



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

HERIOT-WATT UNIVERSITY, of Riccarton, Edinburgh, EH14 4AS, Scotland (“**HWU**”)

and

PANIIMALAR ENGINEERING COLLEGE, of Bangalore Trunk Road, Varadharajapuram, Poonamallee, Chennai – 600 123 (“**PEC**”)

1. The two institutions agree to promote international co-operation for the mutual benefits of both parties through academic collaboration.
2. Both parties agree to encourage the following activities:
 - Staff and student visit and exchanges;
 - Study Abroad programme;
 - Articulation or Progression where students from Panimalar Engineering College onto specified programmes of HWU for degree study;
 - Research collaboration;
 - Other academic exchange agreed by both parties.
3. Parties agree to explore opportunities for the articulation and progression of qualified students from Panimalar Engineering College onto HWU Undergraduate and Postgraduate degree programmes normally with advanced entry by agreed models of 1+3; 2+2; 3+1; 3+1+1 and 4+1.
4. Articulation will be dependent on a match between the courses at Panimalar Engineering College and HWU to ensure that the students have achieved the necessary learning outcomes and are prepared for the HWU course. The subject areas may include but not limited to:
 - Computer Science: Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, Cyber Security
 - Engineering: Robotics, Renewable Energy Engineering
 - Business: Business Analytics
5. Where areas of mutual benefit are identified by the parties then a separate non-binding informal memorandum of understanding, or a legally-binding formal contract will be agreed setting out the details of the understanding or agreement (as the case may be).
6. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is not considered to be a legally-binding agreement creating legal and financial relationships between the parties. Nothing in this MoU is intended, or shall be deemed to, establish any partnership or joint venture

between the parties, constitute either party as the agent of the other party, nor authorise either of the parties to make or enter into any commitments for or on behalf of the other party. Rather, it is designed to facilitate and develop a genuine and mutually beneficial learning, teaching, and research relationship, and so forth. Efforts shall be made by both parties to implement the programmes based on this MoU.

7. Neither party shall incur any financial obligations under this MoU. Applications for financial support towards the cooperation and individual activities planned under this MoU will be transparent and undertaken with mutual consent.
8. The MoU will come into effect on the date of signature by both the parties. The duration is for a period of five (5) years. However, the MoU may be terminated by either party, after the completion of any specific activity or activities in the process with mutual consent.

For and on behalf of
**PANIMALAR ENGINEERING
COLLEGE**

Name: Dr. C. Sakthi Kumar



For and on behalf of
HERIOT-WATT UNIVERSITY

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Designation: Global Chief Operating
Officer

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