

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN



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COMMERCE
HINDOU-CANADIEN



CANADIAN HINDU
CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE
केनेडादेशीय हिन्दू-गणिज्य-परिषत्

UNIVERSITY OF LUCKNOW, LUCKNOW, UTTAR PRADESH,

INDIA

AND

CANADIAN HINDU CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CANADA

DATED: JANUARY 5, 2026

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered between “**University of Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, INDIA**” having its campus at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, hereinafter called “UoL” and **Canadian Hindu Chamber of Commerce, CANADA**, hereinafter referred to as “CHCC”. Both UoL and CHCC are independently referred to as “Party” and collectively as “Parties”.

WHEREAS

The parties hereto are entering into this Memorandum of Understanding for the purpose of recording their intention to negotiate and finalize the terms of cooperation with the objective of strengthening their mutual cooperation as well as striving for the promotion of mutual exchanges.

A. The Parties confirm their intention to negotiate and settle the terms of an Agreement in respect of each project and programme that will take place.

B. Each Agreement will include provisions dealing with, amongst other things: (i) promote student mobility and visiting scholar programs; (ii) enhance academic programs collaborations; (iii) promote joint publication and research activities; (iv) initiate exchange of academic materials and other information pertaining to mutual benefits; (v) promote several scholarly activities such as courses, seminars, trainings, conferences, and symposiums organized by either of the Parties; (vi) Other activities and programs as may be mutually agreed upon by the Parties; and (vii) adhering to the Intellectual Property Right (IPR) policy of the respective parties.

C. The Parties acknowledge that for any agreement to be binding on them, it must be in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative from each Party.

This MoU shall be treated as a platform on which both Parties agree to work together in future.

BACKGROUND

University of Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)

University of Lucknow, established in 1920 is one of the oldest state universities of Uttar Pradesh. In its long eventful journey it has constantly striven to live up to its motto, “Light & Learning” by assimilating diverse ideas, people and beliefs into its academic and co-curricular lives. Spread over 219.01 acres, it houses Eleven Faculties comprising of 51 departments that have played a significant role in imparting holistic education. As a residential-cum-affiliating

State University whose academic jurisdiction spreads across four districts of Central Uttar Pradesh it can boast of a rich academic legacy, illustrious alumni, experienced, qualified and dedicated faculty members, transparent and effective administrative set up, state-of-the art library, ample career growth opportunities, advanced research facilities and a vibrant and safe campus. University of Lucknow is the first state university to have attained the A++ accreditation from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).

The University has performed exceptionally well in the ranking front in the last one year. It secured the 98th Rank amongst universities of India and 27th amongst state public funded universities in India in NIRF rankings, 244th rank in QS World University Rankings: Southern Asia 2025, and 120th rank in SCImago Institutions Rankings, 2025. These rankings have established the University as a center for quality teaching and Research nationwide.

With more than 20000 registered students out of which more than 50% are women the University has successfully introduced a plethora of path-breaking schemes and programs for imparting holistic education to its students. The University is acclaimed nation-wide for conducting and promoting quality research, exceptional teaching and learning processes, national and international awardees, sports activities and recognitions, engagement in outreach and extension activities, robust student support system, placements in reputed government and private organizations and transparent and effective governance. The University is equipped with facilities like automated Central Library, ICT enabled class-rooms, state-of the-art laboratories, Incubation centre, Health Centre, separate hostels for men and women, facilities for sports and games, environmentally friendly campus, gender sensitive ambience and ragging- free atmosphere.

Canadian Hindu Chamber of Commerce, CANADA

The Canadian Hindu Chamber of Commerce (CHCC), while primarily a business and economic organization, plays a significant and multifaceted role in fostering academic contribution and intellectual discourse within and beyond the Canadian Hindu diaspora. Its academic role is not about conducting primary research itself, but rather about acting as a vital catalyst, bridge-builder, and platform-provider that enriches the educational and intellectual landscape.

One of the CHCC's key academic contributions lies in promoting the study and understanding of

Hindu philosophy, ethics, and knowledge systems in a contemporary context. It organizes seminars, panel discussions, and lectures featuring scholars, economists, and thought leaders who explore how ancient Indic principles like Artha (wealth), Dharma (righteous duty), and Seva (selfless service) can inform modern business practices, leadership, and sustainable development. This creates a unique interdisciplinary dialogue, bringing spiritual and philosophical academia into conversation with commerce and public policy, thereby contributing to a more holistic form of business education.

Furthermore, the CHCC actively supports research and discourse on the economic history and contributions of the Indian diaspora in Canada. By highlighting entrepreneurial success stories and analyzing the community's economic integration and impact, the CHCC provides a rich real-world case study for academic institutions. It collaborates with universities and colleges to offer insights for students and researchers in fields like diaspora studies, sociology, economics, and international business. This helps ground academic work in current, lived experiences and data. The Chamber also functions as a critical bridge between academia and industry. It facilitates internships, mentorship programs, and networking events that connect students and researchers with established business leaders. This practical exposure is an invaluable academic contribution, providing students with applied learning opportunities and giving academics access to industry trends and challenges that can inform their teaching and research. By doing so, it helps shape a more practically relevant curriculum and fosters the next generation of ethically-minded, globally-aware business professionals.

The CHCC contributes academically by fostering a culture of knowledge-sharing and intellectual leadership within the community. Its events often tackle pressing global issues—from technology and innovation to climate change and social entrepreneurship—through a unique lens that blends Eastern and Western perspectives. This not only educates its members but also adds a distinct voice to Canada's multicultural intellectual tapestry. By championing values like innovation alongside integrity, and prosperity alongside pluralism, the CHCC helps shape an academic and professional ethos that is both successful and consciously value-driven.

The Canadian Hindu Chamber of Commerce's academic contribution is that of a synthesizer and enabler. It elevates discourse by integrating ancient wisdom with modern challenges, provides a practical bridge between theory and practice, and enriches Canada's academic ecosystem with

diverse perspectives grounded in Hindu cultural and philosophical values. Its role is to ensure that the journey of knowledge (Jnana) is deeply connected to the world of action (Karma), for the benefit of both the community and broader society.

1. OBJECTIVES OF THIS MOU

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to promote international agreement, scholarly collaboration, cultural interaction and friendship by supporting educational, professional and cultural activities among faculty and students of the two institutions. Accordingly, the areas of cooperation will include, subject to mutual consent, any programme offered at their university as felt desirable and feasible on either side and that both sides will contribute to the fostering and development of the cooperative relationship between the two universities.

2. SCOPE OF COLLABORATION

Specific areas of cooperation between the two parties, subject to the availability of funds and the approval, but not limited to the following:

- a) Exchange of students;
- b) Exchange of faculty members;
- c) Joint research activities;
- d) Participation in seminars and academic meetings;
- e) Exchange of academic materials and other information;
- f) Developing and executing special academic programmes;
- g) Joint consultancies; and
- h) Organizing joint conferences/seminars/workshops

The terms of such mutual assistance and necessary budget for each specific programme and activity that is implemented under the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding or any other written agreement thereafter shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both Parties prior to the initiation of the particular programme or activity and the terms of such programme and activity shall be negotiated on an annual basis. Each party will designate a Liaison Officer to develop and coordinate specific activities or programmes.

3. OUTLINES OF THE COLLABORATION

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This document is not intended to create legal or binding obligations on either Party. It serves only as a record of the Parties' current intentions. This will be a sustaining program and will help sourcing funds for collaborate research/academic programs from external agencies. We also plan to work on a joint online degree program in different disciplines, which could be an avenue for further cooperation between UoL and CHCC.

Under the aegis of this agreement, UoL & CHCC shall jointly explore the possibilities of working in both countries India and Canada. The major focus of this collaboration shall be on:

- Developing joint curricula for mutually identified programs;
- Guiding students for Post-graduate & Doctoral research with CHCC as an extended research campus of UoL;
- UoL shall assist in the faculty development and student mentoring of CHCC
- Joint research in Science, humanities and legal studies
- Faculty/Scientists from each institution will collaborate in developing proposals for external funding as appropriate;
- Any expenses incurred by each institution under this agreement will be the sole responsibility of the institutions concerned;

Academic and Research Collaboration:

In pursuant of the agreement, academic and research collaborations shall be initiated between both Parties. Academic collaboration shall involve, faculty members/scientists visiting their counterpart institutions for short-term (1-3 months) teaching assignments, evaluation and curriculum development. The eligible faculty members/scientists may also be a part of the dissertation/thesis supervision along with the host institution faculty members/scientists.

Research collaboration shall involve, visits of faculty members/scientists to each other's institution, and write, bid and implement collaborative research projects for funding and be a part of in-house research funded projects. Research collaboration shall involve being a part of the publication authorship group, keeping the intellectual property rights intact.

Exchange of academic information, data generation and dissemination, and scholarly publications:

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In pursuant of the agreement, exchange of academic information, data regeneration and dissemination and scholarly publications shall be the privilege of both institutions involved. The data generation could be from primary or secondary sources. The samples to be collected from field areas shall be shared as per convenience and the Government protocols. Secondary data source and sharing shall also need to have clearances of the Government procedures. Dissemination of information to print/visual media shall be as per the Government protocols.

4. PUBLICATION & INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

- (i) If the research is conducted and completed in India with the help of University of Lucknow members in the team, the intellectual property will be protected in India with UoL as a co applicant. CHCC will have rights to commercialize technology.
- (ii) If the research is conducted and completed in Nepal with the help of UoL members in the team, the intellectual property will be protected in Canada with CHCC as a co-applicant. UoL will have rights to commercialize the technology.
- (iii) In case research is carried out solely and separately by the Party or the research results are obtained through the sole and separate effort of the Party, the Party concerned alone will apply for grant of IPR and once granted, the IPR will be solely owned by the Party concerned.
- (iv) In case of research results obtained through joint activities, the grant of intellectual property rights will be sought by both the Parties jointly and once granted these rights will jointly owned by the Parties.
- (v) Any Publication, document and/or paper arising out of joint work conducted by the participants pursuant to this MoU will be jointly owned. The use of the name, logo and/or official emblem of the participants on any publication, document and/or paper will require prior permission of both the participants. It may however be ensured that the official emblem and logo is not misused.
- (vi) Both Parties agree to ensure appropriate protection of intellectual Property Rights generated from such cooperation consistent with their respective laws, rules and regulations and other international agreements to which both Parties are signatories.

5. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The Parties shall perform their respective roles and responsibilities under this MoU with highest standards of professional and ethical competence and integrity.

6. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

UoL and CHCC agree that except for a Court Order requiring disclosure, neither shall disclose to any third party without the written consent of the other, any information made available to the Parties, in the performance of work and/or generated by the performance of work, under this Agreement, except information which at the date hereof was;

- (i) In the public domain
- (ii) Known to either prior to the date hereof as evidenced by written documents subsequently.

The provisions in this Article shall survive termination or completion of the Memorandum of Understanding.

7. AMENDMENTS

The Parties of this MoU may, by mutual consent, add, modify, amend, or delete any words, phrases, sentences, or Articles in this MoU.

8. ARBITRATION

Dispute arising out of this MoU, if any, shall be amicably settled jointly by University of Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh and the Canadian Hindu Chamber of Commerce, CANADA.

9. VALIDITY OF THE MOU

This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective on the date of signing and will have a duration of five (5) years. However, it can be extended by mutual agreement. Any cessation of the MoU by either Party shall be notified in writing to the other Party at least six months in advance.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereby execute the MoU in two original copies in English language on the 5th of January, 2026

<p><i>Manuka Khanna</i> 5.1.26.</p> <p>(Prof. Manuka Khanna)</p> <p>Designation: Vice-Chancellor For and on behalf of the University of Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India</p>	<p><i>Nareshkumar Chavda</i> Jan 5, 2026</p> <p>(Nareshkumar Chavda)</p> <p>Designation: Chair Board of Trustee For and on behalf of the Canadian Hindu Chamber of Commerce, CANADA</p>
<p>Witnesses:</p> <p><i>Bhawana Mishra</i> 05/01/2026</p> <p>1. Dr. Bhawana Mishra Designation: Registrar University of Lucknow, Lucknow</p>	<p>Witnesses:</p> <p><i>Kuahagr Dutt Sharma</i> Jan 5, 2026</p> <p>1. (Kuahagr Dutt Sharma) Designation: President Canadian Hindu Chamber of Commerce, CANADA</p>
<p>2. Prof. Sangeeta Sahu Designation: Director, IQAC, University of Lucknow, Lucknow</p>	<p>2. <i>N. K.</i></p>