



Memorandum of Understanding

Between

UNIVERSITY OF THE PUNJAB, LAHORE, PAKISTAN
&
UNIVERSITY OF PALERMO, ITALY

This **Memorandum of Understanding** (hereinafter called the “MOU”) is entered into effect on the 7th of February, 2020.

The University of the Punjab (hereinafter referred to as ‘PU’), located in the historical and culturally alive city of Lahore, has played a leading role in higher education in the country. Established in 1882, the University of the Punjab is the largest and the oldest seat of higher learning in Pakistan. It was the first to be established in the sub-continent in Muslim majority area. It comprises of 5 Campuses, 13 Faculties, 10 Constituent Colleges and over 73 Departments/Centres/Institutes.

The University of Palermo (hereinafter referred to as ‘UNIPA’) is a consolidated cultural, scientific and teaching presence in central-western Sicily. Its 1 School and 16 Departments cover the most important domains of contemporary scientific and technological knowledge. Established in 1806, a mega-university with twelve faculties distributed in various manner throughout the territory. The seal on the decree bears the stamp that has become the present-day university’s institutional logo.

In view of the significant contribution that student and faculty exchange programs make toward the progress of learning and the promotion of international understanding, it is agreed between PU and UNIPA, as follows:

- i. Both parties shall provide all possible opportunities available on their respective campuses for the students of the other to enroll in their undergraduate and/or postgraduate programs as exchange students under this Agreement.
- ii. Both parties agree to facilitate faculty exchanges and collaboration between the two institutions; Faculty exchanges may encompass teaching and/or cooperative research.
- iii. Both parties shall promote other academic activities that enhance the above-mentioned goals.



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- iv. Any expenses incurred by each institution under this Agreement will be subjected to individual agreements on a case-by-case basis.
- v. The UNIPA may consider, on a case to case basis, to award scholarships/reduced tuition fees for PhD scholars from Pakistan.
- vi. Both Parties, through mutual consent, may undertake activities on their respective campuses to promote the culture of both Pakistan and Italy.

Focal Persons

All notices under this MOU shall be issued at the respective offices of the Parties. All other communications required or permitted by this MOU shall be given in writing by registered mail/ email confirmed/acknowledged simultaneously with registered mail/email in the following manner:

For PU:

The Director, Directorate of External Linkages, Administration Block , Quaid-i-Azam Campus, Lahore. **Tel:** +9242-99231820 **E-Mail:** directorel@pu.edu.pk

For UNIPA:

The Office Manager, International Cooperation for Training and Research, Piazza Marina, 61, 90133 – PALERMO, **Tel:** +39 091 238 93741, **E-Mail:** coperint@unipa.it

Duration

This Agreement shall take effect for a period of five (5) years from the day the representatives of both institutions affix their signatures. The Agreement is subject to revision, renewal and cancellation by mutual consent at least six months in advance in writing given by either party to the other.

Signed

Signed by for and on the behalf of the
University of the Punjab, Pakistan

Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar (S.I.)
Vice-Chancellor

Date 7/2/2020

Signed by for and on the behalf of the
University of Palermo, Italy

Prof. Fabrizio Micari
Rector

Date 07.02.2020

for