

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Academic and Research Collaboration

Between

Aston University, United Kingdom

And

**SYMBIOSIS INTERNATIONAL (DEEMED UNIVERSITY), India on behalf of
Symbiosis Centre for International Education.**

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MOU") is made and executed on this 2nd day of December 2019 ("Effective date") at Pune.

BETWEEN

ASTON UNIVERSITY, an exempt charity, established under the Royal Charter having its campus at Aston Triangle, Birmingham B4 7ET, England (hereinafter referred to as "Aston")

... PARTY OF THE FIRST PART

AND

SYMBIOSIS INTERNATIONAL (DEEMED UNIVERSITY), an Institution deemed to be University so declared under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 having campus at: Symbiosis Knowledge Village, Gram : Lavale, Taluka : Mulshi, District: Pune 411042 (India), through its registrar Dr. M.S Shejul for and on behalf of its Department the Symbiosis Centre for International Education having its campus at : Senapati Bapat Road, Pune 411 004 (hereinafter referred to as "SCIE") which expression shall unless it be repugnant to the context shall mean and include its Officers, Authorities, etc.,

...PARTY OF THE SECOND PART

[It is clearly and distinctly understood and acknowledged that this MoU has been executed by SIU, on behalf of Symbiosis Centre for International Education [SCIE], one of its constituents. Therefore, all the rights and obligations as provided in this MoU shall be exercised / performed by SCIE on behalf of SIU and hence SIU in this MoU hereafter be construed as SIU/SCIE].

“Aston” and “SCIE” shall be collectively referred to as “Parties” and individually as a “Party”.

WHEREAS Aston enables students to obtain the advantage of University education, by teaching and research and may include periods outside the University wherever the University considers proper for the best advancement of its objects .

WHEREAS SCIE a constituent of Symbiosis International (Deemed 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;

WHEREAS the parties have mutually agreed to establish an academic co-operation to promote their mutual interests in accordance with their individual mission and objectives, especially in respect of internationalisation.

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES AS UNDER:

Purpose

This MOU is intended to establish academic co-operation in order to promote the mutual interests of and to foster and develop t partnership between the parties in accordance with their individual mission and objectives, especially in respect of internationalisation. (“the Project”).

1. Term

This MOU will commence on the last date of signature (“the Commencement Date”) and will expire in five years from the Commencement Date.

2. Objectives

2.1 The parties will undertake the Project and aim to:

- 2.1.1 develop articulation agreements;
- 2.1.2 develop a framework for studying abroad and transfer academic credits;
- 2.1.3 exchange faculty members for teaching (by physical or virtual means);

- 2.1.4 engage in collaborative research and reciprocal visits by faculty members;
 - 2.1.5 host short term academic programmes / study visits for students;
 - 2.1.6 participate in seminars and academic meetings for faculty members
 - 2.1.7 undertake other mutually agreed activities as considered appropriate by the parties.
- 2.2 Each activity set out in clause 2.1 will be subject to the parties entering into separate agreements.

3. **Termination**

- 3.1 Either party may terminate this MOU by giving at least 3 months' notice in writing to the other Party. However, any ongoing activity under this MoU shall not be affected by such termination and termination will take place in respect of such activity in accordance with the terms of the agreement governing that activity.
- 3.2 Upon expiry of this MOU each party will deliver to the other all documents and all other materials (including, but not limited to, computer discs and other removable storage devices) made available to it in connection with this MOU.

4. **Status**

- 4.1 This MOU is not intended to be legally binding or to be construed as creating any legally enforceable rights or obligations between the parties.
- 4.2 Nothing in this MOU is intended to, or will be deemed to, establish any partnership or joint venture between the parties, constitute either party as the agent of the other party, nor authorise either of the parties to make or enter into any commitments for or on behalf of the other party.

5. **General Provisions**

- 5.1 No variation of this MOU will be valid unless it is in writing and signed by or on behalf of each of the parties.
- 5.2 This MOU may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered, will be an original, and all the counterparts together will constitute the same instrument.

PARTY OF THE FIRST PART

On behalf of Aston University



Saskia Hansen

Deputy Vice Chancellor, Engagement

Date: 21/10/2019

PARTY OF THE SECOND PART

On Behalf of Symbiosis International (Deemed University)



Dr Vidya Yeravdekar

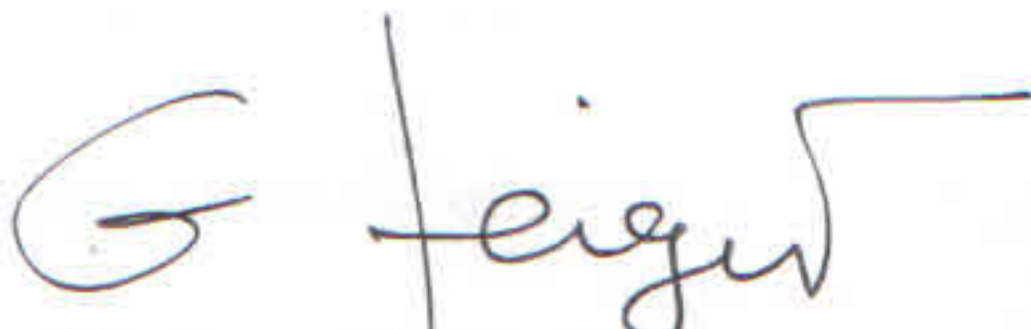
Executive Director, SCIE

Pro-Chancellor, SIU

Date: 02 Dec 2019

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For Symbiosis International (Deemed University)



Professor George Feiger

Pro-Vice Chancellor and Executive
Dean of Aston Business School

Date: 21/10/2019



Dr. M. S. Shejul

Registrar

Date: 02 Dec 2019

