



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

**Academic and Research Collaboration
Between
VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY, USA
And
SYMBIOSIS INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, India.**

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MOU") is made and executed on this 19th day of February 2016 at _____

BETWEEN

VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY (VCU) having its address at: Richmond, Virginia 23284, (hereafter referred to as "VCU") **OF THE FIRST PART**

AND

SYMBIOSIS INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY a University established under Section 3 of the UGC Act 1956 and having address at: Symbiosis Knowledge Village, Gram : Lavale, Taluka : Mulshi, District: Pune 411042 (India), for and on behalf of its constituent the Symbiosis Centre for International Education (SCIE), having its campus at : Senapati Bapat Road, Pune 411 004 through its Registrar, Dr. S. C. Nerkar, (hereinafter referred to as "SCIE") **OF THE SECOND PART**

The parties agree that for all practical, implementation and execution purposes, this engagement is for Symbiosis Centre for International Education and hence University hereinafter shall be construed as SCIE.

Symbiosis Centre for International Education (SCIE) is a constituent of Symbiosis International University and is engaged in providing leadership and support to internationalize the campus and the curricula. International students from over 85 countries pursue their undergraduate and postgraduate studies at Symbiosis and SCIE aims to provide the Students and faculty with opportunities to pursue their international academic interests to the fullest, be it through academic exchanges, or exposure to international conferences, seminars, workshops, and other resources;

Virginia Commonwealth University and Symbiosis International University, India desire to enhance relations between the two institutions and develop academic and cultural exchange to advance the discovery of new knowledge, creative expression and innovation, enhance teaching and learning, and strengthen the positive impact on their communities, agree to collaborate and work together toward the internationalization of higher education at their respective institutions.

The areas of cooperation will include discussion of any program offered by either institution, which is desirable and feasible for the development and strengthening of co-operative relationships between the two institutions. However, any specific program offering shall be subject to mutual consent, availability of funds and approval of each institution.

The terms of such mutual assistance and co-operation shall be discussed and agreed upon in writing by both the parties prior to the initiation of any particular program or activity.

This agreement shall be effective upon approval by both parties and shall remain in effect for an initial period of three (3) years. Thereafter, it may be automatically renewed on mutually acceptable terms and conditions. Either party may terminate this agreement upon written notice to the other party.

PARTY OF THE FIRST PART
For Virginia Commonwealth University



Dr. Gail Hackett

Provost & Vice President
for Academic Affairs

Date..... 2/19/16

PARTY OF THE SECOND PART
On Behalf of Symbiosis International University

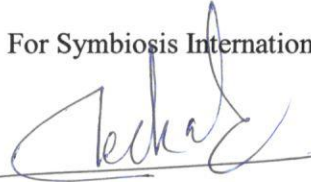


Dr Vidya Yeravdekar

Executive Director
Symbiosis Centre for International Education

Date 7 Jan 2016

For Symbiosis International University



Dr S. C. Nerkar
Registrar

Date 18th January 2016

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