

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**FOR**  
**ACADEMIC and RESEARCH COLLABORATION**

Between



**HARRISBURG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

Harrisburg University of Science and Technology is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104. Program offerings are authorized by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Postsecondary and Adult Education, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17126.

And



**PIMPRI CHINCHWAD EDUCATION TRUST**

A well-established and time tested brand in education since 1990; Approved and Accredited by All India Council For Technical Education (AICTE) New Delhi, Govt. Of Maharashtra, D.T.E., Mumbai; Affiliated To Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU), Pune; . S.no. 26, Nigadi Pradhikaran, Pune - 411044, India



This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) entered into as of Month day, 2020 by and between Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET) and Harrisburg University of Science and Technology (HU) summarizes the general intent of each with respect to an academic collaboration.

WHEREAS, HU is a private, non-profit university formed under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that focuses its educational mission in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); and

WHEREAS, HU is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education;

WHEREAS, PCET was established by Late Shri. Shankarrao B. Patil in the year 1990 with a vision to provide value added educational platform to society in multiple dimensions right from Nursery to Doctoral programs in all professional streams enabling all our students to achieve Freedom through Education. Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET) has Affiliations and Accreditations with the esteemed organizations/institutions in India including All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE), Savitribai Phule Pune University, Maharashtra State Board of Technical Education Mumbai, Council of Architecture, NABET.

WHEREAS PCET runs the following educational institutes-

- Pimpri Chinchwad Polytechnic (PCP), Pune
- Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering (PCCOE), Pune (An Autonomous Institute)
- Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering & Research (PCCOE&R), Pune
- Pune Business School (PBS)
- S. B. Patil Institute of Management (SBPIM), Pune
- S. B. Patil College of Architecture and Design (SBPCOAD), Pune
- S. B. Patil College of Science & Commerce (SBPCSC), Pune
- S. B. Patil Public School (SBPPS), Pune
- Nutan Maharashtra Institute of Engineering & Technology (NMIET), Pune
- Nutan College of Engineering & Research (NCER), Pune

WHEREAS, it is the intent of HU and PCET to enter into a collaboration agreement and combine its resources to create pathways to academic cooperation; and

WHEREAS, this MOU is an expression of intent only and not meant to be binding on the parties now or at any point in time in the future; and

WHEREAS, the parties acknowledge that they must complete additional negotiations on the points set forth in this MOU, as well as points beyond the scope of this MOU, that may cause the terms in this MOU to be further negotiated and changed.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties do not intend to be bound until they enter into a formal and final written agreement regarding the subject matter of this MOU as tentatively outlined below.

### 1. Aim of MOU

The aim of this MoU is to provide for cooperation on academic and research activities of the two faculties that will strengthen mutual understanding, foster friendly cooperation and promote sustainable and productive academic collaboration and exchange between faculty, researchers and students of both the parties.

2. **Commencement of Relationship.** It is anticipated that activities between HU and PCET will commence in September, 2020. Anticipated activities to commence in September, 2020 include, but are not limited to, faculty exchange and student exchange for the courses offered by HU and PCET, student internships and placements, exchange of expertise through training programs, workshops, conferences, webinars, input for curriculum development, joint guidance to post-graduate and PhD students, higher study opportunities for students and faculty, joint research activities through joint publications, patents and applications for research funding.

3. **Scope.** PCCCOE and HU will work together in the development, administration, management, promotion, and marketing of collaborative programs that will be mutually beneficial to both institutions. The parties agree to collaborate in computer sciences, analytics, and entrepreneurship programs. Anticipated programs and activities to commence in Month 202- include, but are not limited to:

- a) **International admissions** (B Tech/ M Tech/ M.S./ PhD./ PostDoc )
- b) Establish **Two Stage Master's Programmes** with foreign universities wherein part of the programme is conducted in PCCOE and other in the foreign university.
- c) Faculty exchange and student exchange for the courses offered by HU and PCCOE
- d) Summer/Winter internships and placements
- e) Exchange of expertise through training programs
- f) Joint workshops, symposiums, conferences, webinars
- g) Input for curriculum development
- h) Joint guidance to post-graduate and PhD students
- i) Higher study opportunities for students and faculty
- j) Entrepreneurship and Startups
- k) International advisory board
- l) Joint research activities through joint publications, patents and applications for research funding

4. The two parties agree to collaborate in Computer Sciences, Analytics, and Biotechnology programs. This collaboration will include, but not be limited to, sharing curriculum, teaching pedagogies, faculty training, and course development.

**Term:** The term of this MOU shall be 5 years unless modified by the upcoming formal agreement between the parties. This MOU will be reevaluated in September 2025.

**5. Academic Responsibility.** HU will have exclusive control over its respective academic programs. Nothing contained in this MOU, or any subsequent formal agreement, is intended to be nor shall be construed as a delegation of that control. HU will make all decisions regarding program structure, delivery method, and course content; selection, retention, supervision, credentialing, evaluation, and termination of faculty; admission, registration, discipline, termination, and assessment of students; calculation and award of prior learning credit; evaluation of student progress; and the awarding and recording of credit independently including the issuance of a HU degree.



## **6. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS**



- 6.1 The terms of, and the necessary resources for, such joint activities and exchange programmes, shall be discussed and mutually agreed upon in writing by both Parties through the liaison officers specified by the parties prior to the initiation of the particular activity or programme.
- 6.2 The activities under the MoU will be undertaken by specific appointees from each institution.
- 6.3 For the sake of clarity, both parties confirm that this will be a legally binding MoU.
- 6.4 Any amendment of and/or modification to the MoU will require the written approval from both Parties.
- 6.5 The termination of this MoU shall not affect the implementation of the projects or programmes established under it prior to such termination.
- 6.6 Both institutions agree that they will follow all applicable laws and regulations in both countries as they exist today as well as in the future, including but not limited to any privacy legislation and data protection legislation.
- 6.7 Exchange of academic information and materials, publications, research databases, and courseware, will comply with HU's policy on access to information as well as all relevant legislation pertaining to access to information.
- 6.8 In the unlikely event of any dispute between the parties, the parties will use their best endeavors to resolve the dispute amicably. Should the dispute not be resolved within a reasonable time, and it is considered to be of a serious nature, the Aggrieved Party may inform the other party of its intention of arbitration. Such arbitration will take place in the country of the Aggrieved Party, and that country's arbitration legislation will take precedence.

7. All the communication between both the parties will be through Single Point of Contact (SPOC), on behalf of Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust, Dr. Swati V. Shinde (Contact No: 7350318050; email- [swati.shinde@pccoe pune.org](mailto:swati.shinde@pccoe pune.org)) and on behalf of HU

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8. SIGNATORIES

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| Designation : <b>Secretary</b>   | Designation : <b>President</b>   |
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