



MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

Between

**BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
BY AND ON BEHALF OF
GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY AND ITS COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES,
ATLANTA, U.S.A.**

And

**JSS ACADEMY OF HIGHER EDUCATION & RESEARCH
MYSURU, INDIA**

Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of Georgia State University and its College of Arts & Sciences ("Georgia State") and JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research ("JSS AHER") enter into this Memorandum of Cooperation (the "MOC") in order to promote international cooperation in education and research.

WHEREAS:

JSS AHER, Mysuru is deemed to be a university located in Mysuru, Karnataka. It was established in the year 2008 with a founding mission to serve the needs of the community at large and envisions to emerge as a unique institution in the higher education setting. JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research is focused on medical and health-related studies, and comprises of JSS Medical College, JSS Dental College and JSS College of Pharmacy at the main campus in Mysuru as well as another Pharmacy college in Ootacamund, Tamil Nadu. With a view to extend the horizons in the field of Health Sciences, the Department of Water and Health & Department of Health System Management Studies and Department of Life Sciences were also started later.

Georgia State University, USA is a public research university in Atlanta, Georgia. Founded in 1913, it is one of the University System of Georgia's four research universities. Georgia State is classified as R1, for "very high research activity", and offers more than 250 degree programs in over 100 fields of study spread across 10 academic colleges and schools. The university's over \$200 million in research expenditures for the 2018 fiscal year ranked 1st in the nation among universities without an engineering, medical, or agricultural school for the third year in a row. A national leader in graduating students from diverse backgrounds, Georgia State provides a rich experience with award-winning housing, hundreds of student clubs and organizations, and one of the most diverse student bodies in the country.

1. **Purpose of MOC** Both parties agree to establish and encourage mutually beneficial scientific, technological, educational and other relations which may entail the following types of activities:



- Exchange of faculty/academic staff members for the purpose of research, teaching and the presentation of special courses in their fields of specialization;
- Student exchange and study abroad programs;
- Establishment of joint research programs;
- Collaboration on third-party funded educational or economic assistance activities;
- Exchange of postgraduate students in respect to specific research projects or courses of interest and importance;
- Exchange of scientific and educational literature produced by either or both parties, as well as the exchange of materials on the most relevant and topical research by researchers at both Georgia State and JSS AHER; and
- Organization of conferences, seminars and symposia of mutual interest to the institutions.

Please note: Georgia State's Travel Advisory Policy governs international travel by Georgia State students, faculty and staff. Travel must be approved by specified Georgia State administrators.

2. **Program Specific Agreements** This MOC is designed to facilitate development of mutually beneficial exchanges/programs and to promote research and educational relationships, and should not be deemed to create legal and financial relationships between the parties.

Before any of the activities referenced above in Section 1 may be implemented, both parties shall negotiate details and resolve the issues involved therewith and enter into an agreement pertaining to that activity ("Program Specific Agreement"). The term of such Program Specific Agreements shall not extend beyond five (5) years in length. Each such Program Specific Agreement shall be subject to the availability of any resources required for the activity; provided, however, in the event financial commitments are stated, the term of such agreements may not extend beyond one (1) year in length.

3. **Funding** The parties agree that each activity undertaken pursuant to this MOC shall be dependent on the availability of funds and financial arrangements for each activity shall be negotiated prior to entering into a Program Specific Agreement related thereto. The parties agree that they shall use reasonable efforts to find adequate financial resources for the activities and exchanges/programs undertaken pursuant to this MOC.
4. **Term** This MOC shall become effective upon execution by both parties and shall continue for a period of five (5) years unless terminated by either party by giving written notice at least 90 days in advance of the stated termination date, provided, however, that termination of this MOC shall not affect activities already in progress pursuant to Program Specific Agreements, which shall continue until concluded by the parties in accordance with the terms of such Program Specific Agreements or as otherwise agreed to by the parties in writing. Both institutions agree to review this MOC periodically to evaluate the progress made in achieving mutual cooperation.
5. **Liaisons** Each party shall designate a person or office to serve as liaison for the relationship established by this MOC. For Georgia State, the contact will be Ritu Aneja, Professor, Parker H. Petit Science Center, Room 614, 100 Piedmont Ave. SE.



Atlanta, GA, USA 30303, Phone: +1-404-413-5417, Fax: +1-404-413-5301, and Email: raneja@gsu.edu. For JSS AHER the contact will be Dr B Manjunatha, Registrar, SS Nagara, Bannimantap, Mysuru - 570015, Karnataka, India Phone: +91-821-2548400, Fax: +91821-2548394, and Email: registrar@jssuni.edu.in. Either party may change its own designated liaison by sending written notice to the other party of such change.


6. **Equal Opportunity** Both parties subscribe to a policy of equal opportunity and do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, age, ethnicity, religion, national origin, or disability unrelated to an individual's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position.
7. **Languages** This MOC is written in English and the texts are equally official and binding.
8. **Entire Agreement** This document constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and all prior discussions, agreements and understandings between the parties, whether verbal or in writing, are superseded by this MOC. This MOC may be amended only by means of a written instrument signed by authorized representatives of both parties.




WHEREFORE the parties to this Agreement signify their acceptance of the terms and conditions contained herein by signing in the spaces below.

**Board of Regents of the University System
of Georgia by and on behalf of Georgia State
University and its College of Arts and
Sciences**

**JSS Academy of Higher Education &
Research, Mysuru, India**

By: 
Dr. Sara Rosen
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By: 
Dr. B Manjunatha
Registrar

Date: April 9, 2021

Date: _____

