**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

ON

**Education, Research, and Technological Cooperation**

between

**Golestan University, Islamic Republic of Iran**

and

**University of ......., .......**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) sets the terms and understanding between Golestan University (hereafter referred to as GU) and University of ....... (hereafter referred to as .......) to expand teaching and research activities for students and academic staff.

**Background**

Recognizing the importance of academia, research, and technological cooperation between universities for active engagement of academic staff and researchers in scientific and technological domains, GU and ....... have reached understanding as follows:

**Purpose**

The purpose of this MoU includes but is not limited to the following:

1. To promote the exchange of undergraduate and postgraduate students, academic staff and render mutual assistance in improving their scientific qualifications.
2. To share experiences in facilitating teaching methods.
3. To develop joint ventures and to provide internships, study tours, and summer sessions for students and visiting scholars.
4. To collaborate in holding joint academic and scientific activities, such as undergraduate and postgraduate programs, courses, conferences, seminars, exhibitions, symposia, lectures, sports competitions, etc.
5. To inform each other of significant, relevant events, efforts, and activities and encourage and promote exchange of information on all levels of interest.
6. To provide necessary facilities to exchange professors to spend sabbatical leaves in each other’s universities or in visiting professor program.
7. To exchange information, books, scientific publications, scientific and research documents, students’ theses, microfilms, and computer software in the educational, research, and technological areas.
8. To support the establishment of the chair of the languages and literature in both universities.

**Agreement**Arrangements for scientific visits and other forms of cooperation will be developed according to the needs and resources and based upon the rules and regulations of the two sides. All financial arrangements will be negotiated on a case by case basis and will depend upon the availability of funds.

The terms on specific areas of cooperation will be arranged upon in written form by both parties prior to the initiation of any particular activity. Specific details will be set forth in a letter of agreement which will include such items as the number of participants, elaboration of the responsibilities of each institution for the agreed-upon activity, schedules, management, financial arrangements, etc.

Letters of the agreement will be approved by both parties according to their procedures. Parties will appoint coordinators for the joint activities development and management. Through the coordinators, either party may initiate proposals for activities under this MoU.

Each party agrees to assess the efficiency of any program on an annual basis and to encourage cooperative activities for successful academic and cultural exchange programs.

Each party acknowledges that the other party remains independent, that this MoU confers no right unless by expressed agreement, and that each has external limits on the extent and nature of cooperation permitted between the parties.

This MoU will become effective on the date of its execution and will remain effective for a period of five years. Upon the completion of this term, the MoU may be renewed, upon the assent of both universities, and such renewal will take the form of a new MoU or of a Specific Agreement.

This MoU may be terminated by either party at any time provided that the terminating party gives a minimum of a three-month notice in the written form. In the event of any outstanding issues, the parties will define, under an Agreement Termination Instrument, the responsibilities for the closing of each one of the programs affected by the termination, provided however that the activities in course at the time will be completed before termination becomes effective, as well as any other reasonable commitments.

In order to settle any doubts that may arise under the performance or in the construction of this MoU, the parties will exert their best efforts to reach a solution by mutual consent. In the event such consent is found to be impossible, the parties will jointly appoint a third party natural person, to act as mediator.

Any divergences in interpretation or performance of this MOU will be settled through negotiations between competent authorities of the parties through diplomatic channels.

This MOU was made in two original copies in Persian and English languages at the city of ……. on ….… of the Hijri solar calander, corresponding to ……., all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in performance or interpretation, the English text will prevail.

**SIGNED:**

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