



## **Memorandum of Understanding**

**BETWEEN**

**COLUMBIA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, MONTICELLO ROAD, COLUMBIA**

**AND**

**SWAMI KARTIKEYAN VEDIC VISHWAVIDYALAYA, TIRUNELVELI, INDIA**

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This Memorandum of Understanding is to outline an agreement and working relationship between the Columbia International University (hereinafter referred to as CIU) and the Swami Kartikeyan Vedic Vishwavidyalaya (hereinafter referred to as SKVV).

This MOU seeks to strengthen cooperation between two institutes involved in the fields of education, scholarly research and service programs. Additionally, the MOU aims to outline the general framework to develop mutually beneficial programs and projects, whose conditions and articles will be discussed separately.

The MOU consists of the following articles:

### **Article 1: Students Exchange Program**

#### **a) Students wishing to register for credit courses**

Both parties agree to facilitate the acceptance of students from each of their institutions into courses in which they meet the entry requirements. The course curriculum can be designed by both of the institutions and it can follow choice based credit system. It means a student can have choice to design their own curriculum. It also means that if a student wish to complete his/her program in less period of time than its schedule, then he/she can.

In general students will be responsible for their study fees if they are studying outside of their countries. This exchange of study can be possible for one month at a time and this must be paid by the student only, as per tourist visa rule applicable to both of the countries. Rest of the course duration, the student must complete course work at their home country. As it's an online platform they can learn from anywhere.

But once, for at least a week of time, during their academic session, they must visit both of the institutions.

#### **b) Audit students**

Both parties will discuss the issue of granting access to study materials for audit students. The host institute will provide access to the course material to students every semester after consultation with the relevant in house institutions. Students will be required to pay fees for the programs that they wish to audit. The host institute will issue audit students with a certificate of attendance at the end of the semester (The attendance may be login time on either website to access the course).

#### **c) Fee Share**

If suppose a student opts a dual degree program, the fee must be shared in equal parts to both of the students. The Fee for a course can be decided by mutual understanding of both the institutions.

## **Article 2: Faculty and experts exchange**

Both parties wish to encourage the exchange of lecturers from one institute to the other in the following manner:

a- Short visits by faculty and experts to head seminars, and workshops. Teach short programs and cooperate in research, teaching and training specialists.

b- Semester long visits or visits for a longer period of teaching, research, education and training specialists. The responsible academic employee in the concerned department or a person chosen for the task will facilitate the exchange between institutions. Additionally the two parties to the MOU will engage in a joint planning project to facilitate planning and regular communication. The conditions for this exchange will be discussed between the cooperating departments and responsible deans. In general each party will be responsible for the costs of the transfer of its staff, and each party will do its utmost to provide services and support for this project.

## **Article 3: Joint Research**

Both parties desire to encourage joint research through the concerted efforts of scholarly research departments, units and consultancies. This cooperation will be as follows:

a) Participation of researchers including postgraduate students from one institute who will carry out research for the other institute.

b) Carrying out joint research programs.

c) Organizing joint scholarly symposiums and conferences.

In order to facilitate cooperation in research, the planning project will disseminate information about the research interests and opportunities of each responsible college in the respective institutes.

## **Article 4: Mutual assistance and services**

Each party strives to help the other in teaching and developing scholarly research through the provision of information, and facilitating short and long visits which will be carried out by the university staff and administrators for the purpose of providing advice, evaluation or proffering planning services. The host institute will be responsible for the required costs.

**Article 5: Exchange of information**

Both parties agree to exchange scholarly material and information which is specific to program development. Both parties will explore new ways of sharing sources of knowledge through advanced technologies.

**Article 6: Dual logo on Dual Degree**

The logo and name of both the institutions will appear on the Degree certificate of Dual Degree programs.

**Article 7: Developments**

If the need arises an appendix which contains articles not mentioned here can be added to the MOU. This will be arranged through correspondence between both parties.

**Article 8: Consideration of the regulations of Both Institutions**

All that has been mentioned above will be carried out with consideration of the regulations of both the Institutions.

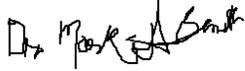
**Article 9: Duration and Termination**

This MoU shall become effective from the date that is signed by both parties and shall be valid for a period of five years, but may be renewed or extended by mutual consent. Any changes to this MoU shall be subject to the written consent of both parties.

This MoU may be terminated by either party at any time provided that the terminating party gives written notice of its intention at least six months prior to termination.

As witness to their subscription to the above articles, the representatives of CIU and SKVV have hereunto provided their endorsement.

For and on behalf of Columbia International University



Mark A Smith, Ph.D.  
President, CIU

Date: 13.02.2020



Ashish Chaturvedi, Ph. D  
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Date: 13.02.2020