



Memorandum of Understanding between AICTE and Clarivate Analytics to Drive Research Excellence in AICTE approved Academic Institutions

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made and entered into **25th April, 2017** between **the All India Council for Technical Education**, located at New Delhi, (hereinafter referred to as "AICTE"), and TRCPL Projects Private Limited trading as **Clarivate Analytics** (hereinafter referred to as "Clarivate Analytics" or "Clarivate"). The MoU is being signed with Clarivate Analytics as a Partner for consultancy and support to drive research excellence in AICTE approved academic Institutions.

Purpose

This MoU between AICTE and Clarivate Analytics will outline the collaboration to drive research awareness and excellence in AICTE approved academic institutions via creating a policy document and conducting corresponding workshops.

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All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), is a statutory body established by an act of Parliament (Act 52 of 1987) under Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India for the purpose of planning, promotion and regulation of technical education system in the country.

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Clarivate Analytics is one of the world's largest providers of intellectual property and scientific information, decision support tools and services. Clarivate Analytics is incorporated in India as TRCPL Projects Private Ltd with registered office in 4th Floor, B Wing, Piramal Towers, Peninsula Corporate Park, G. K. Marg, Lower Parel(W), Mumbai 400013, India. Clarivate Analytics is well-known for brands that include Web of Science, EndNote, Thomson Innovation, Derwent World Patents Index, Cortellis, and Converis among others. Clarivate Analytics is a long standing research partner to various ministries and agencies such as MHRD, DST, CSIR, ICMR, MoES and institutions like IITs, IISc, NITs, and many Central and State universities.



Context

AICTE has impressively executed on its mission to be a true facilitator and an objective regulator with focus on planned and coordinated development of Technical Education in the Country by ensuring world-class standards of Institutions through accreditation. Through these activities, AICTE has encouraged academic excellence in academic institutions. AICTE has been a torchbearer in ensuring quality Technical Education institutions in the country since 1987. The impact of the accreditation process ensures standard adherence at every level of these Institutions. This MoU will ensure that the same impetus is laid to research leveraging AICTE's experience with managing institutional standards.

Proposed Collaboration

The AICTE-Clarivate Analytics collaboration will aim to drive research focus as an integral component of academic excellence. Clarivate would bring in extensive experience in helping government agencies, regulators and academic institutions with the right tools and data sets to drive research excellence.

The collaboration to drive research excellence in AICTE approved academic institutions would be implemented in the following two phases:

Phase 1: To develop a policy document on research excellence framework.

Clarivate Analytics will partner with AICTE to develop a research excellence policy document which would help AICTE approved academic Institutions to increase awareness of research and develop a strong research program. The policy document would, for example, provide guidelines in key areas such as:

- Develop short term and long term research program plans
- Put in place infrastructure to enable research
- Establish governance mechanisms to promote research
- Enable people and systems capacity building for sustainable growth

Institutions adopting the guidelines will be able to build focused and productive research programs and develop intellectual property.

Phase 2: Provide guidance to AICTE approved academic institutions on the research excellence framework through 4 regional workshops.

Clarivate Analytics will partner with AICTE to conduct 4 regional workshops across the country to educate institutions about the research excellence framework. Clarivate Analytics will support these workshops by bringing in their best global knowledge experts who have a history of working with some of the world's top universities in handling their research endeavours.

Clarivate Analytics and AICTE may add a Phase 3 to this program to conduct in depth workshops with selected universities. This is not covered under the current MoU. In this phase 3, Clarivate will work with select universities to help them develop their plans based on the research excellence framework. Terms and Conditions can be discussed post Phase 2.



The parties hereto agree to the following respectively:

1. All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)

- i) Will constitute an internal committee of AICTE to provide timely feedback on the research excellence framework policy document.
- ii) Announce research excellence policy document publicly and disseminate to AICTE approved institutes; conduct a joint press release along with Clarivate Analytics for the same
- iii) Will acknowledge Clarivate Analytics - Web of Science as a “research partner” in all external communications to the institutions and general public, including any official press releases
- iv) Will provide venue and hospitality at AICTE HQ and other regional centres to conduct the 4 workshops. Will invite institutes and ensure adequate participation.

2. Clarivate Analytics

- i) Will provide expert inputs to create, jointly with AICTE, a research excellence policy document.
- ii) Will provide support in form of knowledge experts to conduct the 4 regional workshops in Phase 2 based on the research excellence framework developed in Phase 1.
- iii) Will bear all expenses for the knowledge experts invited by Clarivate Analytics to conduct the workshops.

Both parties agree on the following timelines:

- 1. First draft of the research excellence policy document to be shared by Clarivate Analytics by **15th August, 2017**.
- 2. AICTE to review the draft and provide inputs latest by **30th August, 2017**.
- 3. Final research excellence policy document to be submitted by Clarivate Analytics by **15th September, 2017**.
- 4. Research excellence policy document to be announced publicly and disseminated to AICTE approved institutes by **30th September, 2017**
- 5. All 4 workshops to be conducted by **31st December, 2017**.



Signing of MOU between AICTE and Clarivate Analytics on 25-04-2017 at AICTE Headquarters, New Delhi