

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

**PUNJABI UNIVERSITY, PATIALA, INDIA**

and

**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE FRASER VALLEY, CANADA**

## PREAMBLE

Recognising the mutual benefits to be gained through a cooperative program promoting scholarly activities and international understanding, Punjabi University (PJU) and the University of The Fraser Valley (UFV) enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MOU") and agree to the following:

## 1.0 THE PURPOSE OF ACADEMIC CO-OPERATION

PJU and UFV agree to enter into an academic partnership. Within the context of global integration, the two institutions will cooperate to meet the needs for cultivating international professionals. Societies are increasingly characterized by complexity, diversity and interconnectedness. This requires graduates to be internationally and interculturally competent to live and work effectively. This MOU is intended take full advantage of the education resources at both institutions and provides for the development and expansion of the education markets.

### About UFV

The University of the Fraser Valley is a Public post-secondary institution fully accredited by the Ministry of Advanced Education of the Government of British Columbia. UFV is also a full member of Universities Canada, which represents and provides services for all of Canada's publically recognized universities.

Nestled in the beautiful Fraser Valley just east of Vancouver, UFV has campuses in Abbotsford, Chilliwack, and Mission and regional centres in Hope and Agassiz. UFV is a university with a focus on teaching excellence, enrolling over 14,000 students per year. Most recently UFV was graded with an overall "A" average among Canadian universities in the annual University Report Card developed by Canada's leading national newspaper, The Globe and Mail, in conjunction with The Strategic Counsel and Educational Policy Institute:

<http://www.ufv.ca/Assets/Marcom+Documents/UFV+tops+charts.pdf>

UFV is unique in that it offers traditional university degrees while also providing a wide variety of applied certificate and diploma programs as well as extensive developmental programs such as English as A Second Language and Adult Basic Education. The University is involved in many research projects that directly serve the community as well as discipline-based research. Many UFV programs offer a Co-operative Education (Co-op) option, combining study with supervised, professional, paid, off-campus work experience. Students from over 70 countries have attended UFV making it a diverse institution. UFV's domestic population includes students from many ethnic, religious and national backgrounds. In particular, UFV has

developed an emphasis in Indian and South Asian studies based at our South Asian Studies Institute

#### **About PBIU**

Punjabi University was established on April 30, 1962. Originally conceived and started as a unitary multi-faculty teaching and research university and primarily meant for the development and enrichment of Punjabi language, culture and literature, but alive to the social and educational requirements of the state, it grew into an affiliating one in 1969. It has since developed in significant dimensions and acquired a distinctive character among the centres of education and research in the country. It was ranked by NAAC as five star in first phase and is now 'A' grade university. The university campus is situated on the Patiala Chandigarh road, at a distance of 7 km from the main city. Sprawling across 316 acres, the campus is away from the din and noise of the city markets and roads.

## **2.0 DEFINITIONS**

2.1 In this MOU, unless otherwise stated or the context otherwise requires:

- a) "MOU" means this Memorandum of Understanding together with any Supplemental Letter of this MOU or other attachments;
- b) "Party" means a party to this MOU and includes their representatives; and
- c) "MOU Coordinator" ("Coordinator") means an institutional representative designated as administrator and liaison for the MOU.
- d) "Home Institution" means the institution from which a student intends to graduate or the university which is the regular employer of staff participants, and;
- e) "Host Institution" means the university which has agreed to host exchange participants.

## **3.0 OBJECTIVES**

Co-operation between the two institutions will focus on areas of common interest.

3.1 The objectives of this MOU can include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a) the development of articulation/transfer agreements
- b) the organisation of cooperative academic activities, such as conferences, seminars, symposia or lectures
- c) faculty visits and other faculty collaboration
- d) the exchange of students and development of international mobility agreements
- e) the exchange of publications and other materials of common interest.



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- e) the exchange of publications and other materials of common interest.
  - f) the exploration of common research interests
- 3.2 Cooperative projects under this MOU may include any of the academic disciplines of PBIU and UFV.
- 3.3 Potential areas of cooperation may include:
- a. All the common faculties and disciplines in both the university.
  - b. Collaborate on the development of an examination centre for local Canadian students studying online
  - c. Collaborate on a Summer intensive Punjabi language, religion and Diaspora Studies program, Cultural Studies curriculum development.

#### 4.0 IMPLEMENTATION

In order to carry out and fulfil the aims of this MOU, PBIU and UFV shall each designate an MOU Coordinator who shall manage the development and conduct of joint activities. For UFV the Coordinator will be Satwinder Bains, Director South Asian Studies Institute. For PBIU the Coordinator will be Dr. Lakhwinder Singh, Director, International Students.

- 4.1 Either Party may initiate proposals for activities under this MOU.
- 4.2 Specific details of any activity shall be set forth in a Supplemental Letter of Agreement or other attachments, which upon signing by the President/Rector (or delegate) at each institution, shall become an integral part of the general MOU.
- 4.3 Future Supplemental Letters of Agreement or other attachments shall include such items as:
- a) the elaboration of the responsibilities of each Party for the agreed upon activity;
  - b) schedules for the specific activities;
  - c) budgets and sources of financing; and
  - d) any other items necessary for the efficient achievement of the activity.
- 4.4 The Coordinators shall be responsible for the evaluation of activities under this MOU according to the practices of their respective institutions.

#### 5.0 DURATION AND TERMINATION OF MOU

- 5.1 This MOU shall become effective on the date that it is signed by both parties and shall be valid for a period of three years, but may be renewed or extended by mutual consent expressed in writing.
- 5.2 Any changes to this MOU shall be subject to the written consent of both Parties.



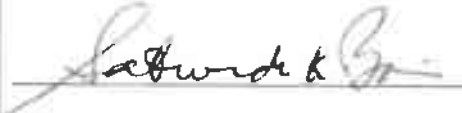


5.3 This MOU may be terminated by either Party at any time provided that the terminating Party gives written notice of its intention at least six months prior to termination.

**6.0 AGREEMENT LANGUAGE**

6.1 Where there are two or more versions of this MOU in different languages, and where a dispute arises, the English version shall prevail for the Purposes of interpretation of the MOU.

This MOU terminates and supersedes any existing or continuing MOUs between the parties.

As witness to their subscription to the above articles, the representatives of PBIU and UFV have here unto provided their endorsement

For and on behalf of: Punjabi University	For and on behalf of: University of the Fraser Valley
	
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DATE: Nov. 3, 2017	DATE: Nov 3, 2017
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