



AMRITA
VISHWA VIDYAPEETHAM
UNIVERSITY



**Australian
National
University**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

**Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham (Amrita University)
As represented by**

**The Center for Economic Fragility and Governance at the Amrita
School of Business**

and

The Australian National University

**as represented by the Australia South Asia Research Centre at the
Crawford School of Public Policy**

In order to encourage closer ties, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham (Amrita University) as represented by the Center for Economic Fragility and Governance (CEFG) at the Amrita School of Business, and The Australian National University (ANU) as represented by the Australia South Asia Research Centre (ASARC) at the Crawford School of Public Policy (the 'Parties'), enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to facilitate cooperation for the establishment of programs of exchange and collaboration in areas of mutual interest and benefit to both institutions.

Based on principles of equity and reciprocity, this MoU will serve as a general framework for cooperation between the Parties, and is intended to facilitate discussions for more specific programs of collaboration that improve learning, assessment, methodology and technology in their respective institutions and countries.

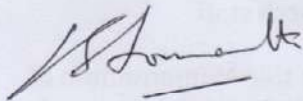
The Parties agree to work together in the following ways:

1. Identify appropriate staff at each institution to exchange information on topics and issues of interest to both Parties, especially economic and policy assessment design and use, statistical and psychometric methodologies, evaluation, and technology development and impact.
2. Identify research topics and/or issues of importance to both organizations, and when possible, cooperate in conducting and disseminating the results of such research through appropriate mechanisms.
3. Either Party can propose joint research or development projects, which may or may not involve a larger consortium of international partners. All such proposals will be presented in writing. If adopted by both Parties, proposals will be implemented through separate agreements entered into by the Parties. These agreements will specify the respective tasks and responsibilities to be assumed by each of the Parties, the source and distribution of resources to carry them out and any additional source(s) of funding.
4. Each Party shall remain the owner of its own intellectual property rights and all rights to such Party's information, inventions, and original work created by such Party before and after the Effective Date of this MOU and/or during the term of this MOU. Specific details of intellectual property rights for individual projects jointly researched and conducted by the Parties shall be as separately determined in each project agreement. Use of intellectual property rights of each Party requires a separate agreement. No license of any form is granted under this MOU including any license of any of the Parties' trademarks, logos or other intellectual property rights.
5. Other Scope and Major Activities: Both Parties agree to explore a range of activities to enhance education and research through:
 - joint meetings and research collaboration,
 - exchange of undergraduate and graduate students,
 - exchange of faculty members and researchers; and
 - exchange of information and materials in those fields which are of interest to both parties.
6. Both Parties confirm that no financial or in-kind commitment is made by either party under this MoU.
7. Both Parties agree that all expenses, including research material, international and domestic travel, per diem, honoraria and all other costs shall be the responsibility of the home institution unless stated otherwise.

However, each side will do its utmost to make available institutional accommodation and office space to visiting research staff.

8. It is understood that the scope of activities under this Memorandum of Understanding will be determined by funds regularly available at each institution for the types of collaboration undertaken and by such other financial assistance as may be obtained by either Party from external sources.
9. Both Parties acknowledge that any visit by staff from one institution to the other shall be subject to the entry and visa regulations of India and Australia, and shall comply with the regulations of Amrita University and the Australian National University.
10. Any collaborative arrangements set up under the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding will be the subject of specific formal agreements. In the event that subsequent agreements are signed by each Party to govern specific collaborative research and training projects, then the terms and conditions of these agreements supplement this Memorandum of Understanding and in case of conflict an agreement will prevail over this Memorandum of Understanding.
11. It is understood that, upon execution by each Party, this Memorandum of Understanding will be in effect for five years or until terminated by either Party giving six months written notice of termination to the other Party.
12. It is understood that an evaluation of this Memorandum of Understanding will take place two years after the date of execution and that termination of this Memorandum of Understanding will be without penalty to either Party.
13. This Memorandum of Understanding does not constitute, nor is it intended to be, a legally binding contract between the Parties.
14. Amendments to this Memorandum of Understanding may be made in writing by agreement of both Parties.

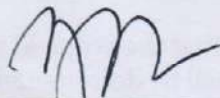
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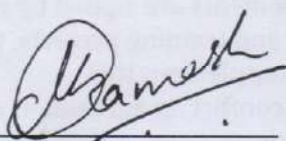
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For The Australian National University



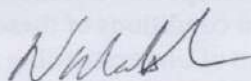
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