



**EXTENSION  
of  
INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT  
between  
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, KHARAGPUR (IIT-KGP), INDIA  
and  
LEIBNIZ UNIVERSITÄT HANNOVER, GERMANY**

**Preamble**

IIT-KGP and Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany have expressed interest to create a long term institutional partnership in education and research. The primary objective is to promote contact and collaboration between faculty, staff and students, carry out joint research programmes and exchange experiences in education and research. The partnership also aims at enhancing the technological, social and cultural relations of both countries/states/regions. This document presents a general framework for such a partnership. It also includes some specifically identified areas of cooperation, which shall be updated from time to time.

**Participation and Coordination**

Dr. Balasubramanian Ramani shall be the Coordinator from International Office, Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany and Professor Ayan Roy Chowdhury shall be the Coordinator from IIT-KGP. The participants and Coordinators may change from time to time as decided by competent authority of the respective institutions.

**Areas of Cooperation**

The following have been identified as possible starting points of the partnership. The areas of cooperation can be further increased by the mutual consent. In many cases specific programmes will require other agreements to be separately detailed out and documented.

- (i) Exchange of information and experience: Representatives of both partners should arrange joint meeting at least once a year to exchange experiences in education and research and to prepare joint projects. A joint Seminar/Workshop may be held once in two years to present the results of this partnership.
- (ii) Faculty and student exchange programmes: The partners will examine the possibility of creating one or two Visiting Faculty positions at respective institutions for faculty exchange. A Student Exchange Programme will be formulated both for short term (like summer/winter training or short certificate courses) as well as for semester wise registration. A detailed document on this (including credit transfer issues) will be examined and prepared. This has to be ratified by the highest academic bodies of the two institutions before this programme starts.
- (iii) Cooperative research projects: The two partners will define joint collaborative research projects between faculty and/or research groups. Collaborating faculty will approach various funding agencies to submit joint project proposals. Focus will be given to industry-funded projects and those funded by international agencies.



- (iv) Coordinated graduate degree programme: A joint integrated MS/PhD programme with stress on research in areas of mutual interest will be explored and formulated. A detailed document on this will be prepared and ratified by the highest academic bodies of the two institutions before this programme starts.
- (v) Continuing and distance education: IIT-KGP and Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany will formulate a joint distance education programme based on the expertise available in both institutions. They will also share and carry out joint research in technology for distance and computer-based learning.

### **Intellectual Property**

Each institution will adhere to the intellectual laws of their respective nations. Intellectual property developed during the visit of an exchange student will be governed by the rules of the host institute unless otherwise specified by an alternate agreement.

Any Background Intellectual Property (BGIP) shall remain the sole and exclusive property of the Party to whom it belonged prior to the commencement of this agreement. If one Party receives any BGIP from the partner under a clearly defined non-disclosure agreement, necessary and reasonable care will be taken to protect the intellectual property received.

The two institutions shall jointly own results and Intellectual Property generated thereof for clearly defined collaborative projects and exchange programmes. This joint ownership of Jointly Developed Intellectual Property (JDIP) also entitles each party to explore commercialization. However, transfer or sale of JDIP and associated sharing of revenue shall be governed by a separate agreement.

### **Financing**

The two institutions will develop a funding pool from various sources to carry out this partnership. They will not only try to arrange some funding from their own resources, but also vigorously approach their own governments, international funding agencies and industries. Special attention will be given to obtain funded project from industry to support this collaboration. Funding from alumni will also be solicited for some of the programmes. LUH will do everything possible to look at case to case basis for students from IITKGP for possible scholarships for exchange students.

Both institutes will provide tuition fee waivers to the exchange students. The host institute will make arrangements for local living including accommodation, food, insurance etc. at reasonable costs to visiting students and faculty. All travel costs shall be borne by the visitors or their home institution, for which they can approach funding agencies. Additional support, if any, will be governed by separate agreements that may be drawn up for specific activities.

The institutions shall try to set up endowment funds Visiting Faculty positions.

### **Validity**

This agreement is extended for another 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. Extension of contract is an active step six month before expiry of the previous contract and subject to prior existence of actual



cooperation activities in the previous five-year period of contract. If the contract is not actively renewed, it expires automatically.

This agreement may be terminated:

- a. on either partner giving the other party 6 months' prior written notice;
- b. on written notice by one of the Partners if the other Partner has committed a breach of this agreement.

However, specific commitments made prior to such intimation shall be honoured by both the partners including ensuring that any student at that time participating in the Programme is able to complete the term of the assignment and be assessed for it.

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