

# AGREEMENT OF COLLABORATION

Between

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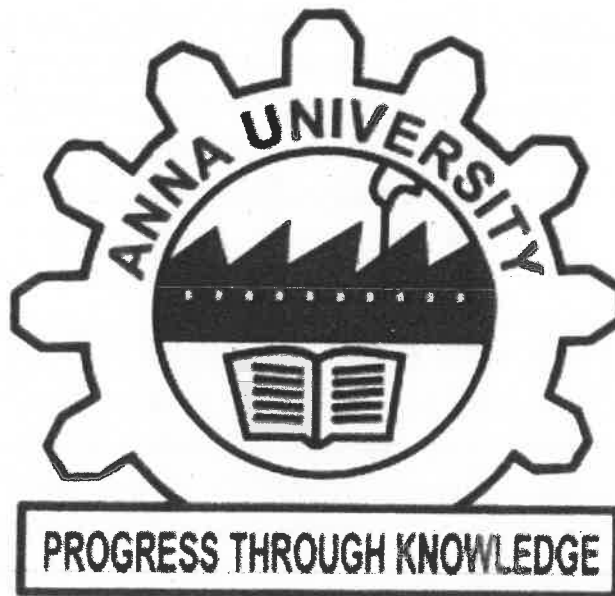
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UNIVERSITÄT  
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and

ANNA UNIVERSITY, CHENNAI, INDIA



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**UNIVERSITÄT BERN, SWITZERLAND**

Hochschulstrasse 6, 3012 Bern

and

**ANNA UNIVERSITY, CHENNAI**

Sardar Patel Road, Guindy

Chennai 600025, INDIA.

### **WHEREAS,**

Universität Bern, Switzerland, a state institution created by an act of the Legislature of the State of Bern in 1834 in Switzerland and having its registered office located at Hochschulstrasse 6, 3012 Bern, Switzerland, is a world-renowned institution of education and research in the fields of Natural Sciences, Humanities, Theology, Law, Economics and Social Sciences, Medicine and Veterinary Medicine.

### **WHEREAS,**

Anna University was established on 4<sup>th</sup> September 1978 as a unitary type of University. It offers higher education in Engineering, Technology and allied Sciences relevant to the current and projected needs of the society. Besides promoting research and disseminating knowledge gained therefrom, it fosters cooperation between the academic and industrial communities. The University was formed by bringing together and integrating two well-known technical institutions in the city of Madras. College of Engineering, Guindy (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 and Planning (SAP) (1957). Since December 2001, it has become a large, highly renowned affiliated University.

### **The signatories agree:**

#### **ARTICLE 1: THE TWO NOW DESIRE TO**

- 1.1 To develop academic exchange and co-operation in teaching and research in areas of common interest and expertise to further their vision, goals and objectives in a mutually beneficial manner. Towards this goal, the two parties (Universität Bern, Switzerland, and Anna University Chennai, India) hereby agree to promote, facilitate and implement co-operation in the following manner:

## **ARTICLE 2: AREAS OF CO-OPERATION**

The two Universities agree that the objectives of this Memorandum are:

- the exchange of information and academic materials,
- visits by and exchange of research, teaching and administrative staff,
- visits by and exchange of students,
- development of collaborative research projects and programs, and
- organisation of joint academic activities, such as lectures, seminars, conferences, courses etc.

## **ARTICLE 3: IMPLEMENTATION & FUNDING**

To implement the collaborative activities envisaged, representatives of the two Universities may propose, negotiate and conclude specific agreements between them. All details, including the financial arrangements, will be set out in the specific agreements. The Universities acknowledge that in the absence of any provision to the contrary in the specific agreement(s), all expenses of salary, travel, accommodation, living and other related costs will be the responsibility of the visitor's home university.

## **ARTICLE 4: AGREEMENT ON STUDENT EXCHANGE**

In pursuance of the goals listed in the MOU signed by the two institutions, the Universität Bern and Anna University Chennai India desire to provide their students with a breadth of academic curriculum and a unique learning and research experience in an overseas environment, and hereby agree to have a student exchange program in the following manner.

## **ARTICLE 5: SCOPE OF EXCHANGE**

- 5.1 The Universities hereby agree to institute an exchange programme. The programme is founded on the basis of reciprocity, with the intention of achieving on the part of each University an equal manner of Units of Exchange by the end of the duration of this Agreement.
- 5.2 A maximum of 4 (four) Units of Exchange each way per academic year will initially be arranged. However, this number may vary in any given year, provided a balance of exchanges is obtained over the term of this Agreement. The number may be amended by mutual consent. Two students in attendance for a semester is equivalent to one student in attendance for two semesters; both situations count as two Units of Exchange. If an Exchange Student withdraws before the end of a course, it will be considered as a completed exchange; no replacements will be allowed.
- 5.3 The normal length of the stay of exchange students will be one semester or one academic year. The students shall not stay longer than 12 months.

## **ARTICLE 6: SCREENING & SELECTION**

The Home Department of the concerned Home University will be responsible for screening and selecting students for the programme and should ensure, amongst other things, that the students are proficient in the language of instruction at the Host University. The Home Department will also ensure that the students they are sponsoring have adequate funding support to complete their planned stay at the Host University. The decision to accept or reject a student lies with the Host University.

## **ARTICLE 7: CANDIDATURE**

Each Exchange Student continues as a candidate for degree of his/her Home University and will not, by virtue of the exchange alone, be regarded as a candidate for degree of the Host University. However, an Exchange Student may on his/her own apply to be a candidate for degree of the Host University, bearing all the responsibilities of a student, including the payment of all fees.

## **ARTICLE 8: ACCOMMODATION**

The Host University will make every effort to assist Exchange Students to obtain accommodation at the students' cost. The Host University will also provide reasonable assistance on other matters of hospitality.

## **ARTICLE 9: OBLIGATIONS TO STUDENTS ONLY**

The obligations of the two Universities under this Agreement are limited to Exchange of Students only and do not extend to their spouses or dependants.

## **ARTICLE 10: MONETARY EXCHANGE**

Based on this agreement no monetary exchange whatsoever will take place between the two Universities. There will be no reimbursements for expenses, sharing of fees or profits, arising from the programme. All liability is excluded.

## **ARTICLE 11: REGULATIONS OF HOST UNIVERSITY**

For the duration and purposes of the exchange, all Exchange Students will be subject to the academic rules and discipline of the Host University.

## **ARTICLE 12: ENROLMENT, ATTENDANCE & ASSESSMENT**

Exchange students are permitted to enrol at the Host University in any course, subject to admission requirements and time-table and capacity constraints. Full-time participation, as defined by the Host University, at the courses enrolled by the students is required/desirable.

An Exchange Student who successfully completes courses at the Host University may obtain credits at the Home University in accordance with the regulations of the Home University.

### **ARTICLE 13: STUDENT'S OBLIGATIONS**

- 13.1. Each host institution will issue the appropriate documents for visa purposes in accordance with current laws, although each Exchange Student shall be responsible for obtaining his/her own visa and other immigration formalities, and all other travel and related documents needed to pursue studies at the Host University.
- 13.2 An Exchange Student shall pay tuition and other fees at his/her Home University during the Exchange Period. No tuition fees shall be payable to the Host University. An Exchange Student will also pay for all personal expenses incurred at the Host University, including visa, travel, housing, meals, health, books and stationery.
- 13.3 An Exchange Student is required to carry, at his/her own expense, adequate travel and liability insurance as well as medical insurance, as defined by both the current Swiss Federal Law on Sickness Insurance and the current Indian Laws for the Exchange Period.

### **ARTICLE 14: DURATION & TERMINATION**

This Agreement shall be in force for a period of three years from the date of its signing. Either University, may, in its absolute discretion, terminate the Agreement by giving at least six months' written notice. Notwithstanding any such termination, all commitments already made in respect of particular Exchange Students shall be carried out till completion.

### **ARTICLE 15: APPLICABLE LAW**

Any dispute arising out of this Agreement or any exchange pursuant to it shall be resolved amicably. In any dispute with respect to a particular Exchange Student, this Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and under the laws of the Host Country. The exclusive court of jurisdiction lies at the host city.

**ARTICLE 16: CHANGES**

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. Amendments may be made with the written mutual consent of the parties as needed.

**For and on behalf**

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<p><b>Anna University, INDIA</b></p> <p><i>M.K. Surappa</i> <b>Prof. M. K. Surappa</b> Vice-Chancellor</p> <p><i>21/5/18</i></p>	<p><b>Universität Bern, SWITZERLAND</b></p> <p><i>Ch. Leumann</i> <b>Prof. Dr. Ch. Leumann</b> Rector</p> <p><i>07.05.2018</i></p> <p><i>U<sup>b</sup></i> UNIVERSITÄT BERN</p>
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