

# THE UNIVERSITY OF FRASER VALLEY-CANADA

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

St. Bede's College, Shimla,

and

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE FRASER VALLEY, CANADA

### PREAMBLE

Recognising the mutual benefits to be gained through a cooperative program promoting scholarly activities and international understanding, St. Bede's College (SBC) and the University of The Fraser Valley (UFV) enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MOU") and agree to the following:

### 1.0 THE PURPOSE OF ACADEMIC CO-OPERATION

SBC and UFV agree to enter into an academic partnership. Within the context of global integration the two institutions will cooperate to meet the needs for cultivating international professionals. Societies are increasingly characterized by complexity, diversity and interconnectedness. This requires graduates to be internationally and interculturally competent to live and work effectively. This MOU is intended take full advantage of the education resources at both institutions and provides for the development and expansion of the education markets.

#### About UFV

Located in the beautiful Fraser Valley just east of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, the **University of the Fraser Valley (UFV)** is a public university authorized by the Government of British Columbia's Ministry of Advanced Education -- <http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/degree-authorization/welcome.htm> -- and is a member of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada - <http://www.aucc.ca/canadian-universities/>. UFV enrolls approximately 15,000 students per year. UFV has campuses and locations in Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Mission, Hope and Agassiz, and a growing presence in Chandigarh, India.

*UFV strives to be a place of learning that recognizes, respects and includes indigenous ways of knowing. Our Fraser Valley locations are in the traditional territory of the Stó:lō peoples.*

One of Canada's best universities

UFV is recognized nationally for student success, an excellent learning

environment, creative integration of programming, and our work with local communities. We are consistently ranked as one of the top universities in the country by the *Globe and Mail's Canadian University Report*.

#### What we offer

UFV is large enough to offer variety, and yet our small class sizes allow students to get to know their instructors and learn in a hands-on environment. We offer more than 100 programs, including two master's degrees, 15 bachelor's degrees, majors, minors, and extended minors in more than 30 subject areas, and more than a dozen trades and technology programs. Our admission policies are flexible, and students can learn in a variety of ways: full-time, part-time, in-class, online, as part of a structured program or one tailored completely to their interests.

Many of our programs ladder into one another, allowing students to earn a one-year certificate and/or a two-year diploma on the way to completing a full degree. Others offer a co-operative education option, where students can combine study with professional, paid work experience. Our emphasis on applied research offers many opportunities for student researchers. Our thriving international programming makes for a culturally diverse student community and great opportunities to study abroad. Our continuing studies and academic upgrading offerings make learning a lifelong experience. Many clubs, events, and activities enhance student life on campus and our award-winning Cascades athletics teams are highly competitive.

As a public British Columbia (BC) university UFV is a member of an articulated system of colleges, institutes and universities. Studying at UFV qualifies students to transfer with full credit to other BC institutions or students can come from other BC institutions and receive full credit at UFV. For information visit the British Columbia Council on Admissions and Transfer website and the BC Transfer Guide.

<http://bccat.ca/articulation/process/>

<http://www.bctransferguide.ca/>

#### Learn more

- » Read our vision, mission and values
- » View UFV's strategic directions
- » Get UFV stats and facts
- » Browse UFV publications
- » Learn more about the Fraser Valley region of British Columbia, Canada

#### *St. Bede's College*

St. Bede's College, nestling on a lofty hilltop amid tall Pine trees and situated at an elevation of nearly 7,500 ft. above sea level, is a historical land mark not only of Himachal Pradesh but also of North India. It is much more than a cluster of

lifeless concrete blocks in the midst of snowy valleys and shadowy hills. *It is a great fraternity formed as a part of a heritage, and sustained by ardent love of knowledge.*

St. Bede's College is a pioneer in the field of women's education. It is a minority institute of great repute in Himachal Pradesh. The college presents a series of orchestrated efforts on the academic and co-curricular fronts. It is the only college in Himachal Pradesh to be Re-Accredited 'A' Grade by UGC NAAC. The college has also been selected as the Centre with Potential for Excellence and is selected for Star College status in life sciences by UGC. St. Bede's started as Training Institute for Teachers in 1904 and now offers undergraduate programmes in Arts, Science, Commerce, B.Sc. Bio-technology and Microbiology, BBA and BCA. The college offers M.Sc. in Dietetics and Food service management (IGNOU). The college also offers Post Graduate courses in English and Commerce along with Junior Basic Training (J.B.T.). The college has successfully undertaken RUSA (Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Ahbiyan) introduced by Himachal Pradesh University. Under the Choice Based Credit Based System (CBCS) the students are able to Major as well as Major with emphasis in a subject of their choice and study other subjects along with Compulsory, General Interest and Hobby courses. The college has both residential as well as day scholars.

It is a college which is entirely for women and has carved a niche for itself. The college aims at higher education and training of young women to fit them to fulfil their obligation in their homes and society irrespective of caste and creed. *The college stands for academic excellence, development of skills and character formation.* St. Bede's College, the oldest institution of its kind in the state of Himachal Pradesh, celebrated its 100 years of fruitful existence in 2003. The Government of India and the Postal Department honoured the college by releasing a Postage Stamp of Rs. 5 denomination and a First Day cover for its invaluable service rendered towards women education in the country. On the occasion of the centenary celebrations the Ex-Corde Ecclesiae Medal was awarded to the college by The International Federation of Catholic Universities. Being a pioneer in the field of women education in North India, St. Bede's has produced many distinguished intellectuals, professionals, administrators, political and national leaders, doctors, lawyers, teachers, members of the administrative service, government officers, army personnel and entrepreneurs in industry and business. Our alumni are also serving humanity all over the world.

***The Mission of St Bede's:***

***To Inspire Young Women to Achieve Academic Excellence***

***Teach Discernment so that our Students***

***Think for Themselves and Think Correctly.***

***Encourage and Recognize***

***Talent in Individual Students.***

***Create Awareness that***

### *Education is a Continuous Quest.*

We at St. Bede's empower women to face challenges of life with courage and commitment, to be builders of a humane and a just society and to promote a learning community in which all, especially the less privileged, feel part of the collaborative high quality educational process which is value based. Modern education sharpens the intellect but is indifferent to the education of the heart.

Inter-College events and the *College Annual Festival* give the students an opportunity to express their talent and leadership skills. The college encourages social awareness in its students, by offering them an opportunity to work in various programmes like the *Women Development Cell, National Social Service, Nature Club and Community Outreach Program*. We are constantly striving to achieve high academic standards by organizing, Seminars, Talks, Conferences, Symposium and Workshops for teachers, students and non-teaching staff.

St. Bede's welcomes students of all religions. We live, work and pray together as a family. We know that it is possible to work together for common goals and we are enriched by such an experience. Together we strive to work for change in society, translating our vision into reality.

For further information visit our website <http://www.stbedescollege.in> and learn more about our college.

## 2.0 DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 In this MOU, unless otherwise stated or the context otherwise requires:
- a) "MOU" means this Memorandum of Understanding together with any Supplemental Letter of this MOU or other attachments;
  - b) "Party" means either party to this MOU and includes their representatives; and
  - c) "MOU Coordinator" ("Coordinator") means an institutional representative designated as administrator and liaison for the MOU.
  - d) "Home Institution" means the institution from which a student intends to graduate or the university which is the regular employer of staff participants, and;

- e) "Host Institution" means the institution which has agreed to host exchange participants.

### 3.0 OBJECTIVES

Co-operation between the two institutions will focus on areas of common interest.

- 3.1 The objectives of this MOU can include, but not be limited to, the following:
  - a) the development of articulation/transfer agreements
  - b) the organisation of cooperative academic activities, such as conferences, seminars, symposia or lectures
  - c) faculty visits and other faculty collaboration
  - d) the exchange of students and development of international mobility agreements
  - e) the exchange of publications and other materials of common interest; and
  - f) the exploration of common research interests
- 3.2 Cooperative projects under this MOU may include any of the academic disciplines of **SBC** and **UFV**.

### 2.0 IMPLEMENTATION

- 2.1 In order to carry out and fulfil the aims of this MOU, **SBC** and **UFV** shall each designate an MOU Coordinator who shall manage the development and conduct of joint activities.
- 2.2 Either Party may initiate proposals for activities under this MOU.
- 2.3 Specific details of any activity shall be set forth in a Supplemental Letter of Agreement or other attachments, which upon signing by the President/Rector (or delegate) at each institution, shall become an integral part of the general MOU.
- 2.4 Future Supplemental Letters of Agreement or other attachments shall include such items as:
  - a) the elaboration of the responsibilities of each Party for the agreed upon activity;

- b) schedules for the specific activities;
- c) budgets and sources of financing; and
- d) any other items necessary for the efficient achievement of the activity.

2.5 The Coordinators shall be responsible for the evaluation of activities under this MOU according to the practices of their respective institutions.

#### 5.0 DURATION AND TERMINATION OF MOU

- 5.1 This MOU shall become effective on the date that it is signed by both parties and shall be valid for a period of three years, but may be renewed or extended by mutual consent expressed in writing.
- 5.2 Any changes to this MOU shall be subject to the written consent of both Parties.
- 5.3 This MOU may be terminated by either Party at any time provided that the terminating Party gives written notice of its intention at least six months prior to termination.

#### 6.0 AGREEMENT LANGUAGE

- 6.1 Where there are two or more versions of this MOU in different languages, and where a dispute arises, the English version shall prevail for the purposes of interpretation of the MOU.

This MOU terminates and supersedes any existing or continuing MOUs between the parties.

As witness to their subscription to the above articles, the representatives of **SBC** and **UFV** have hereunto provided their endorsement.

For and on behalf of:  
St. Bede's College



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