



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

Birkbeck, University of London

and

Texas State University

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1. **Background**

- 1.1 This is a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) between Birkbeck, University of London hereinafter known as ‘the College’, and Texas State University.
- 1.2 The purpose of this MOU is to affirm the parties’ commitment to work in collaboration together and to provide a framework to further develop the collaboration between the parties.

2. **Scope of Activity and Collaboration**

- 2.1. The overall aim of this MOU is to foster effective partnership working for mutual benefit, to harness complementary strengths of the institutions, to increase international contact and to promote educational opportunities.
- 2.2. The parties will work together to investigate ways in which to potentially collaborate, but not limited to, the following possible areas of work:
 - 2.2.1. To increase international contacts and educational opportunities
 - 2.2.2. To enrich the educational environment of both universities
 - 2.2.3. To exchange information and culture awareness about both countries
 - 2.2.4. To cooperate in academic research
 - 2.2.5. To explore the feasibility of teaching-based collaborations, including the development of an articulation agreement, summer schools and online, module sharing.

3. **Activities Under This MOU**

It is expected that activities taking place under this MOU will be initiated primarily by academic units within each university, and in coordination with their respective administrative units concerned with international activities. All activities undertaken must conform to the policies and procedures in place at each institution.

4. **Duration and Review**

The MOU shall operate for a period of three years from the date of signature (“Initial Period”). The terms and scope of the MOU will be reviewed prior to the end of the Initial Period or earlier by written request from either institution. New terms may be agreed as part of a renewed understanding (“Renewal Term”). If satisfactory terms for the Renewal Term amendment of the MOU cannot be agreed, either institution may terminate this Memorandum by giving written notice to the other. In addition, either party may terminate the MOU by providing ninety (90) days’ written notice to the other party.

5. **Financial Commitment**

This MOU reflects the commitment of each party to collaborate as expressed, and it is not intended to be of a legally binding nature. As a result of this framework, neither party will incur any financial obligations resulting from the actions of the other party without a separate prior agreement, in writing, to accept specific financial obligations. Any additional agreement pertaining to financial matters will be negotiated separately and will be based upon the availability of funds for each party.

6. **Funding of Activities**

Separate agreements under this MOU should make financial costs and obligations explicit. Collaborating units are encouraged to work together to identify and secure any

outside funding which may be needed. Activities requiring funding must be approved by both parties. Each party will commit, to the extent allowed by law in their respective countries, the necessary resources of their respective institutions pledged under specific terms of supplemental agreements.

7. Non-discrimination

Texas State University and Birkbeck, University of London agree that no person shall on the grounds of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, genetic information, marital status, parental status, disability, or status as a veteran be excluded from participation under the terms of this MOU.

In their execution of this MOU, all contractors, subcontractors, their respective employees, and others acting by or through them shall comply with all policies and laws of their respective countries prohibiting discrimination, harassment, and sexual misconduct. Any breach of this covenant may result in termination of this MOU.

8. Use of Name

Birkbeck, University of London will not use the name of Texas State University, nor of any Texas State University student, staff or faculty, in any publicity, advertising, or news release without the prior written approval of an authorized representative of Texas State University. Texas State University will not use the name of Birkbeck, University of London, or any employee or student of Birkbeck, University of London, in any publicity, advertising, or news release without the prior written approval of Birkbeck, University of London.

9. Export Control

It is recognized and understood that this MOU is subject to all applicable U.S. export control laws and regulations controlling the transfer of technical information or items out of the U.S. The transfer of certain technical information or items may require a license from the U.S. Government. All parties must comply with all applicable export control laws and regulations and no party may export or allow the export or re-export of any information or item when to do so would constitute a violation of those laws or regulations.

10. Legal Status

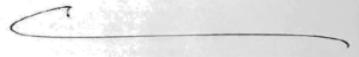
Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as creating any legal relationship between the parties. Each area of collaboration will be the subject of a binding commitment set forth in a separate, properly executed agreement, subject to review and approval in accordance with Texas State University System policies identifying among other things, financial, academic, legal, quality assurance and administrative and resources issues.

11. Agreement

Birkbeck, University of London and Texas State University endorse this MOU for collaboration and jointly agree to the arrangements set out above.

(Signatures on following page)

Agreed on behalf of Birkbeck, University of London

Signature: 

Name: Professor Sally Wheeler

Title: Vice Chancellor

Date: 17th December 2025

Agreed on behalf of Texas State University

Signature: 
Pranesh Aswath (Dec 19, 2025 16:06:54 CST)

Name: Pranesh Aswath

Title: Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date: Dec 19, 2025