

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY**

**AND**

**UNIVERSITÄT BAYREUTH,  
as a state institution**

The Universität Bayreuth, represented by its President Prof. Dr. Stefan Leible, and Texas State University, represented by its Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Pranesh Aswath, desire to establish this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two institutions in order to promote friendship and to co-operate toward the internationalization of higher education in a mutually beneficial association in general, and therefore, to develop academic and cultural exchange in education, research and other areas in particular, have agreed that:

**I. Scope of MOU**

The two institutions shall encourage co-operation in any discipline and programme offered at either university as well as further areas of co-operation which are felt to promote the above-mentioned goals. However, any specific bilateral programme including joint degrees shall be subject to mutual consent, availability of funds and the approval of both universities. The terms of cooperation for each specific activity implemented under this MOU, including financial aspects, shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon, in writing, by both parties prior to the initiation of that activity. These activities shall be subject to the terms of this MOU. This agreement shall affirm each party's intent to enter into, among others, the following types of collaborative activity:

- a. exchange of faculty members
- b. exchange of students
- c. exchange of publications
- d. joint research projects
- e. joint conferences
- f. joint teaching projects
- g. joint cultural programmes

**II. Period of MOU**

This MOU shall be effective upon the date of final execution and will remain in force for a period of five years. This MOU may be renewed beyond five years by mutual written MOU. In addition, either party may terminate the MOU by providing ninety (90) days' written notice to the other party.

**III. 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. For Texas State University, faculty and student exchanges will follow relevant university guidelines for such activities.

#### **IV. Planning and Management of Activities**

Each distinct activity will be described in a separate agreement drawn up jointly and signed by authorized signatories 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 terms and conditions associated with the activity.

#### **V. 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.

#### **VI. 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.

#### **VII. Nondiscrimination**

Texas State University and Universität Bayreuth 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.

#### **VIII. Use of Name**

Universität Bayreuth 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 Universität Bayreuth, or any employee or student of Universität Bayreuth in any publicity, advertising, or news release without the prior written approval of Universität Bayreuth.

#### **IX. Amendments**

The terms of this MOU may be changed or modified only by written amendment signed by authorized agents of the parties hereto. Parties will notify each other in writing ninety (90) days in advance of modification of this MOU.

**X. 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.

**XI. EXECUTIVE ORDER GA-48 (2024) (relating to the hardening of state government)**

Universität Bayreuth certifies that Universität Bayreuth, and, if applicable, any of its holding companies or subsidiaries, is/are not:

- (1) Listed in Section 889 of the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA); or
- (2) Listed in Section 1260H of the 2021 NDAA; or
- (3) Owned by the government of a country listed on US Department of Commerce’s foreign adversaries list under 15 C.F.R. Section 791.4; or
- (4) Controlled by any governing or regulatory body located in a country on the US Department of Commerce’s foreign adversaries list under 15 C.F.R. Section 791.4.

**XII. Contact Persons**

Each party will designate an individual who will serve as the contact person for this MOU.

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It is envisioned that both parties will engage in creative activities that will meet these mutually identified areas of interest with quality and a new sense of international cooperation. This MOU shall remain in force for five years from the date of the last signature below and shall be deposited at Texas State University and at Universität Bayreuth.

So be it understood and enthusiastically supported by the undersigned.

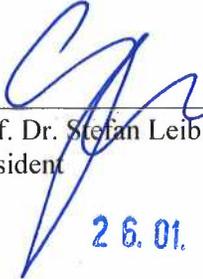
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