parties transmitted by email shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes.
- 9.3. The Parties hereto expressly agree and recognize that each of these signed counterparts of the Agreement (as exchanged over email), shall be binding and enforceable as an original document representing the agreement set forth herein.



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On behalf of
Anna University, India



Prof. R. Velraj
Vice-Chancellor

On behalf of
Addis Ababa Institute of Technology,
Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia



Dr. Bikila Teklu Wedajo
Chief Executive Director, with the rank of V/President


Prof. G. Ravikumar
Registrar



Prof. G. Nagarajan
Director
Centre for International Relations

Date: January 23, 2023

Date:

Annexure I

1. Students under the student exchange programme will be classified as special exchange students. Special exchange students will be permitted to take courses on credit / audit, as well as participate in research activities / project work.
2. In any case, the consent of the teacher / project supervisors / research supervisors is required. Such consent will take into account among other things whether the student has pre-requisites for the course / project.
3. The Host Institution of students enrolled in this exchange program shall not levy tuition fees. Home Institution may continue to levy fees as applicable.
4. Course credits and grades earned will be determined by the home Institution based on the grade report from the host institution.
5. Each institution will accept up to 5 students each year, depending on the resource availability, pertaining to the student exchange scenario.
6. Students/Participants may not spend more than one year normally in the exchange programme.
7. Students/Participants will be subjected to the rules and regulations of the host institution, in addition to specific rules and regulations, if any, of the host country regarding foreign students studying in the host country.

Selection and nomination

The selection and nomination of students are open throughout the academic year. The student nomination should be accomplished by curriculum vitae, statement of aptitude from a member of the student's school / faculty and a specific outline of the programme of study at the host institution and a statement of objectives of the student.

When a nomination is forwarded by the home institution, it is presumed that the home institution considered the student suitable for the proposed program and consents to send the student if selected by the host institution. The host institution will evaluate the nomination and determine their suitability for selection under the Student Exchange Program.

Where the exchange student is pursuing a research or implementation project as part of the B.E/B.Sc, M.E/M.Sc or PhD (or equivalent) degree programme, the host institution will allot a faculty member to jointly assist (along with the supervisor in the parent institution) the exchange student in formulating research project or jointly supervise the work of an exchange student in the event that a research project has already been identified.

Both the institutions, shall provide a monthly stipend to the visiting ME/M.Sc, or PhD scholars under the Exchange Programme, provided sufficient fund for such expenses are available pertaining to the then decided and available Specified Exchange Programme of the Institutions.

The host institution will inform the home institution of any academic or other problems that may arise during the period of student's residence in the host institution. The host institution will take appropriate action under its established policy and procedures, in consultation with the institution to deal with such problems.



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Annexure II

1. Proposals for collaborative research work under this MOU will be submitted with the prior approval of the Head of each institution, or his/her nominee.
2. Each institution will nominate one of its members as its representative in charge of the cooperative program. Individual programs of work under this MOU will be jointly planned and conducted by the nominees of both parties.
3. Progress of work of any individual program will be reviewed and approved by designated authorities of both parties.
4. The final approval of any project will depend on the availability of guaranteed support funds.
5. Neither Anna University Chennai, India nor Addis Ababa Institute of Technology, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia, will be held responsible for any liability to the other party, and neither party shall be required to purchase any insurance against loss or damage to any property due to activities to which this agreement relates.

Every collaboration will have its own agreement/contract which addresses issues such as IPR, funding pattern, disclosure of information etc.

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