# This General International MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("MOU") is made effective on the 7<sup>th</sup>day of February, 2019.

#### Between:

## THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF NORQUEST COLLEGE Located in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada ("NORQUEST")

And

## ("MAHARAJA RANJIT SINGH PUNJAB TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, BATHINDA")

(Collectively referred to as the "Parties")

#### WHEREAS:

- A. NorQuest, a board-governed public college operating as a comprehensive community institution under the authority of the Post-secondary Learning Act of Alberta, offers diploma and certificate programs to registered full-time and part-time students. NorQuest's programming mix also includes English as a Second Language ("ESL") and academic upgrading courses designed to prepare students for entry to NorQuest's career programs;
- B. The Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University(MRSPTU), Bathinda is the second Technical University established in 2015 by the Govt. of Punjab. The mission of MRSPTU is to promote excellence in technical and scientific education and research. The university has state of the art infrastructure for research and teaching and professionally committed faculty; thus it has emerged as a leader in education and research in North India in a short span after its establishment.
- C. The Parties foresee that mutual cooperation may assist both Parties in achieving their respective strategic goals. These goals include delivering exceptional educational programming and providing enriching learning experiences to faculty, staff and students.

### THEREFORE:

This MOU describes the mutual support and coordination (generally defined herein as "Activities") that each Party agrees to undertake in furthering their strategic goals.

## IN CONSIDERATION of the Parties' mutual undertaking, the Parties agree to the following:

- The Parties agree to establish a working relationship to consider and explore all Activities that
  may be of mutual benefit to the Parties. However, nothing in this MOU obligates or commits
  either Party to participate in any Activity.
- In the event that the Parties agree to undertake and participate in Activities, the details and specific requirements of any Activity will be negotiated separately in good faith and the terms and conditions for such Activity shall be recorded in a separate operating agreement duly signed by both Parties.

- 3. For the purposes of this MOU, the Parties agree that Activities may include, without limitation, any of the following:
- (a) exchange of faculty, staff and students;
- (b) study opportunities for visiting international students;
- (c) learning opportunities for teaching and administrative personnel;
- (d) reciprocal assistance for visiting faculty and staff as required for the delivery of projects;
- (e) joint research projects;
- (f) joint projects that are externally funded;
- (g) such other partnerships that are of mutual benefit to the Parties.
- 4. The Parties agree to treat all information exchanged pursuant to this MOU as strictly confidential. The obligation of strict confidentiality shall survive the termination or expiry of this Memorandum of Understanding.
- 5. This MOU shall remain effective for a period of 5 years.
- 6. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this MOU is subject to revision, renewal, or cancellation by mutual consent of the Parties evidenced in writing.

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