

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR INSTITUTIONAL
COLLABORATION
BETWEEN
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KHARAGPUR (IITKGP)
AND
BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV, (BGU)**

Preamble

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

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU) is a public institution of higher education situated at Beer Sheva, Israel 8410501

IITKGP and BGU 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 programs, carry out joint academic and research programs, 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/states/regions. 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 Andrei Sharf shall be the Coordinator from BGU and Professor Rajib Mall, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Kharagpur 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.

- (i) Faculty exchange program: The two parties will explore opportunities for interaction among members of faculty as well as 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.
- (ii) Student exchange program: The two parties agree to participate in student exchange program at the respective institutions. Visits under such programs 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.

- (iii) 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.
- (iv) Joint academic activities and events: IITKGP and BGU may formulate joint academic activities such as, seminars, workshops or conferences based on mutual interests and available expertise in both the institutions. 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 programs may require separate agreements detailed out and documented as annexures to this MoU.

Intellectual Property

Each institution will adhere to the intellectual laws of its nation. The two institutions shall jointly own results of clearly defined collaborative projects and exchange programs. This joint ownership also entitles each party to explore commercialization. However, transfer of jointly developed technology and associated sharing of revenue shall be governed by a separate agreement.

Furthermore, if one institution receives any information from the partner under a clearly defined non-disclosure agreement, necessary and reasonable care will be taken to protect the intellectual property received.

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.

Both institutes will provide tuition fee waivers to the exchange students. The host institute will assist students and faculty in making arrangements for local accommodation. Travel costs shall be borne by the home institution of the visiting faculty and/or graduate students. However, various external funding sources may be

explored either independently or jointly. Visitors must obtain the appropriate visa and carry personal health insurance for the duration of their stay at the host country.

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.

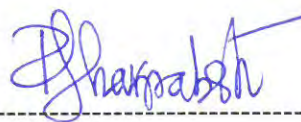
Validity

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 honored by both the partners.



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