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## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

between

**DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY**

**(UK)**

and

**UNIVERSITAS NEGERI MALANG  
(INDONESIA)**

in respect of

a Collaborative Research Programme  
leading to a Dual Awarded Doctoral Degree  
by Research from each institution

UM Ref. No. 30.1.108/UN32/KS/2026

This **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** ("MOU") is made between

1. **DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY** of the Gateway, Leicester, LE1 9BH, United Kingdom ("DMU") and
2. **UNIVERSITAS NEGERI MALANG**, having its principal office at Jl. Semarang 5 MALANG 65145 Jawa Timur, Indonesia ("UM")

(each a "**Party**" and together the "**Parties**").

## **BACKGROUND**

- (A) DMU is a higher education corporation established in accordance with the Education Reform Act 1988.
- (B) UM is a public university in Indonesia established in 1954 under the decree stipulated by the Ministry of Education, teaching, and Culture No. 33756/Kb dated August 4, 1954.
- (C) DMU and UM wish to promote co-operation and further academic links to their mutual benefit.
- (D) The purpose of this MOU is to formally record the mutual interest between DMU and UM in exploring the possibilities of collaborative partnership and also pursuing the Proposed Activity, details of which are set out in clause 2 (Proposed Activity) of this MOU.

## **AGREED TERMS**

### **1 Statement of Intent and non-legally binding**

- 1.1 This MOU is a statement of intent which sets forth the general basis upon which DMU and UM wish to proceed.
- 1.2 DMU and UM acknowledge and agree that this MOU is **non-legally binding** and shall **not** be construed as creating any legally enforceable rights or obligations between the Parties, save and except for the provisions in clauses 3, 4, 6 and 7 which are legally binding.

## **2 Proposed Activity**

- 2.1 With a common desire to expand research and scholarly co-operation between the institutions, the Parties agree to facilitate their discussions in relation to the provision of a programme of joint research leading to the award, for successful students, of dual PhD degree from each Party with funding provision via Lembaga Pengelola Dana Pendidikan ("LPDP").

(hereinafter referred to as "**Proposed Activity**")

## **3 Intellectual Property**

- 3.1 The Parties acknowledge and agree that:

3.1.1 nothing contained in this MOU will affect the absolute ownership rights of either Party in such Party's intellectual property rights; and

3.1.2 any intellectual property rights owned or created by a Party before the Commencement Date (as defined in clause 5) and during the term of this MOU will remain the property of that Party unless it is otherwise agreed separately in writing.

- 3.2 Neither Party shall use the other Party's name, logo and/or other intellectual property rights (such as trade name) in connection with any products, promotion, advertising, marketing, press release, or publicity without the prior written consent from the other Party in advance of such use.

- 3.3 Neither Party shall publish any marketing material relating to this MOU unless there is a prior mutual consent in writing between the Parties. The Parties agree that the wording for any such marketing materials shall be agreed jointly between the Parties prior to its use.

## 4 Confidentiality

- 4.1 Where a Party is to share confidential information, commercially sensitive information or personal data with the other Party under this MOU, a separate and appropriate legally binding agreement (such as confidentiality agreement and/or data sharing agreement) shall be put in place between the Parties to protect such information and/or data.
- 4.2 If no such separate legally binding is put in place by the Parties for the purpose of this MOU according to clause 4.1, the Party who receives the information (Receiving Party) shall keep confidential and shall not, without the prior written permission of the other Party, disclose to any third parties any confidential or commercially sensitive information or personal data it acquires from the other Party in connection with this MOU, unless such information:
- 4.2.1 is in, or has become part of, the public domain other than as a result of a breach of the confidentiality obligations of this Agreement; or
  - 4.2.2 was in its written records prior to receipt; or
  - 4.2.3 was independently developed without access to the other Party's confidential information; or
  - 4.2.4 was independently disclosed to it without obligation of confidentiality by a third party entitled to disclose the same or
  - 4.2.5 is required for disclosure by law including without limitation the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Environmental Information Regulations 2004).
- 4.3 The obligations of the Parties under this clause 4 shall continue following the expiry or termination of this MOU.

## 5 Term and Termination

- 5.1 Subject to clause 5.2, this MOU shall come into effect from the date of signature by both Parties ("**Commencement Date**"), and shall run for twelve (12) months from the Commencement Date, or until a legally binding collaborative agreement for the provision of dual award PhD degree has been put in place between the Parties, whichever is the earliest.

5.2 Either Party may terminate this MOU by giving at least one month's notice in writing to the other Party at any time.

## **6 Liabilities**

6.1 Except as otherwise provided, the Parties shall each bear their own costs and expenses incurred in complying with their obligations under this MOU.

6.2 Either Party may unilaterally cease any consideration or negotiation contemplated by this MOU without any liability whatsoever to the other Party.

6.3 The Parties acknowledge that any agreement or agreements involving the Parties or any of the Proposed Activity between the Parties may require the express approval of specific bodies and duly authorised officers of such Parties. In the event that the Parties decide to carry out the Proposed Activity or other arrangements, it is proposed that negotiations should take place with a view to finalising the terms of such contractual arrangements between such Parties as may be necessary and appropriate.

## **7 General**

7.1 **Non-Partnership or Joint Venture.** Nothing in this MOU is intended to, or shall be deemed to, establish any partnership or joint venture between the Parties, constitute either Party as the agent of the other Party, nor authorise one Party to make or enter into any commitments for or on behalf of the other Party.

7.2 **Language.** This MOU is drafted in the English language. All documents provided under or in connection with this MOU shall be in English, or accompanied by a certified English translation. If this MOU is subsequently translated into other language version for ease of reference, the English language version of this MOU (and any notice or other document relating to this MOU) shall always prevail in the event of any conflict or discrepancy between the English language version and any other language version.

7.3 **Governing law and jurisdiction.** This MOU and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws and regulations of each Party.

## **8 Force Majeure**

- 8.1 Neither Party shall be liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations under this MOU (other than payment obligations, if any) where such failure or delay arises as a result of events beyond its reasonable control, including but not limited to acts of God, war, terrorism, civil unrest, epidemic or pandemic, governmental actions, natural disasters, or failure of utilities or communications ("Force Majeure Event").
- 8.2 The affected Party shall notify the other Party as soon as reasonably practicable of the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event. The obligations of the affected Party shall be suspended for the duration of the Force Majeure Event. If such an event continues for a period of more than three (3) months, either Party may terminate this MOU by written notice without liability.

## **9 Contact Information**

- 9.1 Each Party shall appoint a contact person for the purposes of this MOU. All notices, communications, and correspondence relating to this MOU shall be made in writing and sent to the designated contact persons at the addresses below, or to such other address or contact details as may be notified in writing by either Party from time to time.

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This MOU has been entered into on the date stated at the beginning of it.

Signed for and on behalf of **De Montfort University**



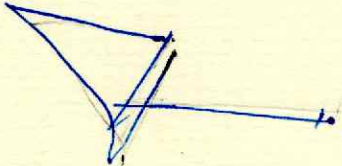
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Date: January 30, 2026

Signed for and on behalf of **Universitas Negeri Malang**



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