



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATION  
BETWEEN  
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KHARAGPUR (IITKGP),  
AND  
The University of Liverpool, UK**

**Preamble**

Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (IITKGP) is a reputed institution of higher learning situated at Kharagpur, India, 721302

The University of Liverpool [UoL] is a university based in the city of Liverpool, England. Founded in 1881, it is also one of the six original "red brick" civic universities. It comprises three faculties organised into 35 departments and schools. It is a founding member of the Russell Group of research-intensive universities, the N8 Group for research collaboration. The Postgraduate School of Medicine (PGSOM UoL) is a School established within the Institute of Learning and Teaching in the Faculty of Life and Health Sciences.

IITKGP and PGSOM UoL have agreed for institutional collaboration in education and research. The primary objective is to promote interaction and collaboration between faculty, staff and students of the two institutions through visits and exchange programmes, carry out joint academic and research programmes, joint supervision of doctoral and masters students, on a reciprocal basis. The relationship also aims at enhancing the technological, social and cultural relations of both countries. This document presents a general framework for such a relationship. It also includes some specifically identified areas of cooperation, which may be updated from time to time.

**Coordination**

Professor Arpan Guha, shall be the Coordinator as Head of the Postgraduate School of Medicine, UoL, and Professor Siddhartha Mukhopadhyay shall be the Coordinator from IITKGP. The participants and Coordinators may change from time to time as decided by appropriate authority of the respective institutions.

## Scope of Cooperation

The following areas of cooperation have been identified under this agreement.

(a). Cooperation including curriculum development, exchange of knowledge and best practices, training and events could be of particular mutual interest in the context of the upcoming B. C. Roy Institute of Medical Science and Research, at IIT KGP, India.

(b) Faculty exchange programme: The two parties will explore opportunities for interaction among members of faculty through academic courses and events as well as for creating Visiting Faculty positions. The total duration of visits from each side is expected to be approximately equal. Each such visit shall require approval of the respective institutions.

(c) Student exchange programme: The two parties agree to participate in student exchange programme at the respective institutions. Visits under such programmes may be for a short duration, such as summer/winter terms or short courses, or for a longer duration not exceeding two semesters. However, for visits exceeding two semesters separate approvals will be needed. A detailed proposal document on this (including credit transfer issues) has to be approved by the highest academic bodies of the two institutions before implementation. There may also be elements of immigration and border control laws in the UK and India that would need to be considered in each specific instance and will be subject to Collaborative Provision Agreement at UoL

(d) Joint research projects: The two parties will explore opportunities of undertaking joint research projects. and may seek research funding from external funding agencies. Each such research proposal shall require approval of the respective institutions and will be subject to Collaborative Provision Agreement at UoL

(e) Coordinated graduate degree programme: Joint PhD/Masters programmes may be explored and formulated. A detailed document related to such programmes will be required and approved by the competent authorities of both the institutions, before implementation and will be subject to Collaborative Provision Agreement at UoL.

(f) Joint academic programmes, activities and events: IITKGP and UoL may formulate joint academic activities such as short courses, micro-specialization courses, seminars, workshops or conferences based on mutual interests and available expertise in both the institutions. They may cooperate with each other in

development of state-of-the-art research facilities. They may also share and carry out joint research in technology for distance and computer-based learning.

The areas of cooperation may be revised by mutual consent. However, specific programmes may require separate agreements detailed out and documented as annexures to this MoU.

### **Intellectual Property**

Each institution will adhere to the intellectual property laws of its nation. Any intellectual property developed will be discussed separately from a general MoU as it may require a legal framework of understanding.

### **Financing**

The two institutions will consider allocating seed money to initiate this partnership. In addition they will also approach their own governments, international funding agencies and industries. Special attention will be given to obtain funded projects from industry as well as from alumni to support such collaborations.

### **Legal Status**

This document is a statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial cooperation and is not legally binding on both the parties. Any disputes shall be resolved through mutual discussion.

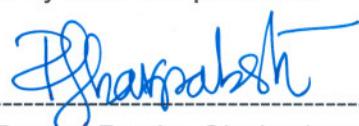
### **Validity**

This agreement is valid for an initial period of five years and becomes effective from the date it is signed by the partners. The partnership period may be extended by mutual consent. In case one partner wishes to terminate the MoU, intimation will have to be sent at least six months in advance. However, specific commitments made prior to such intimation shall be honoured by both the partners.



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