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**UCFV partners with GGSD College to deliver its BBA on Indian soil**  
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**U**CFV's Bachelor of Business Administration degree is going global. Classes will begin in July 2006 for the first 60 students admitted to UCFV's four-year internationally recognized Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) program now to be offered in collaboration with GGSD College in Chandigarh, India. A detailed agreement signed by UCFV representatives in India on April 2 defines an idea originally documented in a memorandum of understanding (MOU) signed between UCFV and Punjab University of Chandigarh, India, in November 2004. GGSD College is affiliated with Punjab University and is considered to be the leading management college in northern India.

The degree program's strong focus on practical experience through case studies and industry projects will ensure that the Chandigarh UCFV BBA graduates are in demand in the global marketplace. The faculty will be composed of both North American and Indian professors with a proven track record of delivering applied instruction through collaboration with industry.

"This collaborative effort of two institutions is a stepping stone in the path to further cooperation through educational, academic and cultural linkages," said GGSD College principal A. C. Vaid.

UCFV serves 10,000 students and enjoys wide support from the largest Indo-Canadian community in Western Canada. Underwriting its commitment to linking education with industry in the two countries, UCFV houses the Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies and Research (CICSR) at its Abbotsford campus.

"UCFV is immensely pleased to be partnering with GGSD College to offer its Bachelor of Business Administration program in Chandigarh," said UCFV president Ricky Balfanz. "The program will provide excellent new educational opportunities for students from both India and Canada, and will give them a truly global perspective. It is another large step forward in the developing broad academic partnership of UCFV, GGSD College, and Punjab University, which will play a significant role in future trade relations between India and Canada."

Established in Chandigarh in 1973, the Government Omkar Datta Bhawan Ohriya (GGSD) College is a post-graduate institution focused on providing students with liberal education in a strong student-centred environment. With a campus extending over 16.5 acres, the College was named the "spiritualist, Pragmatic Gateway" through thought and action to make its students with "a passion for achievement, a life-long curiosity, and an openness for learning by providing a challenging learning environment of academic programs, cultural activities, research and community projects and industrial training."

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Dr. A. C. Vaid, GGSD College principal (left), and UCFV president Ricky Balfanz (right) signing the agreement between UCFV and GGSD College in Chandigarh, India.

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