



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
AND UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MESSINA**

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is made and entered into by and between the University of Pittsburgh - Of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA, and the Università degli Studi di Messina, located in Piazza Pugliatti n. 1, 98122 – Messina, Italy Codice Fiscale 80004070837 – P. IVA 00724160833, represented by Rector Prof. Salvatore Cuzzocrea, (collectively referred to as the "Parties"), establishing a basis for their further cooperation in accordance with the following:

WHEREAS the Parties wish to explore and establish a cooperative relationship through their mutual interest in the areas of education and research, the parties agree as follows:

General Scope. The Parties contemplate implementation of programs or activities such as: (a) joint research projects in fields of mutual interests; (b) exchange of academic publications and reports; (c) sharing of experiences in innovative teaching methods and course design; (d) organization of joint symposia, workshops, and conferences; (e) opportunities for faculty development and exchange; (f) opportunities for student exchange; and (g) opportunities for exchange of visiting research scholars. Specific activities and programs implemented under authority of this MOU shall be subject to availability of funds and the approval of each Parties' authorized representatives.

Separate Agreements. Prior to initiating any specific activity or program, the Parties will negotiate and enter into a definitive agreement, signed by each Party's authorized signatory, describing the terms of the arrangement, including but not limited to, financial commitments, academic freedom commitments, immigration and compliance obligations and details of the exchange or collaborative relationship. *This MOU is not intended to create any legally binding obligations on either institution but, rather, it is intended to facilitate discussions regarding general areas of cooperation.*

Duration. This MOU shall remain in force for five years from the date of the last signature. Either Party may terminate this MOU by providing 60 days' advance written notice to the other Party. The Parties may extend or renew this MOU by agreement, confirmed in a written amendment signed by each Party's authorized signatory.

Additional Terms. No amendment of the terms of this MOU will be effective unless made in writing and signed by each Party's authorized signatory. Neither Party may use the name of the other Party in any form of advertising or publicity without express written permission. Each Party represents that the individuals signing this MOU have the authority to sign on its behalf in the capacity indicated.

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MESSINA

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Date: June 5, 2019

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