

# Memorandum of Understanding

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Between



**UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA,  
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JAFFNA,  
SRI LANKA**

And



**ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY,  
ANNAMALAI NAGAR 608 002,  
TAMIL NADU,  
INDIA**

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This Memorandum of Understanding is dated 30.10.2015

## Parties

UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA, THIRUNELVELY, SRI LANKA  
(UoJ)

and

ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY, TAMIL NADU, INDIA  
(AU)

## Background

- A. University of Jaffna (UoJ), a leading national higher education institution in Sri Lanka established in 1974, and Annamalai University (AU) is a unitary, teaching, and residential university in India established in 1929, desire to work in a spirit of cooperation to establish a long-term academic partnership to foster international cooperation and collaboration in education, research and outreach activities.
- B. UoJ and AU will explore the opportunities to develop articulated pathway undergraduate programs as well as joint postgraduate programs
- C. UoJ and AU will identify and develop research programs and Professional development programs of mutual interest.

## Agreement

### 1. Effective Date and Duration of Agreement

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") shall take effect on the date it is made and shall continue for a period of 5 years.

### 2. Areas of Co-Operation

The parties will discuss opportunities for cooperation in the following areas with a view to developing and carrying out collaborative activities of common interests:

- (a) academic staff cooperation on collaborative research in areas of common interest;
- (b) identify and develop collaborative research programs;
- (c) establish mechanism for joint supervision of higher degree by research candidates;
- (d) development and implementation of student and staff exchange programs;
- (e) development and implementation curriculum development and enhancement programs, including e-learning, online courses and resources;
- (f) identification of special short-term academic programs and projects of mutual benefit to both institutions; and

### **3. Specific areas of Interests**

The specific areas identified for initial collaborative activities between two universities are

- (a) Food and nutritional security
- (b) Marine biodiversity
- (c) Sustainable fisheries
- (d) Sustainable agriculture
- (e) Tropical Medicine
- (f) Environment and natural resources management
- (g) Integrated rural development
- (h) Climate change and its impacts
- (i) Building resilient communities and pluralistic societies
- (j) Gender equity and women's empowerment
- (k) Education, human resource development and institutional capacity building.

### **4. Activities and Projects**

Collaborative activities or projects between the parties will be subject to further agreement detailing the parties' responsibilities and obligations and the conditions relating to each activity or project and compliance with applicable law within Sri Lanka and India.

### **5. Legal Effect of this Agreement**

This MOU outlines the framework of a working relationship between the parties. Except as expressly noted, it is not intended to constitute a contract, but is built on goodwill and binding in honour only. No partnership or joint venture is created by this MOU, and neither party can commit the other financially or otherwise to third parties.

### **6. Confidentiality**

Each party shall keep confidential all information or material acquired or produced in connection with this agreement and shall not without prior written consent use or disclose or otherwise make available this information or material in any form to any person. This provision shall be binding upon the parties and shall survive the termination or expiry of this agreement.

### **7. Intellectual Property**

Ownership of Intellectual Property shared by the parties pursuant to this agreement will remain with the contributor or creator. All such material should be treated as confidential and not for public circulation unless specifically agreed otherwise by both parties. This provision shall be binding upon the parties and shall survive the termination or expiry of this agreement.

### **8. Use of Name and Logo**

Neither party shall use the name or logo, or any variation thereof, of the other party without first obtaining its written consent.

## 9. Standards of Performance

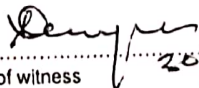
The parties agree that all obligations under this MOU and any agreement resulting from this MOU shall be performed in a manner protective of and consistent with both parties' reputation for excellence and integrity in education, research and scholarship.

## 10. Termination

Either party may terminate this MOU by providing a minimum of six months written notice to the other party.

## Executed

Signed for and on behalf of **University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka** by its duly authorised officer in the presence of:

Signature of witness  28/10

Name of witness (block letters) **Prof Mrs S Kuganathan**  
M Sc, PHD Ind  
Head Department of Fisheries  
University of Jaffna

Signature  30/10/2015

Name of authorised person (block letters)

Office held

Signed for and on behalf of **Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu, India**, by its duly authorised officer in the presence of:

Signature of witness

**REGISTRAR**  
**Annamalai University**

Name of witness (block letters)

Signature 

Name of authorised person (block letters)  
**VICE-CHANCELLOR**  
**ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY**

Office held

