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Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Faculty of Ocean Science and Technology

Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS)

(Established by the Government of Kerala)

and

Department of Physics, SNM College, Maliankara

(Affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam)

for facilitating

Student's Training/Graduate-Postgraduate Research/ Research Internships

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as MoU) is made on this. and of the month of March in the year 2023 by and between the Faculty of Ocean Science and Technology, Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies, Panangad at Cochin (hereafter called KUFOS/first party) is an autonomous public funded institution dedicated to the studies in fisheries and allied disciplines established by Government of Keralaand Sree Narayana Mangalam College (affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam), Mothakunnam P O Ernakulam (hereafter called SNM College/ second party) on the other part.

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The parties (KUFOS and the second party), having discussed fields of common research interest and allied activities between the two institutions, have decided to enter a long-term collaboration to uplift students' training and post-graduate research/internship in cutting-edge areas. KUFOS is the research institute in India that caters to research fisheries and ocean studies and fosters entrepreneurship in allied subjects. The institute has various disciplines, including biochemistry, microbiology, oceanography, marine biology, biotechnology and food science. The SNM College, Maliankara, has 59 Years of Experience in Higher Education. There are 13 UG courses, 8 PG courses, one integrated PG Program and 2 PhD programs offered.

Article 1. Scope

- 1.1 Facility for conducting major/minor projects related to the project requirement for the graduate students in of SNM College in association with KUFOS
- 1.2 Instrumentation facility and library facilities available with the KUFOS will be made available to SNM Students
- 1.3 Students will be exchanged for academic, research and training purposes. Exchange students will be selected by mutual agreement between the KUFOS and SNM College
- 1.4 Collaboration between faculty and scientists from the two institutions

Article 2 Management

- 2.1 Dean, Faculty of Ocean Science and Technology of the KUFOS and the Head of the Institution of the second party will be responsible for working out operational details of cooperation between the two organizations and ensuring proper and effective implementation of this MoU.
- 2.2 The advisory committee will be at least once a year, alternatively either in KUFOS or SNM College, Maliankara, to review the activities. This meeting shall include a presentation on the academic and research activities, which should be open to the students and faculties.



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Article 3 Exchange of Information

- 3.1 The term information includes scientific and technical data, results and/or methods of investigation and other information derived from the cooperationintended to be provided and exchanged.
- 3.2 The parties support the widest possible dissemination of information. Each party in joint projects shall be given the right to use, disclose and publish information for all purposes.

Article 4 General Provisions

- 4.1 It is understood that both parties subscribe to the principle of equal opportunity and do not discriminate based on race, sex, age, caste or religion. Both institutions shall abide by these principles in the administration of this agreement, and neither party shall impose criteria for the exchange of scholars or students, violating non-discrimination principles.
- 4.2 Both parties understand that all financial agreements will have to be negotiated separately and will depend on the availability of funds
- 4.3 Both parties acknowledge that the exchange of students from one party to the other shall be subject to the availability of funds and shall comply with the regulations and policies of the first and the second party.
- 4.4. A copy of the thesis/ dissertation will be submitted to the first party after the award of the degree by the second party.
- 4.5 All questions not foreseen related to this MoU will be settled by the parties by mutual agreement.
- 4.6 Nothing in this MoU is intended to affect other cooperation or collaborations between the parties

Article 5 Intellectual Property Rights

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5.1 The second party is expected to protect the intellectual property rights generated or likely to be generated during the students' work. The KUFOS guidelines for Intellectual Property Management and Technology Transfer/ Commercialization as amended from time to time shall be the reference for the exploitation of the generated Intellectual Property whose management and benefits sharing shall be mutually decided in each case.

Article 6 Admission

- 6.1 Allotment of students at KUFOS under the agreement will be done by the approval of the Dean, FOST of KUFOS and Head of the Institution of the second party
- 6.2 The KUFOS would have the right to screen the student's eligibility for admission based on their academic period.
- 6.3 The number of student (s) at any particular time will be subject to the availability of research facilities and scientists at KUFOS.
- 6.4 Any student admitted to KUFOS for training or post-graduate research or internships, if found violating the rules and regulations laid down by KUFOS, or indulging in such activities that amount to tarnishing the image of the institute or cause damage to the property, the registration of such students would be summarily terminated. The second party will not complete the formalities of issuing the certificate to such students until they compensate the losses to KUFOS.

Article 7 Entry into effect, modification and termination

7.1 This MoU shall become effective on the date it is signed by the parties and shall be valid for five years and further extendable on mutual agreement. Both parties shall review the status of the MoU at the end of five year period to determine any modification, whenever necessary. The period of validity of this MoU may be extended by mutual consent. This MoU may be amended by mutual written agreement and may be terminated at any time by either party upon written notification consigned by the competent authority of the party initiating termination. Such notification must be given to the other party atleast six months before the effective date of termination.





Principal in Charge

N. M. College, Maliankare