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Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Southern Institute of Technology, Invercargill Campus 133 Tay Street, Invercargill 9810, New Zealand

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And

Amritsar Group of Colleges
12 Km Stone, Amritsar-Jalandhar G.T. Road, Amritsar-143001,
Punjab, India

https://agcamritsar.in/

This memorandum of understanding outlines the collaborative efforts and commitments agreed upon by the Southern Institute of Technology, Invercargill Campus hereinafter referred to as "SIT" and Amritsar Group of Colleges, Amritsar hereinafter referred to as "AGC Amritsar". The purpose of this MOU is to establish a framework for cooperation and partnership between the two institutions to facilitate the exchange of knowledge, resources, and academic collaboration.

Background

Southern Institute of Technology SIT and Amritsar Group of Colleges recognize the importance of fostering international collaboration and promoting academic exchanges. Both institutions acknowledge the potential for mutual benefit through the establishment of a formal relationship.

Purpose

The Institutions will pursue the following exchange activities based on their respective academic and educational needs: -

- **1. Academic Collaboration**: The parties agree to explore opportunities for academic collaboration, including but not limited to joint research projects, faculty exchanges, and collaborative programs.
- 2. Student Exchange Programme: SIT and Amritsar Group of Colleges commit to developing and implementing student exchange programs, facilitating the exchange of students for educational and cultural enrichment. Opportunity for Amritsar Group of Colleges students to staircase into SIT degrees.
- **3. Joint research initiatives**: The institutions aim to collaborate on research initiatives, encouraging faculty members and researchers to work together on projects of mutual interest.
- **4. Cultural Understanding:** Recognizing the significance of cultural exchange, SIT and Amritsar Group of Colleges will endeavor to promote a deeper understanding of each other's culture among students and faculty.

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Key Points

Communication Protocol: A communication protocol will be established to facilitate regular updates and progress reports between the designated representatives of SIT and Amritsar Group of Colleges. This includes periodic meetings, video conferences, and shared documentation.

Resource Sharing: Both institutions agree to share relevant educational resources, research findings, and other materials that contribute to the enhancement of academic programs and research initiatives.

Scope of Collaboration: The parties agree to explore opportunities for joint research projects, faculty exchanges, and student mobility programs.

Responsibilities: Clearly delineate the responsibilities and commitments of each institution in carrying out the collaborative activities. This may include resource sharing, joint projects, or any other obligations outlined in the MOU.

Reporting

Regular reports on the progress of collaborative activities shall be submitted by both parties to their respective institutional authorities. These reports will include updates on joint initiatives, achievements, challenges faced, and any adjustments made to the collaboration plan.

Terms of Agreement

- 1. Review and Renewal: The parties agree to periodically review the terms of this MOU and may renew it by mutual consent.
- 2. Confidentially: Both institutions agree to treat any confidential information shared during the collaboration with utmost confidentiality and not disclose it to third parties without prior written consent.
- **3. Termination:** Either party may terminate this MOU with written notice to the other party in case of a material breach or by mutual agreement.
- **4.** The implementation of each specific exchange activity: based on this MOU shall be separately negotiated and determined by both Institutions in separate written agreements. Efforts will be made by both sides to find financial sources for carrying out the exchange activities.

Funding

Specify that this MOU is not a commitment of funds.

Duration

This MOU is in effect for five years and is subject to revision or modification by mutual written agreement. It is also understood that either institution may terminate the MOU at any time by giving written notice at least 6 six months in advance to the other Party to minimize impact to participants completing their activities at the host institution. This MOU shall take effect from the date of the latest signature below. Any notice or request given or made by one Party to the other under this MOU shall be inwriting in the language of English and shall be addressed to the appropriate office as is designated in writing hereinafter:

Conclusion

Express enthusiasm for the collaboration and the shared commitment to achieving the outlined objectives. Include contact information for key individuals involved in the collaboration for ease of communication. I trust that this Memorandum of Understanding will serve as a foundation for a fruitful and enduring partnership between our institutions.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOFF, the undersigned Parties have hereby executed this MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING as of the day and year first written above

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