



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

Government College Women University, Sialkot & Sundas Foundation, Sialkot

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Govt College Women University Sialkot, Pakistan (hereinafter referred to as “GCWUS”) and University of Sialkot (hereinafter referred to as “Sundas Foundation”). Both GCWUS and Sundas Foundation shall hereinafter be referred to collectively as “Parties” and individually as “Party” sets forth the terms and conditions for collaboration in mutually agreed areas of cooperation between the two organizations, inter alia named below:

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

1. Government College Women University Sialkot

Government College Women University Sialkot (GCWUS) is a major public sector university in Punjab, started its journey in 1951 with the establishment of Govt College for Women Sialkot, and was awarded the University Charter in 2013. The university offers undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral degree programmes in various academic disciplines. The University has 18 departments, one institutes, around 8,200 students and 194+ faculty members including 89+ PhDs assisted by 200+ administrative staff. The university offers quality education to under-graduate, graduate and post-graduate students in almost all the important disciplines. The university is playing a pivotal role in women empowerment and socio-economic development of Sialkot city and Punjab Province.

2. The Sundas Foundation

Sundas Foundation was established in 1998 as a Blood Transfusion Center with the aim to provide free of cost and quality comprehensive treatment to patients suffering from thalassemia, hemophilia, and other blood disorders. Sundas Foundation fosters a comprehensive program designed to provide secondary care along with education, outreach, genetic counseling, and psychosocial care to patients, their families, and those at risk for carrying the disease. Sundas Foundation is working zealously and operating in close association with doctors, hospitals, thalassemia associations and thalassemia centers to serve their noble cause and provide leading-edge, advanced personalized thalassemia and hemophilia care.

ARTICLE – I
Respective Areas and Methods / Nature of Cooperation

The proposed Collaboration will encompass the following:

- i) The GCWUS and SUNDAS FOUNDATION recognize the importance of working together on scientific and research projects. Additionally, this partnership offers intellectual support to the Sundas Foundation, aiding in vital research and development efforts. Both organizations are dedicated to working together, anticipating significant advantages for all involved.
- ii) The SUNDAS FOUNDATION and GCWUS undertake to pursue a program of scientific, technical, and academic collaboration for the exchange of ideas, skills, and techniques on problems of national interest as agreed from time to time and initially the cooperation may include the following: -
 - iii) Facilitating the exchange and training of faculty and Awareness sessions for the students.
 - iv) Sharing of technical personnel and material with no cost for academic, research, and development.
 - v) Holding of joint conferences, seminars, symposia, and workshops at national and international level.
 - vi) Access to knowledge, data, libraries, and laboratories at both institutions will be facilitated through this partnership.
 - vii) Mutual sharing and exchange of scientific information, research materials, and internships.
 - viii) Sundas Foundation will offer placements for internships to students from the psychology department. Additionally, the Department of Psychology commits to annually providing services, including assessments and management plans for psychological issues faced by registered patients and staff at Sundas Foundation
 - ix) Internees of GCWUS may be facilitated at SUNDAS FOUNDATION's laboratories for their academic and research projects.
 - x) GCWUS will facilitate SUNDAS FOUNDATION for research activities in Sialkot.
 - xi) Dissemination of results of research studies through joint provincial/national/international publications.
 - xii) In case of financial implications, funds shall be provided by SUNDAS FOUNDATION as per availability and as per mutually agreed terms.
 - xiii) Any other areas of cooperation upon which both parties may agree.

1. Objectives

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Government College Women University Sialkot (GCWUS) and Sundas Foundation aims to forge a collaborative partnership focused on advancing scientific research and development. Through this agreement, both institutions seek to address critical national issues by undertaking joint research projects. The MOU also aims to enhance the academic and research capabilities of GCWUS and Sundas Foundation by facilitating the exchange of ideas, skills, and techniques. Additionally, the partnership aims to promote intellectual support and knowledge sharing, which will contribute to the advancement of research and development efforts. Overall, this collaboration is designed to be mutually beneficial, providing valuable opportunities for faculty, students, and staff from both institutions to engage in scientific and academic exchanges, ultimately leading to meaningful contributions to society.

1.1 Collaboration in Research Projects

Both Government College Women University Sialkot (GCWUS) and Sundas Foundation agree to explore the potential for conducting collaborative research projects to enhance their reputations as leading disseminators of cutting-edge knowledge in relevant research fields.

1.2 Conference, Seminars, Workshops

Both parties shall arrange mutually agreed joint conferences, workshops, seminars, and similar events on regular basis.

1.3. Sharing of Facilities for Mutual Benefits

Under this agreement, both institutions shall support each by providing their facilities. Sundas foundation will provide a venue for internship placements, use of lab sharing on special discounted rates not exceeding the actual cost of 50% or less depending upon the availability and prior information.

ARTICLE – II
Terms of Cooperation

2. Confidentiality

During the term of this MoU each party shall treat as confidential and shall not disclose to any person the terms of this MoU or any information or materials supplied or made available in connection herewith without the prior written consent of the other party provided, however the party may disclose such information as required by law or to its professional advisers. This provision shall survive termination or expiration of this MoU.

3. Duration / Validity, Termination and Renewal of the Agreement

This MoU shall become effective upon getting the documents signed by the Vice Chancellor of the Government College Women University Sialkot (GCWUS) or her nominee, and the Chairman of the Sundas Foundation, or his nominee, and shall continue to be in force for five (5) years, from the date of signing of the MoU by both parties, unless terminated earlier in accordance with clause 05 (termination). This MoU will be extendable if agreed between the two parties.

3.1 This MoU may be amended in writing through the exchange of letters between Government College Women University Sialkot (GCWUS) and Sundas Foundation. The letters exchanged to this effect shall become an integral part of the MoU.

3.2 Any changes to this MoU shall be subject to the written consent of both parties.

3.3 This Agreement may be renewed upon the mutual agreement of both Parties.

4. Intellectual Property Rights

4.1 Neither party anticipates a situation arising from this partnership, which will require the transfer, exchange, or use of the other's intellectual property rights. On that basis, nothing in this MoU transfers or purports to transfer any intellectual property rights between the parties. If any situation requiring the transfer of intellectual property rights arises, the parties will mutually consult to agree (by amendment to this MoU) at that time to deal with that situation.

4.2 Neither party will use any posters, labels, packaging, photographs, marketing or educational or educational materials, or any other documents bearing the logo of the other Party, in individual advertisements or similar other campaigns, even after the termination of this MoU.

In the event of the expiry of the MoU, the activities hereunder shall be brought to a prompt and orderly conclusion. Each Party shall immediately cease use of the other Party's name, logo, or trademarks.

Signed by for and on the behalf of

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**Government College Women University
Sialkot**

Sundas Foundation, Sialkot

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Dated : 13-05-2024

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