

**MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING (MOU)**

BETWEEN

**DURBAN UNIVERSITY TECHNOLOGY
(DUT), SOUTH AFRICA**

AND

**BHAGAT PHOOL SINGH MAHILA
VISHWAVIDYALAYA (BPSMV),
KHANPUR KALAN, SONIPAT,
HARYANA**

DATED: 19/1/2017

PLACE: KHANPUR KALAN (HARYANA)



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

FOR RESEARCH COLLABORATION

Between Durban University of Technology, South African tertiary institution duly established in terms of the Higher Education Act No 101 of 1997 (hereinafter referred to as DUT) herein represented by Prof Thandwa Zizwe Mthembu in his capacity as Vice-Chancellor and Principal and duly authorized thereto.

And

Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya (BPSMV), Khanpur Kalan, Sonapat, Haryana.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by Professor Raisuyah Bhagwan, of the Department of Community Health Studies and Dr. Manju Panwar, Chairperson, Department of Social Work, BPSMV.

The purpose of the MOU is to provide general guidelines in their joint effort to conduct research related to "Conceptualizing and understanding expressions of community engagement in India," and "indigenous knowledge systems across India and South Africa."

The aforementioned researchers enter into this agreement in a spirit of cooperation and shared interest in conceptualizing community engagement and how it plays out in India and South Africa. It seeks to enhance both universities understanding of indigenous knowledge systems in their contexts as well. All agree to maintain open and timely communication in the preparation, research administration, and information dissemination phases, with the view to expand knowledge, provide leadership in developing the field of community engagement and promote academic dialogue on the characteristics of Community Engagement and indigenous knowledge systems and its manifestations across different contexts both in India and South Africa and how social work in particular engages these concepts.

All agree to also jointly supervise post-graduate students who can become involved in the Project, where possible and jointly contribute to these students' development and progress towards completion of a post-graduate degree.

The parties agree to the following terms and conditions:

Research objectives:

1. To inquire about how academics, students and community members conceptualise community engagement and indigenous knowledge systems.

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2. To explore the nature of community engagement projects in India and in South Africa in a social work context.
3. To explore the impact of these projects on both universities and communities.
4. To understand different indigenous knowledge systems and how they interface with social work.

Data collection methodologies

It is understood that a qualitative approach will guide much of the data collection, but where necessary quantitative research methods may be used. In order to accomplish the above objectives, the following data collection methods will be used both in India and SA where necessary:

1. Conduct in-depth interviews with students, academics or community members.
2. Conduct focus- group discussions with students, academics or community members.
3. Conduct field site visits for the purpose of observation.
4. To conduct ethnographic inquiries for data collection in specific communities.

ETHICS APPROVAL:

Researchers agree that they will obtain ethics clearance from their respective universities where necessary.

FUNDING

1. Durban University of Technology will provide funding for their own students and where necessary for travel costs incurred both to India and within India for data collection purposes.
2. BPSMV will provide research requirements to the students of both universities (BPSMV & DUT) on campus. Area of research study will be limited to the five villages adopted by the University i.e Gamri, Kasandi, Gari ujalle khan, Kakaṇa and Kasanda where the university has been working on different development issues.

Time frame of collaboration

The MOU is being entered into a period of five years from the date of signature by the respective institutions.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION:

1. Researchers agree that information collected in the research process is confidential, and will not be divulged in any manner except in the aggregate.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Researchers agree to acknowledge the in-kind partnership and assistance of Durban University of Technology and BPSMV in all publications.

RIGHT TO PUBLISH:

Researchers agree to collaborate in publishing research results in peer reviewed accredited Journals for the mutual benefit of their University.

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended when agree to by all researchers in writing only.

RESEARCHER: Prof RAISUYAH BHAGWAN

Durban University of Technology

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Date 19/01/17

ACTING DVC: ENGAGEMENT (DUT): PROF S. MOYO

Signature S Moyo

Date 19/1/17

VICE CHANCELLOR (DUT): PROF THANDWA ZIZWE MTHEMBU

Signature T Mthembu

Date 01/02/2017

SIGNATURES

RESEARCHER /CO-SUPERVISOR: Dr. MANJU PANWAR

BPS WOMEN UNIVERSITY

Signature Manju Panwar

Date:

VICE CHANCELLOR: PROF A. KADYAN

BPS UNIVERSITY

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Date: