

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
*for*  
**INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATION**  
*between*  
**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KHARAGPUR**  
*and*  
**UNIVERSITY OF RWANDA**

This Memorandum of Understanding, hereinafter referred to as "MoU", made on 22-12- 2017 is entered between

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**And**

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**Each Institution "The Party" and all the Institutions "The Parties"**

**WHEREAS** the University of Rwanda is a public institution of higher learning established by the Law N°71/2013 of 10/09/2013;



## **WHEREAS**

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

University of Rwanda (UR) and Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (IITKGP) are thereafter collectively referred to as "both Parties";

**WHEREAS** both institutions are autonomous, self-governing entities with the power to enter into binding agreements considered to be in their best interests and to advance their ability to achieve the requirements of their mission and mandate;

**WHEREAS** the University of Rwanda (UR) and the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur have agreed to enter into this non-binding agreement that enables them to work together in the pursuit of the objectives set out herein.

**AND WHEREAS** University of Rwanda (UR) and Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur with the objective of facilitating mutual friendship, academic, research and educational cooperation between the two institutions, here by conclude this Agreement

**NOW THEREFORE this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) sets out the intent of the working relationship between the parties as follows:**

### **1. Purpose of the MoU**

IITKGP and UR 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/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.

### **2. Coordination**

**Associate Professor Santhi Kumaran** shall be the Coordinator from UR and **Professor Raja Datta** 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.

### **3. Scope of Cooperation**

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



- (i) **Faculty exchange programme:** The two parties will explore opportunities for interaction among members of IITKGP and African Centre of Excellence in Internet of Things (ACEIoT) at University of Rwanda-College of Science and Technology (UR-CST) as well as creating visiting academic positions. The purpose of exchange of staff shall be Teaching, Research, and Professional trainings.
- (ii) **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 one semester. However, for visits exceeding one semester 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:** Staff from IITKGP will support ACEIoT at UR-CST in Teaching the Master's programmes, PhD/Master's thesis supervisions, PhD Doctoral committee members, offering Short term courses and Professional trainings of ACEIoT.

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.

#### 4. Intellectual Property

Each institution will adhere to the intellectual laws of its nation. Intellectual property developed during the visit of an exchange student/researcher/faculty/staff will be governed by the rules of the host institute unless otherwise specified. The two institutions shall jointly own results of clearly defined collaborative projects and exchange programmes. 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.

#### 5. Financing

The two institutions will approach their own governments, international funding agencies and industries. Special attention will be given to obtain funded projects from industry to support such collaborations.

The host institute will make arrangements for local living including accommodation, food, local travel, insurance etc. at reasonable costs to exchange students and faculty. Travel costs shall be borne by the home institution of the visitor. However, various external funding sources may be explored either independently or jointly.

## 6. 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.

## 7. 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.

## 8. Commencement

This MoU shall come into force upon signature by both parties.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** The parties to this MoU through their duly authorized representatives have executed this MoU on the days and dates set out below, and certify that they have read, understood, and agreed to the terms and conditions of this MoU.



**Prof. Philip Cotton**  
Vice Chancellor  
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Date : 22.12.2017



**Prof. Partha Pratim Chakrabarti**  
Director  
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