



**Agreement for Collaboration  
for academic cooperation between  
Panjab University, Chandigarh**

**And**

**National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology  
acting through its Biomedical Research Institute, Japan**

Panjab University (PU), Chandigarh (India) and the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology acting through its Biomedical Research Institute (BMI-AIST) (Japan) recognize their strengths in research and education in one or more disciplines of science and their mutual interest in engaging themselves in academic cooperation.

Therefore, PU and BMI-AIST (jointly "Institutions") hereby record their intention to establish a programme for academic cooperation in areas of mutual interest, and in accordance with principles set forth in this Agreement for Collaboration ("Agreement"). PU and BMI-AIST agree that where of mutual benefit, the following general forms of co-operation will be explored ("the Purpose"):

- a) to exchange information on research and educational programmes,
- b) to exchange information on teaching, learning material and other literature relevant to their educational and research programmes,
- c) to jointly organize short-term continuing education programmes on topics of mutual interest and to invite each other's researchers to participate therein,
- d) to jointly organize seminars, conferences, or workshops on topics of mutual interest and to invite each other's researchers to participate therein,
- e) to jointly propose and engage in research or training programmes sponsored by funding agencies, and to invite each other's researchers to participate therein,
- f) to exchange, on a reciprocal basis, researchers and students for limited periods of time for purpose of education and /or research.

PU and BMI-AIST intend that detailed terms and conditions that guide each activity identified above, if required, will be separately agreed upon by the two Institutions by signing an implementing agreement for each activity as such specific cases arise. These terms may include a description of proposed activity and financial arrangements.

Detail of the implementation of any particular collaborative agreement will be developed mutually between the two Institutions as such specific cases arise. Any such agreements will be legitimised by the completion of a specific binding written agreement. PU and BMI-AIST agree to respect each other's rights to intellectual property. Further, the intellectual property rights that arise as a result of any collaborative research or activity under this Agreement will be worked out on a case-to-case basis.

Both Institutions understand that they have no financial commitment to each other, however, will join to apply for external funding wherever possible.

The Institutions intend to co-operate in good faith to achieve the Purpose. This Agreement does not create any legally binding rights or obligations but reflects the intentions of the Institutions to work together in good faith to promote and monitor the agreed Purpose.

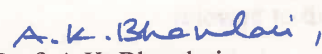
This Agreement is not intended to be construed to create or give effect to a joint venture, association, partnership or other business organization or agency arrangement and neither Institution shall have the authority under this Agreement to bind the other without the prior written approval of the other Institution.

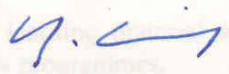
Each Institution will appoint one member of its teaching/research personnel to coordinate the programme on its behalf. The coordinator, thus appointed, will periodically review and identify ways to strengthen cooperation between the two Institutions.

The Agreement is effective from **November 02, 2015** and will remain valid for five years. It may be continued thereafter by mutual agreement in writing after suitable review and agreement. Either Institution may terminate the Agreement by giving written notice to the other Institution six months in advance. PU and BMI-AIST will ensure that all activities in progress under the terms of an implementing agreement are allowed to complete successfully.

Should there be a dispute relating to any aspect of academic cooperation, Vice Chancellor, PU and Director, BMI-AIST will jointly resolve the dispute in a spirit of independence, mutual respect, and shared responsibility.

This Agreement is signed by duly authorized representatives.

  
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