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Far Western University



ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH COLLABORATION

Between

UTTARAKHAND OPEN UNIVERSITY HALDWANI, UTTARAKHAND (INDIA)
&
FAR WESTERN UNIVERSITY (FWU), NEPAL

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of understanding is being executed on 18th March 2026 and it will be effective from 18th March 2026

Between

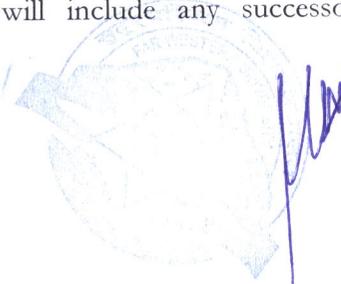
UTTARAKHAND OPEN UNIVERSITY, a University of Uttarakhand established by Uttarakhand Open University Act No. 23 of 2005 and also recognised by Distance Education Bureau of UGC, New Delhi existing at Teen-Pani Bypass, Transport Nagar, Haldwani, District – Nainital, Uttarakhand hereinafter referred to as FIRST-PARTY, “University” or UOU, and this expression shall, unless repugnant to or inconsistent with the context and meaning shall include any successors or permitted assignees of the **FIRST PARTY**.

AND

Far Western University (FWU), Nepal, a university established in 2010 by an Act of the Parliament of Nepal. FWU is a government-funded national university to serve as a prime academic institution in the country, focusing on academic excellence, research-based education, community engagement, and partnerships.

FWU has been fulfilling its responsibility of making higher education accessible to the people of this region through its constituent campuses in the nine districts of Far West Province. It has signed MoU with different national and international academic institutions, Universities, local and provincial governmental organizations and international research and development organizations like IIT Roorkee (India), Jeonbuk National University (Korea) and others. Far Western University (FWU) hereinafter referred to as the “**Second Party**” and this expression shall, unless repugnant to or inconsistent with the context and meaning will include any successors or permitted legal representatives as the **SECOND PARTY**.


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WHEREAS:

- A. the First Party is a State Open University offering various courses through open and distance learning mode, in Uttarakhand
- B. Second Party is a national university of Nepal funded by government of Nepal with its central office at Mahendranagar (Nepal). It was established in 2010, to cater to the needs of higher education in western Nepal. The University offers diverse educational programs, both in undergraduate and graduate level, through nine faculties including Humanities and Social Sciences, Education, Management, Science and Technology, Engineering, Agriculture, Law, Natural resource management, Health science. The university has started M.Phil. and Ph.D. research degrees since February 2021. It has a total of 667 staff (466 teaching and 201 non-teaching) from different academic backgrounds and diverse geographical locations.

WHEREAS Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani, Uttarakhand (India) and Far Western University, Nepal have agreed to the following protocols governing their collaboration on academic and research related activities:

1. Areas of Collaboration

The scope of collaboration on academic and research activities in this Memorandum of Understanding includes the following categories:

- Academic and research collaboration in areas of mutual interest.
- Development of courses for LMS platforms, and other digital learning systems along with capacity building initiatives.
- Collaboration in research activities in disciplines of common academic interest.
- Joint organization of seminars, conferences, workshops, training programmes, and academic meetings in the areas of common academic interests.
- Exchange of academic information, scholarly materials, and publications.
- No activities other than those explicitly mentioned above shall be undertaken under this MoU unless mutually agreed upon in writing by both Parties.

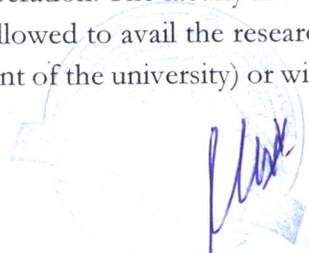
2. Faculty Exchange/ Mobility:

On invitation by the host institution, teaching staff may go for a teaching/research stint at the partner institution with due approvals on either side. Financial commitments will depend upon availability of resources and support from funding agencies under the regulatory provisions of both the countries.

3. Sharing of facilities

- Uttarakhand Open University (UOU) and Far Western University, Nepal shall make provisions to share their respective important R&D facilities in order to promote academic and research interaction in the areas of cooperation. The faculty and research scholars/project fellows of both the organizations may be allowed to avail the research facilities with minimal cost (as decided by the concerned department of the university) or without any cost in the area of cooperation.


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- UOU and FWU shall provide access to the library facilities to scientists, members of faculty and students as per the prevailing rules and norms in the respective institutes.

4. Implementation Mechanism

Specific activities and programmes under this MoU shall be implemented through mutually agreed plans, schedules, or written addenda approved by both Parties.

5. Financial Arrangements

This MoU does not create any financial obligation on either Party. Any activity involving financial commitments shall be undertaken only after mutual written consent and approval by both institutions.

6. Regulatory Compliance

All activities under this MoU shall comply with applicable regulations, statutes, and guidelines issued by competent authorities including UGC or other statutory bodies of both the countries. In case of any inconsistency, regulatory provisions shall prevail.

7. Commencement, Renewal, Termination and Amendment

- This MOU will come into force upon affixing of the signatures of the representatives of the partner institutions and will remain in effect for a period of FIVE years from the date of the last signature. This MOU may be renewed upon its expiry, with the agreement of both partner institutions. If either partner institution wishes to terminate the MOU at the end of the five years period it must notify the other institution no less than six months prior to the expiry of the MOU
- This MOU or its renewal and the actions taken under it may be reviewed at any time. Modifications may be made by mutual agreement and any amendment or extension to the agreement may be formalized by the exchange of letters between the two institutions. For all issues arising out of this Memorandum of Understanding or in its implementation the concerned parties to this MoU will resolve the same amicably by mutual consent of both the parties.
- Both Parties understand that all final arrangements will have to be negotiated and will depend on the availability of funds. During implementation of the present MoU both Parties shall comply with legal regulations being in force in both institutions.
- This MoU was made in two equivalent copies in English, with one copy for each Party. The signing parties signed the agreement themselves digitally in person. Electronically inserted scanned signatures on PDF of the MOU document are acceptable by both parties for the purpose of this MoU. Each signatory has personally inserted his/her signature and verified the contents of this document.

Signed:

	
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WITNESSED BY:

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Date: 18/03/2026

Place: Haldwani