

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**EU^{ERA}
UNIVERSITY**

ERA UNIVERSITY, Lucknow - 226003, (U.P.)

AND



**Nutrition Council of India, Lucknow
Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.**

SIGNED ON: 21/feb..... 2026

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



For Academic and Research collaboration

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is effective as of the ----- ("Effective Date") by and between NCI, Lucknow, and to share a common desire to extend and strengthen the functional relationship between NCI, Lucknow, and ERA University, Lucknow. Both parties hereinafter are also referred to herein as "the Institution" or, collectively, "the Institutions".

By and Between

ERA UNIVERSITY, Lucknow

The ERA University (EU), Lucknow-226003 has been established as a full-fledged University by an Act passed by the Uttar Pradesh State Legislature. The University is dedicated to achieving excellence in teaching, training, and research with the aim of cultivating a future generation that is not only highly educated, well-trained, and qualified but also deals with human beings by a human touch; ultimately striving to become a leading institution in teaching, research, and community outreach, particularly in the expansive domains of Liberal Education, Biomedical and Health Sciences, and committed to excelling in all facets of its endeavors.

And

Nutrition Council of India (NCI), Lucknow

Nutrition Council of India (NCI), a trust registered under the Indian Trust Act, 1882, works at the intersection of healthcare, food systems, agriculture and public policy.

We, the undersigned, mutually agree to share existing facilities and available expertise at our respective institutions, viz. NCI and ERA University, by signing an MoU and wish to initiate collaboration in different disciplines.

NCI recognizes its strength in areas of nutrition, clinical research, food sciences, agriculture, public health, and public policy. Hence, both institutions have their mutual interest in engaging themselves in research and academic collaboration in the larger interest of humanity.

1. Introduction

The primary goal of this MoU is to foster collaboration in academic, research, and professional domains carried out at both Institutions.

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The students visiting NCI/ERA University and the faculty involved will be entitled to receive all information pertaining to research on behalf of NCI/ERA University. However, both Institutions have agreed upon non-disclosure of the Confidential Information, if any, received from NCI/ERA University.

The collaboration will be established within the principles set out in the following headings:

1.01 Objectives

Both Institutions agree to collaborate on the following objectives to promote academic, research, and community health advancement, based on mutual interest and reciprocity:

- I. To promote academic and scientific collaboration in the domains of nutrition, health, food technology, and biotechnology through joint teaching, research, and extension activities.
- II. To facilitate internship, field training, and practical exposure for students of ERA University at NCI's Centers for Health and Nutrition and Referral lab, enabling them to gain applied knowledge in community health, nutritional assessment, product manufacturing, testing, etc.
- III. To encourage dissertation and project-based research by ERA University students, with access to NCI's subject expertise, datasets, and research environments, including facilities relevant to nutritional analysis, health screening, food safety evaluation, and product development.
- IV. To strengthen the analytical and testing linkages between both institutions by promoting collaborative work in nutrition assessment, nutrition analysis, food quality assessment, biochemical and microbiological analysis, and nutraceutical evaluation, utilizing available infrastructure and resources as per mutual consent.
- V. To undertake collaborative research projects, policy studies, and academic publications of mutual benefit, with due recognition to both institutions.
- VI. To promote the exchange of knowledge, academic resources, and educational materials, including laboratory protocols, reference data, and technical reports, to strengthen the academic and research capacities of both institutions.
- VII. To foster faculty interaction, expert lectures, and joint supervision of research work for enhancing academic quality and innovation.
- VIII. To develop joint proposals for submission to national and international funding agencies for research and development in the fields of nutrition, food safety, biotechnology, and health innovation.
- IX. To ensure ethical, transparent, and responsible conduct in all collaborative activities, in accordance with institutional and regulatory standards.

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NCI and ERA University agree that the following technical description will guide each proposed activity identified and agreed upon by the two institutions.

A specific plan will be worked out for each activity, setting forth detailed arrangements for collaboration. The terms and conditions for each visit, including purpose, travel funding, accommodation, etc., will be worked out between the Institutions. An appendix will be signed for any such activity, which will be annexed to this MoU and will be deemed to be a part and parcel of this MoU.

Terms of any financial arrangements will be subject to separate agreements made on the basis of different requirement, such as further agreements that will include names of those persons responsible for managing implementation, etc., of collaborative activity.

A. Research Collaboration:

NCI and ERA University shall promote joint research in the fields of nutrition science, medical sciences, food technology, biotechnology, public health, and allied sciences. Research initiatives pertaining to nutrition, analytical testing, product validation, and technology advancements will be jointly undertaken by both the Institutions. To promote high-quality research, infrastructure, knowledge, and data must be made available. Together, the parties will submit financing requests on a national and worldwide level and ethically share research findings. Intellectual property, financial arrangements, and compliance with institutional regulations shall be mutually agreed upon.

B. Academic Activities:

NCI and ERA University agree to seek means of identifying and inviting faculty members from each other's institutions to participate in the internship program, conferences, workshops, and short courses. Terms and conditions for such participation would be worked out by mutual agreement between the invited faculty member(s) and the institution extending such an invitation.

Faculty Exchange and Collaborative Teaching:

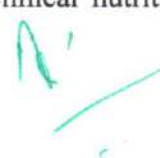
NCI and ERA University shall facilitate short-term faculty visits, joint lectures, and collaborative teaching in Nutrition Science, Food Technology, Biotechnology, Agriculture and Public Health. Faculty will contribute to curriculum development, mentoring, and scientific guidance in accordance with institutional policies.

Student Training and Dissertation:

Students of ERA University may undertake research projects, dissertation work, and field assignments at NCI under proper supervision. Scientific and technological data interpretation, laboratory analysis, and experimental design will all be part of their activities.

Academic Events and Knowledge Dissemination:

The institutions shall organize seminars, workshops, and conferences on emerging scientific topics such as nutritional analysis, nutrition assessment, clinical nutrition, microbial analysis,

nutraceuticals, bioinformatics, and public health. Participation, content ownership, and IP shall be governed by mutual agreement.

Exchange of Academic Materials:

Both parties shall exchange publications, technical data, laboratory protocols, and educational resources to strengthen teaching and research. Confidentiality and intellectual property rights will be respected.

C. Professional Collaboration

Structured Internship and Field Training:

NCI shall provide internship opportunities for ERA University students in nutritional evaluation, analytical testing, biotechnology, food safety, and community health. Internships will follow mutually agreed supervision, schedule, and assessment frameworks.

Career Development and Placement Facilitation:

The institutions shall jointly organize placement drives, professional orientation sessions, and skill development programmes to enhance employability in industry and research.

Short-term Certification and Professional Courses:

NCI and ERA University may develop short-term training courses, certification programs, and workshops addressing current industry and research needs. The course structure, curriculum, assessment, and certification shall be mutually agreed upon.

Professional Networking and Industry Linkages:

Both parties shall promote networking through exposure to research collaborations, industry partnerships, and policy forums, maintaining ethics, integrity, and institutional accountability.

1.02 Intellectual Property (IP) Rights:

NCI, Lucknow, and ERA University, Lucknow, agree to respect each other's rights to Intellectual Property (IP). All background IP used in connection with this MoU shall remain the property of the party that introduces it. No license is granted to any party to use another party's background IP unless specifically agreed to in writing. Intellectual Property rights that arise as a result of any collaborative research or joint activity under this MoU would be subject to separate written agreements on ownership and management of such IP, and each party agrees to respect the ownership of IP of other parties in all dealings, consistent with officially laid down Intellectual Property Right (IPR) policies of partner institutions. No party to this memorandum shall use the name, logo, or any other designation of any of the other parties without prior written consent.

1.03 Term:

This MoU shall be effective for a period of six (06) years from the date of execution of this MoU. This MoU may be extended for any additional period with the mutual consent of both institutions.

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1.04 Termination:

Either institution may terminate this MoU at any time without any explanation of the cause by giving three (03) months written notice to the other. Upon termination, the provisions of this MoU and corresponding programme agreements shall continue to apply to ongoing activities until each is complete, up to a maximum of one (01) year from the effective date of termination.

2.01 Language:

This MoU is prepared in English and may also be prepared in any other language as required by any of the parties. In the event of an inconsistency, the English version shall apply and be binding on the parties.

2.02 Confidentiality:

- (a) Confidential Information includes all communication of information/ideas disclosed/derived in documentary or tangible form between the Institutions, including oral, written, and machine-readable form, pertaining to the purpose of the visit/exchange of the students. In the case of such information disclosed orally or visually, the Disclosing Institution shall confirm in writing the fact and general nature of each disclosure within thirty (30) days after it is made. The Institution disclosing the Confidential Information shall be referred to as the Disclosing Institution. The Institution receiving the Confidential Information shall be referred to as the Receiving Institution.
- (b) Confidential Information includes the information:
 - (i) Disclosed by or on behalf of the Disclosing Institution to the Receiving Institution,
 - (ii) Otherwise learned or ascertained by the Receiving Institution from inspection and/or evaluation of sample/s identified by the Disclosing Institution as confidential and provided to the Receiving Institution by or on behalf of the Disclosing Institution (sample/s) and/or, otherwise learned or ascertained by the Receiving Institution from the Disclosing Institution.
- (c) The Receiving Institution will not disclose Confidential Information of the Disclosing Institution to any other person and use at least the same degree of care to maintain the Information confidential as Receiving Institution uses in maintaining as confidential its own confidential Information, but always at least a reasonable degree of care; due diligence will be taken by both the Institutions in maintenance of confidential information.
- (d) The Receiving Institution will use the confidential information only for the above-mentioned purposes.
- (e) The Receiving Institution will restrict disclosure of the confidential information of the Disclosing Institution solely to those employees, subsidiaries, parent, and affiliated companies of Receiving Institution having a need to know such Information to accomplish the purpose stated above. The Parties agree that this agreement and the disclosure of the Confidential Information do not grant or imply any license, interest or right to the Recipient in respect to any intellectual property right of the other Party.

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- (f) The obligation of non-disclosure of confidential information shall survive for three (03) years after expiry/termination of this MoU.

2.03 Indemnification:

Each Party to this MOU shall assume the responsibility and liability for the acts and omissions of its own employees, deputies, officers, or agents, in connection with the performance of their official duties under this MOU. For tort liability purposes, no participating Party shall be considered the agent of the other participating Party. Each Party to this MOU shall be liable (if at all) only for the torts of its own officers, agents, or employees that occur within the scope of their official duties. All the disputes in regard to this MoU will be settled mutually or can be addressed in the Lucknow Court.

2.04 Arbitration:

In case there is a dispute relating to any aspect of academic or research collaboration, the President of NCI and Vice Chancellor of ERA University will jointly resolve the dispute in a spirit of independence, mutual respect, and shared responsibility.

2.05 Warranty Authority:

The person(s) executing this agreement on behalf of the Institutions represent and warrant that each has been duly authorized to execute this MoU on behalf of the institution and will legally bind the institution to all of its terms, performance, and provisions.

Neither Institution shall have the authority to represent or otherwise bind the other institution, nor shall any of their respective agents, employees or representatives be construed to be the agent, employee, or representative of the other.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly appointed representatives of the parties, have on behalf of the parties signed the present Memorandum of Understanding, in two (02) originals at Lucknow, on this day _____

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Signed for and on behalf of
ERA UNIVERSITY,
Lucknow, (U.P.), India

(Prof. Abbas Ali Mahdi)
Vice-Chancellor,
Era University, Lucknow

Seal



Date:

I-Witness Signature

(Dr. Tabrez Jafar)
Nodal Officer

II-Witness Signature

(Dr. Kankashan Parvin)
Head & Associate Professor,
Department of Food and Nutrition,
Era University, Lucknow

III-Witness Signature

(Dr. Aparna Srivastava)
Assistant Professor,
Department of Food and Nutrition,
Era University, Lucknow

Signed for and on behalf of
Nutrition Council of India (NCI),
Lucknow, (U.P.), India

(Prof. Narsingh Verma)
President,
NCI, Lucknow

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Date:

I-Witness Signature

(Ms. Kshitij Bhardwaj)
Chairman, NCI, Lucknow

II-Witness Signature

(Dr. Shipra Bhardwaj)
Trustee, NCI
Director, IFNH
Lucknow.

III-Witness Signature

(Dr. Jyoti)
Senior Research Officer,
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Lucknow.