



भारतीय इतिहास अनुसंधान परिषद
(शिक्षा मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार के अधीन एक स्वायत्तकारी संस्था)
INDIAN COUNCIL OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH
(An Autonomous Body Under the Ministry of Education, Government of India)



**Arts and
Humanities
Research Council**

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN:

- 1. THE INDIAN COUNCIL OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH, whose principal office is at 35, Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi - 110001, India; and**
- 2. THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL as part of United Kingdom Research and Innovation, whose head office is at Polaris House, North Star Avenue, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN2 1SZ UK**

(each a **Party** and together the **Parties**)

February 2023

BACKGROUND

The parties wish to enter into this MOU to record their mutual understanding in relation to supporting historical research within their own countries. This agreement is not exhaustive and is not intended to be legally binding between the parties. The parties anticipate that they may in future enter in further binding contracts in relation to this MOU. Nothing in this document shall operate to oblige either party to enter into any agreement or limit any agreement into which the parties enter.

Part 1

- 1. The Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi (ICHR) and Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), a Council of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) are both charged with the fostering and support of historical research within their own countries. Both parties recognise that the best research can often be delivered by working with, and benchmarking against, the best researchers internationally.**
- 2. To this end, both parties wish to develop collaborative activities bringing together researchers from their two countries in order to share expertise**

and develop new research agendas. Such activities shall address research questions that require the attention of historical research, in interaction with other fields of enquiry.

3. The AHRC and the ICHR therefore agree hereby to enter into an agreement (subject to the explanatory memorandum annexed), the overriding aim of which shall be to stimulate substantive international collaborative research proposals, for consideration by the relevant Party in each country.
4. Activities under this MOU, will aim to build on and extend existing collaboration and to explore new opportunities for collaboration such as co-funding of scholar exchanges, seminars and special programmes including collaborative research.
5. Both Parties may jointly undertake the design of funding opportunities, the preparation of calls for proposals, and the selection of activities to be funded. As far as possible these tasks will make use of existing office systems and processes used by each party. Funding opportunities shall normally be advertised openly in both countries. They may involve other associated funding agencies wherever that may be applicable.
6. Each party shall designate a specific officer to serve as lead contact for the purposes of this MOU.
7. The level and range of activity in any year under this MOU shall depend on the staff and funding resources available to each party. Nevertheless both parties shall use reasonable endeavours to support activities in at least one topic area at any one time. With the agreement of both Parties, any topic area considered to be of sufficient importance may be supported over more than one year.
8. The financial components and parameters in implementing each of the activities will be worked out separately by mutual dialogue and correspondence.
9. The costs of activities in each year under this MOU shall be reasonably balanced between the two Parties.
10. The Parties are committed to maintaining data confidentiality, protection and privacy and will fully abide by their own applicable laws and policies concerning the sharing of data in collaborative activities. The Parties agree to follow their own data retention policies once data is shared from one to the other. A separate confidentiality agreement will be entered into where there is a need to share confidential information.

Part 2

11. This MOU shall be reviewed by both Parties not later than three years after it comes into effect, but is entered into in the spirit of building long term co-operation between our two countries.
12. Activities under this agreement will be initiated by ICHR and AHRC, UKRI as per dates mutually decided upon from the 23 February 2023.

Signed on behalf of AHRC, UKRI

Signed on behalf of ICHR

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Annex-1

Explanatory Memorandum

1. This Agreement is designed to provide a flexible framework within which research-funding agencies in the two countries can work together to stimulate international collaborative research activity in historically-focussed topic areas of interest to both countries.
2. **This MOU is not legally binding on either Party and has no legal force.** It simply embodies an expression of the desire of the agencies in both countries to increase opportunities for research collaborations involving academics in both countries.
3. The aim will be to secure large added value from modest inputs of staffing and monetary resources. As far as possible the existing office

systems, application processes and decision procedures of each agency will be used to manage activities under the Agreement. However, the parties recognise that their systems and processes differ, and so discussion is likely to be needed to agree jointly the best way to commission and manage any activity.

4. Substantive collaborative research proposals arising from activities under this MOU should be considered within each country's normal criteria of research excellence and open competition.

Signed on behalf of AIRC, UICR

Signed on behalf of ICIR

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1. The purpose of this MOU is to provide a framework within which research and educational activities in the two countries can be carried out jointly and co-operatively.

2. This MOU is not legally binding on either Party and has no legal force. It simply embodies an expression of the views of the signatories on joint ventures and research opportunities in research and education in both countries.

3. The aim will be to secure joint efforts from the two countries in order to secure and enhance research and educational activities in both countries.