

**DOCUMENT OF UNDERSTANDING (DoU)
BETWEEN
AVICENNA CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (ACE)
AND
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY (NUST)**

This Document of Understanding (DoU) is signed between **Avicenna Center of Excellence (ACE) Iran** and **National University of Sciences & Technology (NUST)**, Pakistan to foster academic and interdisciplinary research cooperation between two organizations.

Purpose: The purpose of this DoU is to explore the areas of collaboration for aspiring researchers, students and doctors of both organizations especially in the fields of Biotechnology, Bioengineering, Medical Robotics, Artificial Intelligence, Information Technology in Medicine and Clinical Medicine to prepare leaders, lifelong learners and the creation of technical knowledge for the betterment of health.

In order to promote cooperation, ACE and NUST agree to explore the possibility of developing collaborations which are mutually beneficial to researchers at both institutions.

This may include:

- Research collaboration in areas of mutual interest
- Establishment of Interdisciplinary Research Network
- Development of articulation and progression agreements
- Identification and development of key areas of common interest as stand-alone projects

The DoU shall remain in force for three years and may be renewed by mutual consent of the two parties. Each party may terminate this DoU by providing 30 days' advance written notice to the other party.

Each party shall be responsible for meeting the travel, subsistence and accommodation costs of its own faculty and staff involved in visits associated with this DoU.

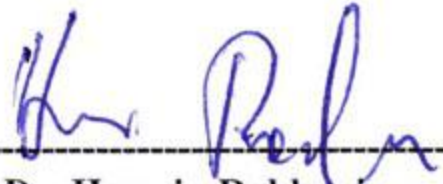
The DoU confirms the intent of both parties to work towards establishing specific Memorandums of Agreement. Both parties agree to provide the requirements for establishment and development of Interdisciplinary Research Network and to reasonably assist each other with ensuring requirements.

The DoU is intended by the parties to be non-binding.

Any issues that arise shall be resolved through mutual agreement, and each party covenants that it will make good faith efforts to reach such agreement.

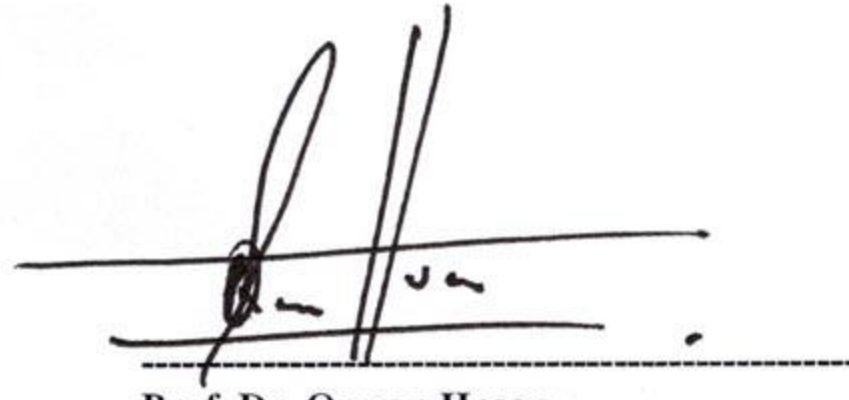
The DoU shall be written in English and shall come into force when signed by the Director of ACE and NUST.

SIGNED:



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