

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

CHITKARA UNIVERSITY, PUNJAB, INDIA

AND

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY (ONTARIO, CANADA)


In this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MOU”) Lakehead University and Chitkara University, (hereinafter referred to as the “Parties” or singularly as “Party”), wishing to encourage and facilitate international education opportunities for their students and faculty, and seeking to promote the process of internationalization at their respective institutions, declare their mutual interest in exploring co-operation as follows on the basis of equality and reciprocity of benefits:

1. The Parties wish to collaborate in planning for, developing, and establishing opportunities for their students and faculty at Lakehead University (“Lakehead”) and Chitkara University (“ChitkaraU”), respectively.
2. Areas of potential cooperation between the Parties include but are not limited to:
 - a) Joint development of academic, scientific and technological projects for the benefit of both Parties.
 - b) Inter-institutional participation of faculty members in research.
 - c) Inter-institutional exchange of students each year, with numbers arranged on the basis of reciprocity.
 - d) Providing opportunities for ChitkaraU students for conducting thesis projects in final year at Lakehead.
 - e) Providing opportunities for ChitkaraU students to earn an Lakehead undergraduate degree on the basis of twinning programs (2+2 or 3+1), mutually agreed upon by the two Parties.
3. Any actual collaboration in a particular area shall be negotiated in an agreement between the Parties completely separate from this MOU.
4. Collaboration will be coordinated through the Office of Lakehead University International at Lakehead and the Office of International Affairs at ChitkaraU.
5. Under this MOU, and in any collaboration arising from this MOU, neither Party will incur any financial obligations resulting from the actions of the other Party without a prior agreement in writing, completely separate from this MOU, to accept specific

financial obligations. It is understood by the Parties that any agreement pertaining to financial matters will be conditional upon the availability of funds for each Party.

6. This MOU will be in effect from the latest date of signature and shall continue thereafter from year to year until such time as
 - a) both Parties agree in writing to terminate it; or
 - b) either Party gives at least six (6) months written notice of termination to the other Party.
7. While in effect this MOU may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Parties.
8. This MOU is not binding on the Parties and contains no enforceable legal obligations.

The following signatures are affixed as acknowledgement and notification of the terms of this MOU:

For Chitkara University, Punjab, India:	For Lakehead University, Ontario, Canada:
 _____ Dr. Ashok K. Chitkara Chancellor	_____ Dr. David W. Barnett, D. Sc., P. Eng. Provost & Vice-President (Academic)
_____ Date: 15-07-2021	_____ Date: