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COOPERATION AGREEMENT ON STUDENT EXCHANGE

Between

BHARATI VIDYAPEETH (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY), INDIA

And

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH-EASTERN NORWAY

क्या कारणासादी स्वांनी मर्टगम अनेट कारणासाँठी द्भांक खरेरी केल्याधियुम ६ सहैन्याग भापरण अध्यक्ताक आहे





With the object of promoting co-operation in academic education between the following universities:

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH-EASTERN, NORWAY, (USN), Postal address: P.O Box 4, 3199 Borre, Norway

And,

BHARATI VIDYAPEETH (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)
Postal address: Bharati Vidyapeeth Bhavan, Near Alka Theatre, Deccan, Pune -411
030 Maharashtra, INDIA

have agreed as follows concerning mutual student exchange:

Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), a university conferred a status of deemed to be a university w/s 3 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 of India. The parent body of the Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University) is Bharati Vidyapeeth, a Trust and a Society established under the laws of India.

College of Nursing Pune, the constituent units of Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), L.B.S. Marg, Pune, INDIA will support in the current application for cooperation and participate in this collaboration agreement to execute terms & conditions stated here in

Definitions:

Within the framework of this exchange, "Home University" will mean the institution in which a student is formally enrolled as a degree candidate, and a "Host University" will mean the institution that has agreed to receive students from the Home University for a period of study on a non-degree basis.

Number of students:

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1. USN will send no more than 6 nursing students to BVDU (College of Nursing Pune) each spring semester (January – April 3 months). BVDU will send a maximum of 3 master's and PhD- students each year in accordance with the HEIN (Higher Education India Norway) project document (see Addendum 1, HEIN (Higher Education India Norway) project document for details). However, the Project Coordinators at each partner university, BVDU may jointly agree to change the number of students in collaboration with relevant decision-making entities at the collaborating institutions (USN, BVDU).

Nomination and pre-selection

2. The students participating in the exchange programme will be selected initially by the Home University and nominated to the Host University within the deadlines agreed upon by the Project Coordinators of the HEIN (Higher Education India Norway) project.

3. The Home University shall in due time inform the Host University of the type of placement the nominated candidates need, and the mandatory requirements

associated with the placement (see Addendums 1 - 4 attached).

4. The Host University shall find suitable placement locations for the students from the Home University that corresponds to the placement needs of the students (see Addendums 1 - 4 attached).

5.

The departments/divisions involved in the exchange at the Home University will provide the Host University with adequate information about the requirements for the practical placement or courses taken at the Host University, including students counselling and assessments (see Addendums 1 - 4 attached). The practical placement will require supervision from a nurse with a master's or PhD degree. The supervision must include introduction to the placement, a midterm evaluation, an end evaluation and two meetings with a teacher from BVDU. Part of the practical placement should be in peer learning with students from BVDU at Pune.

Requirements

Exchange students must have completed at least 60 ECTS credits or the 6. equivalent within the relevant study field, and be officially nominated by their Home University, to enrol.

7. Exchange students must meet the language admission requirement of the Host University. An English proficiency equivalent to B2 level is recommended.

Application, selection and admission

8. Applications for participation in the programme will be sent by the Home University to the Host University within the designated deadlines.

The Host University will accept the candidates selected by the Home 9. University if they meet the admission requirements and the professional qualifications and standards are fulfilled. However, the Host University will make the final decision on the admission of candidates nominated for exchange and issue a formal letter of acceptance to the student.

The obligations of the universities under the agreement apply only to the 10.

exchange students and exclude both spouses and dependents.

Registration and pre-arrival guidance

11. Exchange participants hosted by each institution will be admitted as undergraduate- or graduate non-degree students and must submit all documents requested by the host university.

Accommodation for USN students will be provided by BVDU at designated 12. student hostel during the student's practical placement at BVDU (see Addendum 5) and assist students from USN in finding alternative housing if necessary. USN will assist students from BVDUin finding housing in student housing or alternative accommodations during their exchange to USN.

13. Both universities will endeavour to provide a pre-arrival orientation to students admitted to the exchange programme.

The placement:

- 14. The exchange period for USN students to BVDU from USN's Bachelor's in nursing is for approx. 10 weeks. The exchange period for master's and PhD- students from BVDU to USN is 30 days.
- 15. The Host University will arrange an orientation programme for the exchange students upon semester start.
- 16. Exchange students shall abide by all applicable rules and regulations of the Home and Host universities, as well as by all applicable laws, rules and regulations of the Home and the Host countries. Students in clinical activities must respect Norwegian and Indian health jurisdiction
- 17. Each university reserves the right to dismiss any participating students at any time for academic or personal misconduct in violation of its established regulations. The dismissal of a participant shall not abrogate the arrangement regarding other participants

Certificate

- 18. Upon completion of the period of study at the Host University, exchange students must return to the Home University. Exceptionally, the contracting parties can agree to an extension of the exchange period.
- 19. The Host University will provide the Home University with a final certificate of study. For observation the Host University will issue a certificate describing the activities undertaken by students during their placement.

Expenses

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- 20. TUITION FEES: BVDU should communicate tuition fees (if any), which should include supervision, local transport to/from placement locations, two sets of nursing uniforms and other equipment necessary for the students during their practical placements and stay at BVDU)
- 21. Student scholarships and covering of expenses for the exchange students will be done in accordance with the HEIN (Higher Education India Norway) project document (see Addendum 1). However, the USN Project Coordinator may change the rates in collaboration with collaborating institutions BVDU.
- 22. It will be the responsibility of the exchange students to familiarize themselves with the information given about scholarships and financial support, travel expenses, cost of living, accommodation, travel and health- insurances, passport- and visa application fees, and textbooks for international students, as well as other necessary expenses. However, each university is responsible for providing necessary information through adequate information channels to the students.
- 23. Each institution should check and make sure before departure that outgoing exchange students have sufficient insurance coverage for their stay in the Host University.

- 24. No monetary consideration will be exchanged between the two universities, nor will there be any indemnities, reimbursement for expenses, or sharing of fees or profits from the exchange, other than described in the HEIN (Higher Education India Norway) project document (see Addendum 1)
- 25. The parties agree to indemnify and hold one another harmless from any and all claims by exchange participants, their parents, survivors, or agents, arising from any negligent acts or omission on the part of either University or any of their employees. The relationship of USN and BVDU under this Agreement shall be that of independent contractors, and a party shall not be deemed, nor hold itself out as being, a partner or agent of the other party. Neither USN nor BVDU shall be liable for acts of the others, nor shall they be liable for the acts of students participating in the exchange.
- 26. Both universities subscribe to a policy of equal opportunity and will not discriminate on the basis of race, national or ethnic origin, skin colour, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status or physical handicap.

Confidentiality and Data Protection

- 27. Each party agrees that personally identifiable information such education records of the students shall be maintained in a confidential manner and shall not be released except for where processing is necessary for fulfilling this contract.
- 28. The parties are responsible for compliance with their own national legislation regarding the processing and transferring of personal data by or on behalf of each Contracting Party for the purposes of administering and delivering the programme. USN will comply with the demands of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in these matters.

Intellectual Property

29. Neither party shall use the name, logo, or trademark of the other party without the express prior written consent of the other party to each particular use of its name, logo or trademark.

Force Majeure

- 30. Neither institution shall be liable to the other institution for any delay or failure in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement if and to the extent such delay or failure in performance arises from any cause or causes beyond the reasonable control of the affected institution, including, but not limited to, act of God, acts of government or government authorities such as compliance with law(s), regulation(s) or order(s), fire, storm, flood, earthquake, war (declared or not), rebellion, revolution or riots, strike or lockouts (hereinafter referred to as "Force Majeure").
- 31. If either institution is affected by Force Majeure, it shall immediately provide the other with details in writing and shall keep the other fully informed of the continuance of the Force Majeure and of any change in circumstances.
- 32. If the Force Majeure continues for longer than 3 months, either institution may at any time, while such Force Majeure continues, terminate this Agreement by notice in writing.

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Review, renewal and termination

- 33. The parties will review the programme annually in accordance with the HEIN (Higher Education India Norway) project document. This Agreement will be valid until 31 July 2025, or the final date of the HEIN project period if the project is ended before or extended.
- 34. Any of the parties may withdraw from the agreement by giving 6 (Six) months' notice in writing in advance of the next academic semester to the other parties. Termination would not affect students engaged in the Agreement.
- 35. If the Agreement is not renewed by mutual consent, the Agreement will conclude at the end of the specified time period, or after activities in progress have concluded

Executed for and on behalf

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