

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh, Gujarat

And

Saurashtra University, Rajkot, Gujarat

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This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into and is effective as of...30-09-2016...  
by and between Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh and Saurashtra University, Rajkot,  
Gujarat, who shall be referred to collectively as "parties" and singularly as a "party" or the "party".

### Preamble

Whereas,

- a) **Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh** whose mission is to play a pivotal role in teaching, research and extension education services related to agriculture and allied sciences/sectors and Saurashtra University, Rajkot whose mission is to offer a range of Post Graduate - Master Degree and Ph.D. programmes, wish to establish a long-term institutional partnership in the areas of **Agricultural Sciences viz. Plant Physiology, Plant Genetics, Soil microbiology and Soil chemistry; Veterinary Sciences, Fisheries Sciences, Microbiology, Biotechnology** (Genomic analysis, Metagenomics and Proteomics, Analytical Instrumentation, Bioinformatics, Environmental microbiology, Animal Biotechnology and Nanotechnology); training of students and faculties, Seminar, workshops, etc. with the primary objective of promoting contact and collaboration between faculty, staff and students, explore joint research programmes and exchange experiences in education and research; and
- b) The partnership also aims at enhancing the technological, social and cultural relations.

Now therefore, this document presents a general framework for such a future partnership, along with some specifically identified areas of consideration, which shall be updated from time to time.

### Article 1: Participation and Coordination

The partnership shall initially be between the following:

- For Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh, Gujarat:
  - ✓ **The Director of Research and Dean, P.G. Studies**
- For Saurashtra University, Rajkot, Gujarat:
  - ✓ **The Head, Department of Biosciences / **Competent Authority****

**The Director of Research and Dean, P.G. Studies** shall be the Coordinator from **Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh** and **The Head of Department / Competent Authority** shall be the Coordinator from Department of Biosciences, **Saurashtra University, Rajkot**. The participants and coordinators may change from time to time as decided by competent authority of the respective institutions.

## **Article 2: Types of Cooperation**

The following have been identified as possible starting of the partnership. The areas of cooperation can be further increased by the mutual consent of the parties. In many cases specific programmes will require other agreements to be separately detailed out and documented.

- I. **Exchange of information and experience:** Representatives of both parties should arrange joint meetings at regular intervals (at least once in a year) to exchange experiences in education and to prepare proposals for joint projects.

A joint Seminar / Workshop may be held once in a year to present the results of this partnership. Any exchange of proprietary information shall be subject to a separate written nondisclosure agreement.

- II. **Faculty and student exchange programmes:** The Parties will examine the possibility of visiting faculty exchange at respective institutions under the roof of faculty exchange programme. A student exchange for the purpose of training and availing laboratory and instrumentation facilities at respective institution will be the vital aim of this MoU.

- III. **Cooperative research projects:** The parties may define joint collaborative research projects between faculty and / or research groups. Collaborating faculty will approach various funding agencies to submit joint project proposals. Details regarding funding, intellectual property and other aspects of joint research projects will be considered in separate written agreements.

- IV. **Dissertation:** Availing instrumentation facility, Project work, Exchange of faculty, Ph.D. in the interdisciplinary area of mutual interest will be encouraged.

## **Article 3: Intellectual Property**

Each party will adhere to the intellectual laws of our country and the regulations of the respective university. Any research projects for which intellectual property is likely to be created will require a separate, written agreement regarding intellectual property.

**Article 4: Financing**

The parties may work to develop a viable and sustainable model for the financing of this partnership. The two institutions may explore the development of a funding pool from various sources to carry out this partnership. They may not only try to arrange some funding from their own resources, but also approach the local governments, international funding agencies and industries. Special effort can be made to obtain funding from industry to support this collaboration. Funding from alumni may also be solicited for some of the programs.

**Article 5: Equipment and other property**

Equipment and other property obtained under this Memorandum of Understanding shall remain the property of the recipient institution.

**Article 6: Publication of Results**

As far as possible, results from collaborative research and community engagement projects shall be published with due acknowledgement to persons involved at both institutions.

**Article 7: Validity**

The arrangement is valid for a period of 5 years and becomes effective from date it is signed by the partners. The period may be extended by mutual consent. In case one party wishes to cancel the contract, it may be done so only by a prior intimation of at least six months.

**Article 8:**

The detailed MoU can be framed as and when required.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being authorized have signed this MoU in two copies in the English language, and the two texts being equally authentic.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED AT Junagadh ON THIS THE 30/09/2016

Signature:

Director of Research & Dean PG Studies  
Junagadh Agricultural University  
Junagadh  
Junagadh Agricultural University  
Junagadh. (Gujarat)

Registrar  
Saurashtra University  
Rajkot

Witness:

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Principal & Dean  
College of Agriculture  
Junagadh Agricultural University,  
Junagadh.

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Head  
Department of Biosciences  
Saurashtra University  
Rajkot, Gujarat