



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

### NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY AND PANJAB UNIVERSITY

#### 1. Background

The Parties wish to explore further opportunities for collaboration in teaching and research. The aim of this Memorandum is to provide a framework within which the Parties will seek to develop a long-term collaborative relationship.

#### 2. Scope

The purpose of this Memorandum is to express the intentions of the Parties and except as provided in clauses 4, 7, 8 and 9, it is not intended to be legally binding. This Memorandum may be subject to revision or renewal by mutual consent or termination for any reason by either Party upon service of written notice to the other Party.

Cooperative projects between the institutions may include any of the academic disciplines of the Parties. In the first instance, it is expected that both parties intend to explore collaborations as noted in the appendices of this Memorandum.

#### 3. Purpose

Initial focus and discussion shall be in relation to:

- 3.1 Research collaborations
- 3.2 Faculty exchange visits
- 3.3 Exchange visits by students
- 3.4 Organisation of joint conferences, workshops and schools
- 3.5 Development of joint academic and research programmes

#### 4. Confidentiality

The discussions relating to any contemplated transactions shall be confidential and shall be binding upon the Parties and their respective affiliates. Each Party shall be responsible for any breach of this Memorandum by any of its affiliates.

#### 5. Term

This Memorandum shall become effective upon the date of signature and shall remain in force, subject to earlier termination, for a period of 3 (three) years. Either Party may terminate this Memorandum at any time on 15 calendar days' written notice to the other Party without incurring any liability.



## **6. Coordination**

In order to carry out and fulfil the aims of this Memorandum, each Party will appoint a coordinator, who will be responsible for managing the development and conduct of any activities upon which the Parties agree.

## **7. Collaboration**

Any specific research projects shall be conducted under an appropriate separate agreement executed by the Parties. Such agreements will be legally binding.

Exchange of faculty and students shall be conducted under separate agreements to be signed by the Parties. These Agreements will set out the responsibility of each Party in detail and will be legally binding.

## **8. Intellectual Property**

Nothing in this Memorandum is intended to confer any Intellectual Property Rights ("IPR") by one Party to the other or change either Party's ownership of its background IPR in existence on or before the date of this Memorandum or falling outside of the scope of this Memorandum.

Any collaboration or exchange agreements that become signed under the aegis of this Memorandum will spell out the ownership of intellectual property rights of any discoveries made as a part of such agreements.

## **9. Relationship**

At all times during the performance of its obligations under this Memorandum, the Parties shall act as independent contractors. This Memorandum is not intended to create, and shall not be construed to create a relationship of principal and agent, employer and employee, joint venture, partnership, or any relationship other than that of independent contracting parties.

## **10. Disputes**

The Parties shall attempt to resolve in good faith any dispute arising between them out of the operation of this Memorandum. If the dispute cannot be resolved informally, it shall be referred to the Vice-Chancellors of Nottingham Trent University and Panjab University.

## **11. Status**

This Memorandum does not create any legally binding obligations or rights between the Parties.

Any specific arrangements undertaken by Parties will be documented in legally binding agreements

### **University Coordinators**

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**Review**

The collaborative activity will be reviewed on an annual basis by the University coordinators noted above and report prepared annually

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Memorandum as of the date first written above.

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Professor Edward Peck  
Vice Chancellor  
Nottingham Trent University

Date: 10/12/2015

David Bellitt

Witness

Arun Kumar Grover

Professor Arun Kumar Grover  
Vice Chancellor  
Panjab University

Date: 20/12/2015

A.K. Bhand

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10/12/15



## **APPENDIX ONE**

### **SCHOOL OF ART & DESIGN AND UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF FASHION TECHNOLOGY**

Further to section 2 of the Memorandum, this Appendix sets out the areas within which the parties intend to explore future collaboration.

#### **Areas for Potential Collaboration**

- NTU MA students/staff to exchange/visit UIFT and engage with the Crafts/Artisan visits undertaken across India at the beginning of the MSc Fashion Technology course – this would provide excellent opportunities for interaction between students from both institutions.
- Select courses from the Masters suite of Fashion related Design and Business courses at NTU to pilot through credit bearing progression. For example, Post-Graduate Diploma phase of the NTU Masters for suitably qualified MSc Fashion Technology students from UIFT.
- Developing mutually agreeable Faculty exchange programme that is deliverable with clear aims and objectives and effectively managed for both academic and research staff from both institutions.
- Exchange scholarly activity between institutions through academic teaching & learning development and research collaboration.
- Organising training and development programs on terms and conditions as mutually agreed upon.
- Consultancy projects on such terms and conditions as mutually agreed upon.
- Organising seminars, symposia, conferences, workshops, group discussions, round tables and lectures etc.

Activities may only be taken up once their funding has been secured.

#### **Coordinators for Appendix One:**

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#### **Review**

The collaborative activity will be reviewed on an annual basis by the coordinators noted in this Appendix and report to be submitted at the end of each academic year / annually to the University coordinators.

## APPENDIX TWO

### CENTRE FOR CONFLICT, RIGHTS AND JUSTICE, NOTTINGHAM LAW SCHOOL AND CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND DUTIES

Further to section 2 of the Memorandum, this Appendix sets out the areas within which the parties intend to explore future collaboration.

#### Areas for Potential Collaboration

- Nottingham Law School will provide four places on the NLS European Summer School in July 2016 for students from Centre for Human Rights and Duties and allied departments from Panjab University. Panjab University will be responsible for selecting suitable students. Those students selected will be responsible for making their own travel and visa arrangements. Nottingham Law School will fund accommodation for the scheme but students will bear their own travel, visa, insurance and subsistence costs in full. The arrangement will be reviewed by both parties for continuation in subsequent years.
- Centre for Human Rights and Duties and allied departments researching on human rights at Panjab University are invited to send up to two Ph.D. Students a year undertaking research in a relevant area to Nottingham Law School to spend a term at Nottingham Law School. Nottingham Law School will provide access to library resources, a workstation and appropriate mentoring and guidance. Students will be responsible for making their own travel, visa and accommodation arrangements but Nottingham Law School will provide two travel scholarships up to the value of £1,500 for each student which will be payable in advance.
- The Editor of the Nottingham Law Journal will receive contributions to the Journal from academics at Panjab University. The terms for submission and acceptance of contributions can be found at <https://www.ntu.ac.uk/nls/research/nlj/index.html>
- Nottingham Law School and Panjab University will explore the possibility of undertaking joint supervision of research students, joint conference collaboration and academic exchanges.

Activities may only be taken up once their funding has been secured.

#### Coordinators for Appendix Two:

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