

	<p style="text-align: center;">Memorandum of Understanding ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH COLLABORATION between TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY, Texas, USA and PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY, Pondicherry, India</p>	
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This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is executed between the following parties:
PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY - A Central University under the Ministry of Education established under University Act 1985, Government of India, situated at Puducherry UT, India.

The REGISTRAR, Pondicherry University, is duly authorised to enter into and sign the MOU on behalf of Pondicherry University, Puducherry (hereinafter called as 'PU').

AND

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY - A public, student-centered research institution guided by our unwavering belief in the power of education to transform communities, power economies, and reimagine the world.

The PRESIDENT, Texas State University, is the authorized signatory of this MOU on behalf of the Texas State University.

Background of the institutions

Pondicherry University offers Postgraduate and Doctoral research programs in multiple disciplines leading to Masters and Ph.D., degrees from its campuses at Puducherry (Main), Karaikal, Mahe, Yanam and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Post-doctoral Research Fellowships and National and International Collaborative Research Projects are also undertaken by faculty.

Texas State University offers undergraduate and graduate students over 200 bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs. Founded in 1899, and with over 230,000 alumni, students come from Texas, across the U.S, and around the world.

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY and PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY, Pondicherry have agreed to the following protocols governing their collaboration on academic and research related activities:


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PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY
PUDUCHERRY - 605 014.



1. AREAS OF COLLABORATION

The scope of collaboration on academic and research activities in this Memorandum of Understanding includes the following categories:

- Academic and Research collaboration in the areas of mutual interest.
- Exchange of academic information, scholarly information, materials and publications.
- Exchange of students and faculty.
- Conducting of seminars, workshops and other academic meetings.

2. Student Exchange

Pursuant to the agreement for academic exchange, Texas State University and Pondicherry University will discuss further for the exchange of students if it is required for the subjects of interest of both. It is desired by both parties that there will be regular flow of students in both directions. If it is determined that both parties want to pursue student exchange an additional agreement will be required for outlining the financial obligations and relevant university guidelines for both parties.

3. Faculty Exchange / Mobility:

On invitation by the host institution, teaching staff may go for a teaching stint at the partner institution with due approvals on each side. Financial commitments will depend upon availability of support from funding agencies and will require an additional agreement outlining the financial commitment from both parties for such Faculty Exchange.

4. Research Collaboration

Faculty from both Institutions will collaborate in the supervision of exchange students and in joint research in disciplines of mutual interest. Each distinct activity will be described in a separate agreement drawn up jointly and signed by authorized representatives of each party. Such agreements will specify the names of those individuals on each campus responsible for the implementation of the activity and set forth all the terms and conditions associated with the activity. The agreement will include any financial commitments being made by both parties.

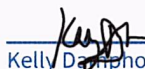
5. Commencement, Renewal, Termination and Amendment

- a) This MOU will come into force upon affixing of the signatures of the representatives of the partner institutions and will remain in effect for a period of FIVE years from the date of the last signature. This MOU may be renewed upon its expiry, with the agreement of both partner institutions. If either partner institution wishes to terminate the MOU at the end of the five years period it must notify the other institution no less than six months prior to the expiry of the MOU.



- b) This MOU or its renewal and the actions taken under it may be reviewed at any time. Modifications may be made by mutual agreement and any amendment or extension to the agreement may be formalized by the exchange of letters between the two institutions. For all issues arising out of this Memorandum of Understanding or in its implementation the concerned parties to this MoU will resolve the same amicably by mutual consent of both the parties.
- c) Both Parties understand that all financial arrangements will have to be negotiated and will depend on the availability of funds.
- d) This MoU was made in two verbatim copies in English, with one copy for each Party. The signing parties signed the agreement themselves digitally / in person. Electronic signatures on PDF of the MOU document are acceptable by both parties for the purpose of this MoU.

For and on behalf of
Texas State University:


Kelly Dampousse (Jan 27, 2025 17:07 CST)

Dr. Kelly Dampousse
President
Texas State University

For and on behalf of
Pondicherry University:



Prof. Dr. Rajneesh Bhutani
Registrar
Pondicherry University

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DATE:

WITNESSED BY: Eric Algoe
Eric Algoe (Jan 17, 2025 15:43 CST)


Thillainatarajan Sivakumaran (Jan 8, 2025 12:29 CST)

Dr. Thilla Sivakumaran
Vice President
Texas State Global



Ms. Mallory Sluder
Associate Vice President
International Affairs

DATE:

WITNESSED BY:



Prof. S. Victor Anandkumar
Dean-International Relations
Pondicherry University



Prof. D. Lazar
MOU Coordinator, Dept. of Commerce
School of Management, PU



Dr. Sanjay Ramchander
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