

DATED 1st Jan 2024

(1) EDGE HILL UNIVERSITY, UNITED KINGDOM

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

Doctoral Studies Alliance (DSA)

Parties

- (1) Edge Hill University, of St Helens Road, Ormskirk, Lancashire L39 4QP United Kingdom (**Edge Hill**).
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1. Background and Status

- 1.1 The objective of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to underpin relations between Edge Hill and .***.....***... It is not considered to be a contract creating legal and financial obligations between the parties.

2. Principles of Collaboration

- 2.1 The objective of the HoTs is to underpin collaborative activity for a project labelled as “Doctoral Studies Alliance (DSA)”. Areas of activity may be proposed by any party.
- 2.2 The scope of the DSA is to develop a series of activities to support generic and bespoke needs and requirements of its members. The activities should focus on providing and consuming developmental opportunities and training as services for knowledge transfer to and from, R&D staff, Graduate School staff, Doctoral studies supervisors, and Doctoral studies students.
- 2.3 Potential areas of activity of mutual interest and concern may include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Promote student and staff mobility (academic, administrative and technical)
 - Enable joint supervision of doctoral projects
 - Encourage joint bidding for research grants
 - Incentivise joint publication of research results
 - Offer complementary graduate training and CPD
 - Organise Summer Schools, conferences, seminars and discussion fora
 - Support and promote the interests of diverse and under-represented groups and individuals
- 2.4 The terms of any activity relating to areas identified will be agreed on an individual basis and will be subject to a separate memorandum of agreement between the two parties which will detail the respective obligations of each party.

3. Management of the Collaboration

- 3.1 Edge Hill will nominate a member of staff to act as liaison for this Collaboration who will be responsible for overseeing the Collaboration on behalf of Edge Hill.
- 3.2 **** will nominate a member of staff to act as liaison for this Collaboration who will be responsible for overseeing the Collaboration on behalf of ***.

4. Confidentiality

- 4.1 The Parties agree that all information and material appertaining to the MoU and all activity pursuant to it remains confidential at all times and will not be shared with any third parties without the prior written consent of the other party.

5. Publicity

- 5.1 Any publicity material produced which mentions this Collaboration and uses the name or logo of the parties must be approved in advance by the appropriate authority of the party concerned.

6. Funding

- 6.1 Each Party will be responsible for their own costs in relation to activity pursuant to the MoU.
- 6.2 Any costs associated with the provision of any specific products or services by any Party will be subject to separate negotiation and agreement.

7. Term and Termination

- 7.1 The commencement date for the MoU is 1st January 2024
- 7.2 The duration of the MoU is for a period of five years from the commencement date.
- 7.3 During the validity of the MoU, either party may terminate the MoU by giving three months written notice to the other party.

Dated the: 10 November 2021

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Signed for and on behalf of Edge Hill
University:

Signed for an on behalf of ***:

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