



**Memorandum of Understanding between the Fondazione Famiglia
Pintaura and the ELI-Beamlines Facility to Establish a Collaborative
Research Partnership for Master and PhD Students.**

between the
Institute of Physics of the Czech Academy of Science (ELI-FZU),
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and the
Fondazione Famiglia Pintaura (FFP)
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ELI-FZU and FFP are referred to collectively as “Parties” and separately as “Party”.

This Memorandum of Understanding is not exhaustive and is not intended to be legally binding except as specifically stated below.

1. General Conditions

The Fondazione Famiglia Pintaura (FFP) recognizes the value of research and technology innovation as main goals of the ELI-Beamlines Facility (ELI). Thus, according to its constitution and following the memories of Ing. Corrado Pintaura, FFP will provide financial support to Master and PhD Students to spend research training stages at the ELI-Beamlines Facility with the main goal of carrying out thesis projects of relevant and common interest.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) supports the interest of the two involved institutions to establish a formal agreement for future participation of Master and PhD students in innovative research projects under the supervision of ELI-Beamlines researchers. This MoU is a statement of intent of both parties hereto and is not legally binding and does not create legally enforceable duties and responsibilities.

The **Fondazione Famiglia Pintaura** intends to provide financial resources to guarantee the education and research training of young students through the possibility to spend stages abroad in top-level research facilities with the aim of carrying out Master and PhD thesis, as well as to establish international relationships in a European context. This may include:

1. Financial support for students as per constitution act of the Fondazione Famiglia Pintaura
2. Openness to support the research programs of the ELI-Beamlines facility
3. Regular and frequent communication with the supervisors of the ELI-Beamlines facility in order to ensure high quality of the provided research training to the students
4. Guarantee that students involved in ELI-Beamlines research program shall be subject to the host institution's policies and regulation concerning personnel and intellectual properties
5. Covering of all costs (insurance, radioprotection, safety training, personal safety equipment, etc...) necessary for a regular and secure admission at the ELI-Beamlines Facility. In case such costs will be anticipated by ELI, FFP will refund the host institution.

The **ELI-Beamlines Facility** intends to provide basic research education and possibility to work in a dynamic and technologically challenging environment for Master or PhD students within its present scientific programs. It is understood that all students will meet all the necessary requirements to have access to the ELI-Beamlines structures. In addition ELI intends to provide:

1. supervision of Master and PhD students supported by Fondazione Famiglia Pintaura within its research programs
2. promulgation and communication of this collaborative effort, e.g. through web site, emails or announcements within the research collaboration network

The collaboration of both institutions will be characterized by mutual respect and regular communication. When appropriate, both the institutions will seek to invite their representatives to participate in conferences and colloquia.

This agreement forms the basis for an initial partnership between **FFP and ELI** with the main goal of providing research opportunities for Master and PhD students. New and wider areas of mutual interest may evolve and be included as an extension of this agreement.

This MoU shall take effect from the date of the last signature for a period of 3 years and can be modified or revised by mutual written consent of the two parties involved. In the event of cancellation of this MoU both parties shall provide all normal support services as outlined herein for the current group of participating students until the end of their fellowship.

All activities contemplated under this MoU are subject to and dependent upon the availability of funds and other necessary resources. No funds are obligated by this MoU.

Duly authorised for and on behalf of the **Fondazione Famiglia Pintaura**

Date: 20. 4. 2014

Name: Francesco Schillaci

Position: Vice-President and founder member

Signature: Francesco Schillaci

Duly authorised for and on behalf of the **INSTITUTE OF PHYSICS OF THE CZECH ACADEMY OF SCIENCE**

Date: 20. 4. 2014

Name: Michael Prouza

Position: Director of the FZU-ASCR

Signature: M. Prouza