

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR ACADEMIC COOPERATION**

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MOU") is entered into on August 5, 2019 (the "Execution Date") by and between:

**Amity University, School of Law**, represented herein by Major General Rajinder Kumar, in his capacity as Director, Amity Law School

And

**Pepperdine University – School of Law**, represented herein by Prof. Sukhsimranjit Singh in his capacity as Managing Director, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University, School of Law

### **PREAMBLE**

**WHEREAS**, both institutions are interested in supporting culture development as well as establishing a cooperation and exchange of scholars, students and academic information and materials; and,

**WHEREAS**, in order to pursue their aims and proposals, both institutions established communicating channels to promote various exchange of activities as well as growing their relationship with respect to academic and scientific cooperation.

**NOW THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the mutual good faith intentions contained herein, and for other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

#### **1- Exchange and cooperative initiatives**

Both institutions agree that this MOU creates the foundation on which a productive and positive long-term relationship can be built. The following exchange activities are examples of possible shared programs that can take place through the cooperation.

- a. Exchange of faculty and scholars (professors, lecturers, or researchers).
  - i. The institutes will work through the respective Director's to facilitate mutual invites and exchanges of faculty members and scholars. The faculty members and scholars will pay for their own air travels, but the host institutions will contribute towards the housing facilities (facilitating in arrangements) and for attendance in academic programming at the host institution for a period of up to two weeks.
  
- b. Exchange of students (including undergraduate and graduate students).
  - i. The institutions have also discussed ways in which the cooperative institutes will help facilitate the exchange of students. In particular, the Straus Institute will work towards creating opportunities for workshops for Amity Law Students. Such workshops will be subsidized in costs. The costs will be discussed in advanced by the directors.
  
- c. Organization of joint research programs.
  - i. The institutions will work towards joint research programs to be organized by the two respective directors.

- ii. The institutions will work towards joint academic conferences.
- d. Other academic exchanges agreed to by both institutions and scholarship awards.
- i. Through this agreement the partnering institutions agree to facilitate the movement of qualified students to LLM and MDR (Master's in Dispute Resolution) programs.
  - ii. The schools also agreed to have a movement of students for collaborative programs.
  - iii. Keeping the intent of cooperation in mind the following scholarship awards will be provided, added the Straus Institute receives more than three LL.M students:
    - 1. One qualified student may receive a 50% academic scholarship.
    - 2. One qualified student may receive a 75% academic scholarship, and
    - 3. Based the pool of applicants for the given year, one qualified student will be considered for a full merit and needs based scholarship.

**2- Interpretation**

This MOU is not exhaustive and is not intended to be legally binding between the Parties or to be construed as a binding contract or agreement, but merely a statement of the present good faith intentions and understandings of the Parties with respect to the matters described herein. Nothing in this MOU shall be interpreted as to contravene any of the commitments entered into between each institution and its funding or other institutions. Nothing herein shall diminish the full autonomy of either institution nor any constraints will be imposed by either upon the other in carrying out the MOU.

**3- Term**

This MOU shall be effective for a period of three years as of the Execution Date. It is further understood that either institution may terminate this MOU at any time by virtue of a 3 months written notice; however, such action will only be taken after mutual consultation in order to avoid any possible inconvenience to either party.

**4- Coordinator**

Both institutions shall nominate a coordinator who will prepare and supervise the execution of the cooperation. The coordinator shall present annually a report about the activities of the Memorandum of understanding.

**5- Amendments**

This MOU may be altered by mutual written consent of both parties.

This MOU has been made in two counterparts in Arabic and English, and in case of contradiction, the English version shall prevail.

for and on behalf of <b>Amity University – School of Law</b>	for and on behalf of Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution. <b>Pepperdine University – School of Law</b>
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Name: Major General Rajinder Kumar	Name: Sukhsimranjit Singh
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Signature	Signature
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