This document outlines the Terms and Conditions for the Sikkim Manipal University Directorate of Distance Education (SMU-DE or University) – **Gyandeep Scholarships 2014-15**. The scholarship will be referred to as ‘Scholarship/(s)’ herein and is available to Students enrolled to all distance education programs (“Programs”) offered by SMU-DE during the Admission Period as stated herein during the academic year 2014-15.

Students in receipt of the Scholarship, will be required to sign, agree and accept all the terms and conditions referred herein including any amendments, instructions and notifications from SMU-DE. Students shall be deemed to have met at all times and accepted all the terms and conditions of the Scholarship for the Program opted.

Upon signing this document the Student (or Parents / Guardian) agrees that he/she has read these Terms and Conditions in their entirety and voluntarily chooses to make this application along with admission form for the Program and accepts the same voluntarily in his/her personal capacity (or in capacity as parent / guardian of respective Student) during the entire tenure of the Program under which the Student has opted to enroll and being eligible have been shortlisted offered the Scholarship from SMU-DE.

**Section 1: Overview**

The Gyandeep Scholarship is a pan India Scholarship designed to help the students who want to pursue their education through distance education Programs of SMU-DE. The Scholarship benefit is as described in the Scholarship Benefits section of this document. Further Students confirms that mere application of this Scholarship to the Program, does not entitle a Student to the Scholarship unless confirmed by SMU-DE of such Scholarship to individual Student formally in writing.

**Section 2: Scholarship Benefits**

The Scholarship would be awarded basis the percentage or equivalent secured in the qualifying examination (examination marks % will be considered for the whole course) as per the category matrix outlined below:

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<th>Final qualifying examination Marks / equivalent Grade</th>
<th>% Scholarship</th>
<th>Maximum No. of Scholarships offered during Admission Period</th>
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<tr>
<td>&gt;=50% &amp; above</td>
<td>15% tuition fee waiver</td>
<td>3,000</td>
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<td>&lt; 50%</td>
<td>15% tuition fee waiver on clearance of SMU-DE Scholarship Exam</td>
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<td>Students who have completed their UG Program from SMU-DE and want to pursue their PG Program (SMU-DE UG Alumni)</td>
<td>20% tuition fee waiver</td>
<td>1,000</td>
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For the purpose of defining the grade, a percentage or its equivalent has to be established. For example a CGPA of 4 (Max 5) is equal to 80%. In case an equivalent percentage cannot be established, the decision of the University would be final and binding in this regard.

The Scholarship is valid for students who are eligible for admission to programs offered under SMU-DE.
   - The Scholarship benefit is valid for students who submit a duly signed valid application form with enclosures between the period 1st December 2014 to 22nd December, 2014 (“Admission Period”), for admission to any of the Programs offered under SMU-DE.
   - Only physical Scholarship applications duly signed by the Students along with the Application for Admission Form completed in all respects and necessary enclosures are received by the University Admissions office between the above mentioned Admission Period will be considered as valid applications for availing aforesaid Scholarships.

There are limited numbers of Scholarships and will be provided to eligible Students on the first come first serve basis.

No further scholarships will be offered after exhausting maximum number of available Scholarships in each category as per matrix referred above for the Admission Period.

The Scholarship benefits are non-transferable and cannot be adjusted against any other fees payable by Students to SMU.

The Scholarship benefit is not available for Students who have opted to pay the Tuition Fees for a Program in a lump sum mode or availing similar benefits from SMU-DE or who have signed and submitted and/or enrolled to the Programs before the commencement of the aforesaid period and after 22nd December, 2014.

The Scholarship offered is based on the applicable Tuition Fee for the respective eligible SMU-DE Program only.

A Student is expected to pay full Tuition Fees for the First Semester of the Program enrolled. The Student will become eligible for the first semester Scholarship while re-registering for his second semester and so on for all remaining semesters.

The continuation of Scholarship to the eligible Student in the third and subsequent semesters shall be subject to the following eligibility criteria:
   - Clear promotion in the previous semester in first attempt with pass in all papers of the previous semester.
   - A minimum of Grade B overall in the previous semester.

The aforesaid Scholarship eligibility criteria is explained below with an example for MBA Program and considering the Scholarship benefit at 15%.

<table>
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<th>Semester</th>
<th>Semester Fees (Rs.)</th>
<th>Scholarship Amount (Rs.) with 15% Scholarship</th>
<th>Total Fee Payable after Scholarship (Rs.)</th>
<th>Eligibility / Remarks</th>
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<td>1st Semester</td>
<td>34,150</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>34,150</td>
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<tr>
<td>2nd Semester</td>
<td>12,300</td>
<td>1,905</td>
<td>10,395</td>
<td>All Students who are going to re-register to the MBA Program without any break will be eligible for scholarship. Should have scored &gt;=50% at the qualifying examination or clearance of SMU-DE Scholarship Exam at the time of taking admission to the First Semester of MBA Program.</td>
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The Scholarship would stand discontinued if:
- The Student does not qualify for the same as per eligibility prescribed herein;
- The Student does not pay all applicable tuition fee within the due dates as per the fee payment schedule to the Program enrolled;
- The Student fails to maintain the decorum and discipline as may be stipulated by the University, from time to time; or
- Student misses eligibility for Scholarship in any of the semester of a Program for any reason whatsoever;
- Student is found availing any other Scholarship benefit / financial aid for the enrolled Program from SMU-DE.

Scholarship once discontinued on the basis of the terms and conditions of Scholarship benefits as outlined herein, cannot be revived and availed by me under any circumstances and Student further agrees to make good the differential Tuition Fee, if any payable to SMU-DE and waive off any such claims in any form whatsoever against SMU-DE.

Please note that all Scholarship benefits will be confirmed only on receipt of the attested mark-sheet of previous semesters from the Student and if the marks do not justify the Scholarship benefits, the differential Tuition Fees payment will have to be made by the Student immediately.

Any Student found adopting any unfair practices during the Admission process, including the terms and conditions of this Scholarship benefit, or during his /her tenure as a Student of SMU-DE, is liable for disciplinary action as per University guidelines and policies and cancellation of all Scholarship benefits received from SMU-DE and shall be bound to pay the entire Tuition Fees. The Student / Legal Guardian agrees and shall be bound to pay to SMU-DE the entire Program Tuition Fees on any such event of disciplinary action or cancellation of Scholarship benefits.

Section 3: Scholarship Criteria

- To be eligible for the aforesaid Scholarship, the Student should have met all eligibility criteria for the Program as listed herein and in the prospectus issued by SMU-DE for respective admission drive that he/she is planning to join and have submitted duly filled and signed application form and enrolled during the aforesaid Admission Period.
- Scholarship benefits would be as per eligible percentage marks as detailed in aforesaid Scholarship Benefit section.
- At any point of time, the Student would be eligible for only one Scholarship benefit / financial aid from SMU-DE. In case the Student No request would be considered for change of Scholarship category or scholarship benefits at any point of time during the tenure of the student at SMU-DE.
- The offer of Scholarship is at the sole discretion of SMU-DE and any decision of such offer of scholarship of SMU-DE would be final and binding on the Student.

In the event, you do not meet the above Scholarship criteria as referred above please do not apply. Your Scholarship application will not be considered and likely to be rejected by SMU-DE.

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DECLARATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, ________________________, aged _______ years S/D/o of _____________________________ declare that:

1. I have read, agreed and understood the above terms and conditions of the Scholarship and I understand that mere application to the Scholarship does not entitle to Scholarship benefit as referred herein and is subject to terms and conditions contained herein or as may be notified by SMU-DE from time to time in this regard. I am voluntarily making this Scholarship application and am fully aware of the nature of the Scholarship benefit and the extent of my obligations towards the applicable Tuition Fees payable to SMU-DE for the program enrolled.

2. I confirm that the statements, declarations made by me or submitted as enclosures to the Scholarship application supporting my eligibility to the Scholarship benefits / admission form application to the Program are true and correct. I further understand that for any misrepresentation or omission of facts, I am likely to be disqualified and my application for Scholarship/admission to the Program will not be considered by SMU-DE.

3. I understand that SMU-DE has the sole right and discretion to change the terms and conditions of this Scholarship or introduce similar Scholarship programs from time to time. I confirm and agree that I will make good the differential Tuition Fee, if any payable to SMU-DE and waive off any such claims in any form whatsoever against SMU-DE.

4. I have been offered .......% Scholarship benefit on the basis of aforesaid details declared to be true and correct by me. I understand that the Scholarship is only valid as per terms and conditions of this Scholarship and I would be liable to pay the differential balance Tuition Fees for the Program enrolled in case of any discrepancy in details provided by me.

5. All disputes arising out of this Scholarship / admission to the below Program would be subject to jurisdiction of Courts of Sikkim.

Name of the Applicant: ____________________________________________________________

Application No.: ________________________________________________________________

Program Enrolled For: ____________________________________________________________

Qualifying Exam Name: __________________________________________________________

Qualifying Exam Grade: __________________________________________________________

Signature: ____________________ Date: ________________

If the applicant is under the age of 18, the Parent or Legal Guardian of the applicant must also sign below. By signing below the said Parent or Legal Guardian of the applicant represents that he/she has the legal right to and does consent to the terms and conditions of this Scholarship.

Declaration and Acknowledgement of Parent/ Guardian of Applicant

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APPLICATION NO:

I ________________________, father/ mother of Mr. / Ms. ___________________, (the “Applicant”) to the Program ________________________________, being the Parent / Legal Guardian of the Applicant declare that:

a. The information contained in this Scholarship application and relevant supporting documents are true and correct in all respects.

b. I / Applicant understand that mere application to the Scholarship by the Applicant does not entitle to Scholarship benefit as referred herein and is subject to terms and conditions contained herein or as may be notified by SMU-DE from time to time in this regard. I am voluntarily making this Scholarship application for and solely on behalf of the Applicant and am fully aware of the nature of the Scholarship benefit and the extent of my obligation towards the applicable Tuition Fees payable by the Applicant to SMU-DE for the Program enrolled.

2. I / Applicant confirm that the statements, declarations made by me as Parent / Guardian or submitted as enclosures to this Application form supporting the Applicants eligibility to the Scholarship benefits / admission form of the Applicant to the Program are true and correct. I further understand that for any misrepresentation or omission of facts, the Applicant is likely to be disqualified and his/her application for Scholarship/admission to the Program will not be considered by SMU-DE.

3. I / Applicant understand that SMU-DE has the sole right and discretion to change the terms and conditions of this Scholarship or introduce similar Scholarship programs from time to time. I confirm and agree that I / Applicant will make good the differential Tuition Fee, if any payable to SMU-DE and waive off any such claims in any form whatsoever against SMU-DE.

4. The Applicant has been offered .......% Scholarship benefit on the basis of aforesaid details declared to be true and correct by me on behalf of the Applicant. I understand that the Scholarship is only valid as per terms and conditions of this Scholarship and I would be liable to pay on behalf of the Applicant the differential balance Tuition Fees for the Program enrolled in case of any discrepancy in details provided by me/Applicant.

5. All disputes arising out of this Scholarship / admission to the aforesaid Program would be subject to jurisdiction of Courts of Sikkim.

Name of the parent / legal guardian: ____________________________________________________________

Application No.: ____________________________________________________________

Program Enrolled For: ____________________________________________________________

Qualifying Exam Name: ____________________________________________________________

Qualifying Exam Grade: ____________________________________________________________

Signature: ___________________________ Date: _____________