UNIVERSAL COLLEGIUM OF FACULTY, MENTORS AND INDUSTRY EXPERTS

(UCFMIE)

Date of Commencement: 01 October 2022

Jurisdiction: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

Host Institution: Mc Stem Eduversity

Registered Office: Andheri West, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

PREAMBLE

The Universal Collegium of Faculty, Mentors and Industry Experts (hereinafter "the Collegium") was established in October 2022 with the object of recognising, connecting, and advancing the work of faculty members, mentors, trainers, and industry experts across disciplines. The Collegium operates under the auspices of Mc Stem Eduversity, Mumbai, India, and is governed by these bylaws, adopted with effect from October 2022.

ARTICLE I: NAME, SEAL, AND OFFICE

1.1 Name: The name of the association shall be the Universal Collegium of Faculty, Mentors and Industry Experts (UCFMIE).

1.2 Seal: The Collegium shall have a common seal bearing its name, kept in the custody of the Secretary.

1.3 Registered Office: Situated at Andheri W, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India, or such other place within Mumbai as determined by the Governing Body.

1.4 Host Institution: Mc Stem Eduversity is the founding host and administrative partner providing infrastructural and secretarial support.

1.5 Governing Body: The Governing Body of Mc Stem Eduversity shall ex officio constitute the Governing Body of the Collegium.

ARTICLE II: DEFINITIONS

- **Collegium:** Universal Collegium of Faculty, Mentors and Industry Experts (UCFMIE).
- **Governing Body:** Governing Body of Mc Stem Eduversity.
- **Academic Council:** Academic Council constituted under Article VIII.
- **Fellow:** A person admitted to Fellowship under Article IV.
- **Financial Year:** 1 April to 31 March of the following year.

ARTICLE III: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

(a) To recognise and honour individuals demonstrating excellence in teaching, mentoring, research, training, or industry practice;

(b) To foster collaboration across disciplines and countries among educators and experts;

(c) To promote high standards of pedagogy, mentorship, and professional practice;

(d) To provide a platform for knowledge exchange, professional development, and capacity building;

(e) To publish journals, proceedings, newsletters, and organise conferences, seminars, and workshops;

(f) To institute awards, grants, and collaborate with universities, industry bodies, and civil society.

ARTICLE IV: FELLOWSHIP

4.1 Single Category: The Collegium shall have one category of membership only: Fellow.

4.2 Eligibility: Evidence of at least five (5) years of significant professional contribution in higher education, mentorship, training, industry practice, or research.

4.3 Election: Elected by the Governing Body on the recommendation of the Academic Council.

4.4 Documentation: Curriculum vitae, statement of contribution, two references, and proof of status.

4.5 Post-nominal: Fellows are entitled to use the post-nominal form *Fellow, UCFMIE*.

4.6 Lifetime Fellowship: Conferred for life and not subject to annual renewal, except on removal under Article XIII.

ARTICLE V & VI: RIGHTS & OBLIGATIONS

Rights: Attend and vote at General Meetings, use post-nominal Fellow, UCFMIE, receive publications, participate at member rates, nominate candidates, and access members' portal.

Obligations: Uphold aims and objectives, comply with bylaws and code of conduct, pay lifetime fellowship fee, refrain from disreputable conduct, and maintain confidentiality.

ARTICLE VII: FEES

7.1 Lifetime Fee: The Collegium charges a one-time lifetime fellowship fee of ■**5,000 (INR)**. No annual dues are payable.

7.2 International Equivalents (Indicative): USD $57–60 | EUR €52–55 | GBP £44–48 | AED 210–220 | SGD 75–80 | AUD 88–92 | CAD 78–82.

7.3 Non-Refundable: Fees paid are non-refundable except in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Governing Body.

ARTICLE VIII: GOVERNANCE & OFFICERS

8.1 Governing Body: Manages the affairs, finances, and property of the Collegium.

8.2 Academic Council: Reviews applications, advises on academic standards, ethics, and publications.

8.3 Officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer appointed by the Governing Body.

8.4 Indemnity: Officers are indemnified against liabilities properly incurred in the discharge of duties.

ARTICLE IX & X: GENERAL MEETINGS & COMMITTEES

AGM: Held once in each financial year with 21 days' notice. Quorum is 10% or 25 Fellows.

Standing Committees: Membership & Fellowship, Academic & Standards, Finance & Audit, Ethics & Grievance, Programmes & Publications, and Communications.

ARTICLE XI TO XV: OPERATIONS & INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Programmes: Conferences, webinars, journals, and awards.

Conflict of Interest: Mandatory declaration and recusal.

Discipline: Code of conduct, investigation by Ethics Committee, and sanctions up to expulsion.

Finances: Audited annually by an independent auditor (Financial Year: 1 April – 31 March).

IP & Data Protection: All IP vests in the Collegium. Data processed under the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 (India).

ARTICLE XVI TO XX: AMENDMENTS, DISSOLUTION & TRANSITIONAL

Amendments: By Special Resolution (two-thirds majority) at a General Meeting.

Dissolution: Assets transferred to a nonprofit with similar objectives.

Dispute Resolution: Internal referral, mediation via Mumbai Centre for International Arbitration (MCIA), and exclusive jurisdiction of courts at Mumbai, Maharashtra, India.

Transitional Provisions: All Fellows admitted since October 2022 are ratified under these bylaws.