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# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY  
("Swinburne")

and

ANNA UNIVERSITY

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**DATE** 26 September 2018

**BETWEEN**

**SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY** of John Street, Hawthorn, Victoria 3122 Australia, as described in Item 2 of the Schedule

("Swinburne")

**AND**

**ANNA UNIVERSITY** of Sardar Patel Road, Guindy, Chennai - 600025, Tamil Nadu, India as described in Item 3 of the Schedule.

### BACKGROUND

- A. The parties have been in discussions in relation to the proposal described in Item 5 of the Schedule (the "Proposal").
- B. The parties enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to record their current aims and as an expression of their intent to proceed on the basis outlined in this Memorandum of Understanding and pursue negotiations among themselves to endeavour to give effect to those aims.

### OPERATIVE PART

#### 1. AIMS

The overall mutual aim of the parties is to pursue the Proposal.

#### 2. INITIAL STEPS

For the purpose of promoting the Proposal the parties are prepared, under no financial obligations, to take the respective steps described in Item 6 of the Schedule. The parties agree that no legally binding obligations will arise between them until a separate formal contract is entered into.

#### 3. ASSUMPTIONS, FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

The steps described in Item 6 of the Schedule are indicative only and depend on assumptions that may change as the Proposal progresses. Future negotiations, steps and documentation will be affected by such changes.

#### 4. ONGOING REVIEW

Until such time as a separate formal contract is entered into between the parties in relation to the Proposal:

- (a) the parties will conduct regular and ongoing reviews of the Proposal and their respective participation; and
- (b) if at any time either party decides that the Proposal is not viable they may withdraw their participation.

**5. CONFIDENTIALITY**

The terms of this Memorandum of Understanding and any negotiations between the parties are confidential and must only be made known to those officers and employees of the parties who need to know.

**6. PUBLICITY**

A party must not make a public announcement relating to this Memorandum of Understanding or any negotiations between the parties without the prior written consent of the other party, which consent may not be unreasonably withheld.

**7. NON-BINDING**

This Memorandum of Understanding is being signed by the parties to evidence their in-principle non-binding intentions. The parties acknowledge that other than clauses 5 and 6 no legally binding obligations arise between them as a result of the signing of this document. Binding obligations other than those set out in clauses 5 and 6 are only intended to arise upon the signing of a separate formal contract. Any action taken by a party in anticipation of a formal contract will be at the sole risk of that party.

EXECUTED as an Agreement.

SIGNED for and on behalf of  
SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY OF  
TECHNOLOGY in the presence of:

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 ) *Ajay Kapoor*  
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 ) *Prof A. KAPOOR, PRO VICE CHANCELLOR*  
**Prof. Aleksandar Subic**  
 Deputy Vice-Chancellor  
 (Research and Development)

Date signed: 26 / Sep / 2018

*H. Nguyen*  
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 Signature of Witness  
 Prof. H. Nguyen

SIGNED for and on behalf of ANNA  
UNIVERSITY in the presence of:

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 ) *M. K. Surappa*  
 ) *26/9/18*  
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**Prof. M. K. Surappa**  
 Vice-Chancellor  
 Date signed: 26 / 09 / 2018

*J. Kumar*  
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 Signature of Witness  
**Prof. J. Kumar**  
 Registrar  
 Date signed : 26 / Sep / 2018

*N. Rajendran*  
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 Signature of Witness  
**Prof. N. Rajendran**  
 Director  
 Centre for International Affairs  
 Date signed : 26 / Sep / 2018

## SCHEDULE

<b>Item 1: Date</b>	26 September 2018
<b>Item 2: Term</b>	3 Years
<b>Item 3: Relevant Department, Institute, Centre or School of Swinburne</b>	Swinburne University of Technology John Street, Hawthorn, Victoria – 3122 Australia Phone: +61 3 9214 5407
<b>Item 4: Name (and ACN if applicable) and address of Other Party</b>	Anna University Sardar Patel Road, Guindy, Chennai - 600025, Tamil Nadu India Phone: +91 044 2235 8561
<b>Item 5: The Proposal</b>	<p>This MOU is signed as evidence of commitment from both universities to genuinely explore collaborative research opportunities that are of joint and mutual interest including, but not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic staff and doctoral student exchanges</li> <li>• Joint research activities and supervision for doctoral students</li> <li>• Joint conferences or symposia on subjects of mutual interest</li> <li>• Exchange of information such as research publication of faculty members</li> </ul>
<b>Item 6: Respective Steps to be taken</b>	<p>Following the signing of this MOU, Swinburne and Anna University will each identify a Point of Contact (POC) for relevant discussions.</p> <p>The appointed POCs will facilitate the discussion on development of a Partnered PhD agreement between the two institutions.</p> <p>The timing for the above steps will be within 6 months from the signing of this MoU.</p>