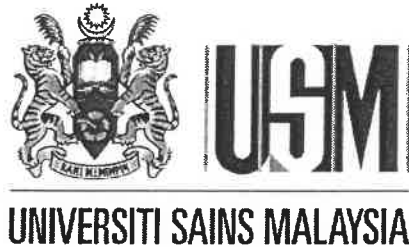


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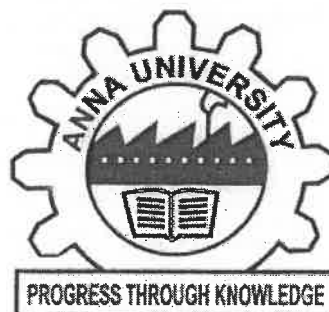
Between

**UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA, MALAYSIA**



And

**ANNA UNIVERSITY, CHENNAI  
INDIA**



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**UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA**  
11800 USM, Penang, Malaysia

And

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

This Memorandum of Understanding is made this        day of 25 JAN 2018 ~~2017~~  
(hereinafter referred to as "MoU") between **UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA**,  
Malaysia ("USM") and **ANNA UNIVERSITY**, India ("AU"), with their respective  
address as stated above.

## WHEREAS,

- A. USM is Malaysia's premier research university which strives to enhance and strengthen its educational programs and has taken various initiatives to complement its educational excellence. With its research and teaching facilities, experience, and a multi-disciplinary team of experts from among its staff members, USM has entered into various collaborative arrangements with other parties in its efforts to enhance its research content and strengthen its industrial networking.
- B. Anna University was established on 4th September 1978 as a unitary type of University. It offers higher education in Engineering, Technology, Architecture 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.

**The parties hereby reach the following understanding:**

### **ARTICLE 1: Common Shared Vision**

- 1.1 The parties to this MoU share the following common vision: the promotion and enhancement of the dissemination of knowledge in order to provide society with superbly trained professional engineers, and in the creation of knowledge through the scholarly research activities of its faculty, staff and students in order to provide society with the vitally needed highly qualified personnel.
- 1.2. The parties to this MoU agree in principle to establish for themselves a preferential Institutional partner status.

### **ARTICLE 2: Responsible offices**

USM and AU agree to appoint an overall coordinator for the administration. The coordinator will serve as the contact person on campus, being responsible for arrangements associated with visits, ensuring that necessary approvals are in place and the general welfare of the students/faculty.

### **ARTICLE 3: Commitment of the parties**

USM and AU 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.

#### **3.1. Student exchange programme**

- 3.1.1. USM and AU would offer opportunities to undergraduate and postgraduate students from the partner institution to carry out projects in their own laboratories.
- 3.1.2. USM and AU agree in principle to intake in the regular engineering / science and technology curriculum undergraduate and postgraduate students from the partner institution for one semester or one year.
- 3.1.3. Proposals for students must be done in advance and agree upon with sufficient notice to both parties. The exact number of students will be agreed upon by the two institutions on an annual basis. In any given year, the number of students hosted can vary.

- 3.1.4. The home institution will be responsible for screening and selecting students, subject to acceptance by the host institution.
- 3.1.5. The host institution will assist the students to obtain housing and with other matters of hospitality, but is not obliged to provide financial assistance of any kind.
- 3.1.6. Participating students shall be responsible for obtaining their own visas and completing the required immigration formalities.
- 3.1.7. Students participating to the programme will pay appropriate tuition fees at their home institution during the period at the host institution. They will also pay for all personal expenses at the host institution, including visa, housing, travel, meals and health insurance. They will be exempted from tuition fees at the host institution.

### 3.2. **Faculty exchange programme**

The agreement MoU also envisions co-operation for faculty exchange through deputation for short term assignments spread over not more than a year in areas mutually identified.

### 3.3. **Other activities**

The above-mentioned activities are not exclusive; others may be considered, such as:

- Joint projects,
- Collaborative research activities, including joint supervision of doctoral students,
- Joint academics programs,
- Other areas of mutual interest.

When relevant, the above-mentioned activities will be described in a specific binding agreement.

## **ARTICLE 4: Administrative provisions**

### 4.1 **Terms and termination**

This agreement MoU will become effective from the date hereof and shall be effective for three (3) years there from, or until earlier termination by either party in keeping with the terms of this agreement MoU. This agreement MoU shall be renewed if both the parties agree at the end of the three-year-term.

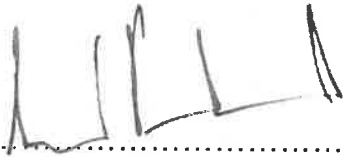
### 4.2 **Modification**

If any exchanges in the above clauses or a modification are intended then it can be carried out by mutual consent in writing of both the parties.

## ARTICLE 5: Legal Effect

This MoU is not intended to impose any legal obligation whatsoever on either parties, but not limited to an obligation to bargain in good faith. The parties do not intend to be bound by any agreement until both agree to and sign a definitive written contract. Neither party can rely on any promises inconsistent to this paragraph. This paragraph supersedes all other conflicting terms.

For and on behalf of  
**Anna University, INDIA**



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**Mr. Sunil Paliwal, I.A.S.**  
Chairperson  
Convener Committee

For and on behalf of  
**Universiti Sains Malaysia, MALAYSIA**



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**Professor Datuk Dr. Asma Ismail**  
Vice-Chancellor

In the presence of:



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**Prof. S. Ganesan**  
Registrar

In the presence of:



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**Professor Dr. Habibah A. Wahab**  
Dean  
School of Pharmaceutical Sciences



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**Prof. N. Rajendran**  
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