



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN RAMAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE
BENGALURU, INDIA
AND UNIVERSITY OF INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA
IN THE AREA
QUANTUM SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made among the Raman Research Institute (RRI) India and the University of Innsbruck, hereinafter jointly referred to as “the Parties” and individually as “the Party”.

Whereas the

Raman Research Institute, based in C.V. Raman Avenue, 5th Cross Road, Sadashivanagar, Near Mekhri Circle, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560080, India, herein represented by its Director, Professor Tarun Souradeep,

and

University of Innsbruck, based in Innrain 52, 6020 Innsbruck, Austria; herein represented by its Rector, Univ.-Prof. Dr. Veronika Sexl, and the Vice-Rector for Research, Univ.-Prof. Dr. Gregor Weihs,

are both excellent research institutions.

The Parties hereto affirm their mutual interest to continue and strengthen long-term research and development (R&D) cooperation between Indian Institute and Austrian University through this MoU.

Therefore, the Parties have reached the following understandings:

1. Objectives

The parties wish to establish inter-institutional cooperation and interaction, promote scientific and cultural exchange, and foster mutual understanding and respect between citizens of India and Austria.

2. Areas of Cooperation and activities

The academic cooperation between the two institutions shall be in the area of Quantum Science and Technology (S&T) and may include the following activities:

- (a) Collaborative research for advancement of area of cooperation
- (b) Exchange of researchers and visiting professors
- (c) Participation in seminars and academic activities
- (d) Exchange of academic materials and other information

3. Each institution will facilitate the exchange of researchers and visiting professors of the other. The terms of such mutual cooperation and the necessary budget for each activity shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon by both parties on a case-by-case basis prior to the initiation of the particular activity.

4. Sharing of Information

- (a) The Parties may make scientific and technological information of non-proprietary nature arising from the research projects under this MoU freely available to the public online (open access) through customary channels, and in accordance with their normal procedures.
- (b) The Parties will encourage responsible sharing of research data information in accordance with their national laws and policies.
- (c) The Parties will ensure that researchers make research data accessible to co-researchers funded for the same project in a timely manner.
- (d) Upon their mutual consent, the Parties may embargo the information that may lead to patentable intellectual property for specified, reasonable amount of time until analyses are completed by the original investigator.

5. Protection of Confidential Information

- (a) The Parties will keep confidential all information exchanged under this MoU and will use it in accordance with the conditions specified by the providing Party.
- (b) The Parties will not share confidential information with third parties or use the information for purposes other than the one specified by the providing Party, without its prior written consent.

6. Intellectual Property

- (a) In accordance with their national law the Parties intend to ensure adequate and effective protection and fair distribution of intellectual property rights or other rights of a proprietary nature resulting from the cooperative activities carried out under this MoU.
- (b) The Parties intend to respect the policies relating to the negotiation of Intellectual Property (IP) Rights established by researchers of the respective institutions.
- (c) The Parties intend to consult each other on IP rights issues resulting from any joint activities pursuant to this MoU.

7. Differences in Interpretation and Application

The Parties will resolve any difference arising out of the interpretation or application of this MoU amicably through consultation.

- 8. This MoU does not constitute an international arrangement and does not create any rights or obligations under international law. It reflects the non-binding intentions of the parties.

9. Final Dispositions

- (a) This Memorandum will be effective from the date of signing by both parties up to a period of five (5) years and may be subject to extensions by mutual consent of the parties in writing.
- (b) The terms and conditions of this Memorandum of Understanding are subject to change by mutual consent. Any alteration or amendment to this Memorandum must be made in writing and agreed to and accepted by both institutions.
- (c) This Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions may be terminated at the request of either institution, provided that a written request is made at least six (6) months prior to the termination date.

Signed on this day of 2026, in the English language. The Parties understand that the digital signatures are equivalent to paper signatures.

For the Raman Research Institute (RRI),
Bengaluru, India
Professor Tarun Souradeep

For the University of Innsbruck,
Austria
Univ.-Prof. Dr. Veronika Sexl
Rector