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To,

Dr. Vahida Attar,
Associate Professor,
Department of Computer Engineering
COEP Technological University
Pune – 411 005

Sub: Dr. Pramod Chaudhari Endowed Chair Associate Professor in AI/ML.

Dear Dr. Attar,

I am delighted to inform you of the decision to offer you the position of "Dr. Pramod Chaudhari Endowed Chair Associate Professor in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AI/ML)" with effect from 01.08.2025 for a maximum period of three years subject to renewal on annual basis based on the review and satisfactory performance. Enclosed herewith the terms and conditions of the appointment. I do hope you would accept our offer, and I would request you to kindly send a formal acceptance of the offer.

With warm regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Registrar
COEP Technological University

Encl: Terms and Conditions (Annexure)

Copy to:

1. The Dean, School of Engineering and Technology
2. The Head of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering
3. Finance and Accounts officer – To pay Rs. 25, 000/- per month and deposit Rs. 25,000/- per month to PDF account of Dr. (Mrs.) Vahida Attar of the per month interest received from Dr. Pramod Chaudhari endowment fund.
4. PA to Hon'ble Vice Chancellor
5. EST for Personal File
6. Helpdesk for internal circulation
7. Website coordinator to upload on website.
8. Dr. Pramod Chaudhari – For information

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Terms for Chair Professorship

1. **Tenure:**

   The initial term of the Chair Associate Professorship is for one year i.e. from 01st August 2025 to 31st July 2026 and it is extendable up to a maximum period of three years subject to annual review and satisfactory performance.

2. **Honorarium:**

   The honorarium for the Chair position shall be paid from the interest accrued on the endowment funds instituted by Dr. Pramod Chaudhari. The Chair Associate Professor will receive a consolidated monthly honorarium of Rs. 50,000, comprising: Rs. 25,000/- as honorarium, and Rs. 25,000/- deposited into the Professional Development Fund (PDF), to be utilized in accordance with university guidelines of utilization of PDF.

3. **Honorarium Applicability:**

   The monthly honorarium shall be applicable only while you are on duty and drawing salary from the University (including during vacation or sabbatical leave). It shall not be applicable during deputation, lien or Extraordinary Leave (EOL).

4. **Research Grant:**

   You shall be entitled to an annual (FY) lump sum research grant of Rs.1,00,000, to be utilized for academic and research purposes in the focused area with due approval from the university authorities.

5. **Chair Vacancy Clause:**

   If you plan to be away for a period exceeding three months at a stretch, the Chair position shall be considered vacated.

Roles and Responsibilities

You shall be expected to:

1. Provide academic leadership in the focus area of the Chair.
2. Undertake high-impact research and publish in reputed journals, acknowledging COEP Technological University.
3. Mentor faculty, research scholars, and students in the focus areas.
4. Teach specialized AI/ML courses at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.
5. Attract research funding and establish collaborations with industry and academia.
6. Organize seminars, conferences, and outreach activities.
7. Offer strategic guidance to support institutional growth.
8. Submit an annual report (Academic Year) outlining activities, achievements, and future plans to the University as well as to the endowment sponsor.

The list mentioned above herein is inclusive but not exhaustive and it is subject to the discretion of the Vice Chancellor/ Dean School of Engineering and Technology.

Registrar
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