MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is signed on February 27, 2023 between

Rawalpindi Women University and **Fata University Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa**.

Party 1: The Rawalpindi Women University (RWU)

Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) is aimed to be globally recognized to contribute towards women empowerment, continual innovation in education, research and creativity through quality higher education in various fields of arts and sciences. All the programs are conducted under the supervision of highly qualified, professional and motivated faculty members. The university curricula are recently updated in line with academic practices of the real-world demands. With the range of disciplines available and the quality of the faculty and students, RWU is well prepared to make its mark internationally. In a very short time, RWU is doing the best to develop strong linkages with other national universities, research institutes, multinational organizations, and industry to strengthen the culture of research and development in Pakistan.

Party 2 : FATA University, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan (FU)

FATA University, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (FU) after its establishment in 2013, under the FATA University Regulations, FU is providing the best undergraduate and postgraduate educational experiences to the students under highly qualified faculty to impart goal-oriented high level teaching and research. In order to achieve this goal, the university has established various linkages with academia, industry and other related organizations across the country. In order to develop world class facilities to support faculty and students in research and development, the university is strengthening its linkages with other public and private sector universities.

RWU and **FU** shall hereinafter collectively be referred to as the **Parties**.

Article 1
Objectives and Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) is to develop an agreement for academic and educational cooperation, to promote mutual understanding between the two parties, to strengthen capabilities of both Parties and to broaden, expand relations between them to collaborate and cooperate in future subject to terms of this MoU and to maintain the laws, rules, regulations and national policies in force in the country in the area of mutual benefits for peaceful purposes.

Article 2
Scope of Collaboration

Both universities agree to develop the following collaborative activities in the academic areas of mutual interest, on the basis of equality and reciprocity:

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a. Exchange of faculty and students.
b. Exchange of administrative staff.
c. Conduct of collaborative research projects.
d. Organization of training workshops, conferences, seminars etc.
e. Exchange of technical, scientific, and academic information and materials.
f. Identification of opportunities for commercialization of art and technology etc.
g. Promotion of other such mutually agreed academic cooperation.

Article 3
Terms and Conditions

- Development and implementation of any activity based on this MoU will be separately negotiated and agreed by faculties, departments, schools or institutes which carry out the specific projects.
- Both universities agree to carry out these activities in accordance with their relevant laws and regulations after consultation and approval, required under the rules.
- It is understood that the implementation of activities mentioned in "Article 2" above shall be subject to availability of resources and financial support at the university concerned.
- If the collaborative research activities under this MoU result in any potential intellectual property, both parties will seek an equitable and fair understanding towards the ownership of that particular intellectual property and will be discussed and agreed upon before the plan of activity.
- Each party shall be responsible for its own costs incurred in connection with this MoU. Where possible, however the parties shall explore opportunities for external funding of the collaborative activities.
- This MoU does not preclude either university from establishing similar relationships with any other university.
- In case of any ambiguity/dispute the matter will be resolved through mutual consultation.

Article 4
Duration, Revision and Termination clauses

- This MoU may be amended by a signed written agreement by both the universities.
- This MoU is valid for a period of two years from the date of signing and may be renewed after being reviewed and renegotiated by both universities.
- This MoU may, at any time during its period of validity, be terminated by one of the universities giving prior notice to the other in writing not later than one month (30 days) before the termination date. The termination of this MOU shall not affect the implementation of the projects or program established under it prior to such termination, if otherwise not desired/agreed. Such termination shall be without prejudice to any persons already engaged in associated collaborative activity.

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Article 5

Force Majeure Terms and Conditions

Any party that is to perform any obligation hereunder due to an event of Force Majeure shall be excused from such performance to the extent and for the duration of such event; provided, however that the affected party provides notice within ten (10) days to the other party of the occurrence and effect of such event and makes reasonable efforts to overcome the adverse effects of the event and resume the performance of its affected obligations as soon as reasonably practicable.

Article 6

Legal Status of MoU

This MoU is a statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial academic collaboration and nothing contained within shall be construed as creating any legal relationship between the universities.

Article 7

Focal persons/relevant departments

Both universities may appoint representatives to manage and oversee the joint management activities who might meet as and when required to review progress of implementation of the agreed upon arrangements, explore and define new areas and program of cooperation as well as discuss other matters of mutual interest.

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