

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

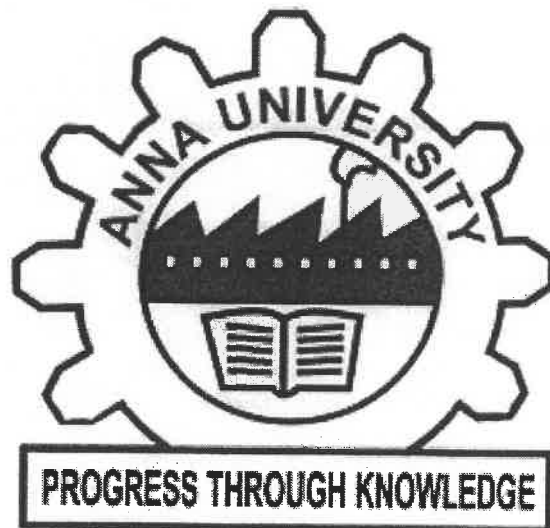
Between

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY, USA



and

ANNA UNIVERSITY, CHENNAI
INDIA



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Sardar Patel Road, Guindy
Chennai 600025, INDIA.

WHEREAS,

Oakland University was established in 1957 through a generous donation from founders Alfred and Matilda Dodge Wilson. They contributed their historic estate and \$2 million to Michigan State University to establish a satellite school, named Michigan State University – Oakland.

Oakland provides a distinct educational experience with flexible class schedules and state-of-the-art facilities, student services, classroom technologies, research labs, internships and research opportunities with corporate partners. Located in the heart of Oakland County's Automation Alley, the university has forged hundreds of partnerships with hospitals, Fortune 500 companies, cities, government agencies and educational institutions.

WHEREAS,

Anna University was established on 4th 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 there from, 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). From December 2001, the University has become a large, highly renowned University with affiliating status.

Oakland University located in Rochester, Michigan ("OU"), and Anna University located in Chennai, India, enter into this Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") as of the date of the last signature below.

WHEREAS, Oakland University and ANNA University are committed to providing distinctive undergraduate and graduate educational experiences for their students and;

WHEREAS, Oakland University and Anna University also desire to expand the international educational experiences and research opportunities available to the faculty and students in their respective institutions and;

WHEREAS, Oakland University and Anna University are entering into this MoU to discuss ways in which they may cooperate to provide global academic and research opportunities for faculty and students in their respective institutions

Therefore, Oakland University and Anna University agree as follows:

1. Oakland University and Anna University commit themselves to work together in a collaborative, collegial relationship of mutual benefit with the contribution of complementary skills and resources towards the common shared vision.
2. Signatories of this MoU agree in principle to establish for themselves a preferential institutional partner status.
3. Oakland University and Anna University representatives will discuss ways in which the two institutions may be able to cooperate to achieve the above stated objectives in providing global academic and research opportunities for students in their respective institutions. The scope of cooperation may include, but not be limited to: research exchange and writing joint research papers, organizing international workshops and conferences, exchange of graduate students, exchange of faculty, seeking external funding, and editing books and special issues of reputed journals.
4. Immediate Areas of Cooperation: Research Exchange, Organizing International Conferences, and Editing Journal Special Issues. The tentative area of focus for research and other activities will be "Applications of Semantics and Big Data Analytics for HealthCare and Automotive Industry".
5. This MoU envisions cooperation for faculty exchange through deputation for short term assignments spread over not more than a year in areas mutually identified.
6. Other activities: the above mentioned activities are not exclusive; others may be considered, such as: joint projects, joint supervision of doctoral students, joint academic programs, and other areas of mutual interest. When relevant, the above-mentioned activities will be described in a specific document.


7. Neither institution shall incur any financial obligations under this MoU. Applications for financial support towards the co-operation and individual activities planned under this agreement will be transparent and undertaken with mutual consent.
8. Other sources of finances raised to support these joint projects can be pursued collaboratively.
9. Activities to be organized under this MoU will be the responsibility of the Heads of both institutions or of persons designated by them. National regulations and customs shall be mutually respected.
10. Oakland University appoints Dr. Vijayan Sugumaran, Chair of Decision and Information Sciences Department and Anna University appoints Dr. D. Manjula, Professor and Head, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, to coordinate the activities described in this MoU.
11. This agreement will become effective upon signing and shall be effective for three (3) years, or until earlier termination by either party in keeping with the terms of this Agreement. This agreement shall be renewed if both the parties agree at the end of the three-year-term.
12. No amendment to this MoU will be effective unless it is in writing and signed by the institution's authorized representatives.
13. The president of Oakland University and the Vice Chancellor of Anna University will discuss and amicably resolve any disputes arising out of or relating to this MoU.
14. This MoU is non-binding and non-exclusive and is intended as an expression of the institutions' mutual intentions to explore the potential opportunities described above. However, the institutions each agree and acknowledge that there has been no agreement reached regarding any material or essential term relative to their participation in any of these potential opportunities. In that regard, each institution's participation in any potential opportunities must be effectuated by, and be pursuant and subject to, terms and conditions that will be contained in formal agreement(s) that are acceptable to each institution individually. All such agreements will also contain such representations, warranties, covenants and conditions customary and appropriate in similar transactions. Each institution will bear its own legal, accounting and other expenses in connection with this MoU and any subsequent agreement(s).
15. The institutions further agree and acknowledge that this MoU is not intended to be a legally binding instrument, does not create a contractual relationship of any kind, and shall not be construed to be a contract in any manner whatsoever. The institutions will not have any obligation to each other until formal agreement(s) satisfactory to each institution's respective legal counsel are approved by both institutions in

accordance with their respective policies, executed by their authorized representatives and delivered.

16. Both universities agree to review this Memorandum of Understanding after three years following the date of signing, and acknowledge that this Memorandum is subject to revision and termination at any time by mutual consent or by six months' written notice by either party.

For and on behalf of
Anna University, India


Mr. A. Karthik, I.A.S
Chairperson
Convener Committee


Prof. Dr. S. Ganesan
Registrar


Prof. N. Rajendran
Director
Centre for International Affairs

Date : 02/12/2016

For and on behalf of
Oakland University, USA


Dr. James P. Lentini
Senior Vice President for Academic
Affairs and Provost


Dr. Michael A. Mazzeo
Dean of School of Business
Administration

Date : 12/2/16



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