

## Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into and is effective as of September 14, 2018, by and between the University of Houston, a public institution of higher education of the State of Texas that is located in Houston, Texas ("UH") and Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur ("IIT KGP"), an institution of higher education of the Government of India that is located in Kharagpur, India. UH and IIT KGP shall be known collectively as the "Parties" and singularly as a "Party" or the "Party".

### Recitals

Whereas, cordial relations exist between UH and IIT KGP; and  
Whereas, UH and IIT KGP have discussed mutual goals regarding academic opportunities for students and faculty; and

Whereas, UH and IIT KGP desire to establish a program to be formalized at a later date (the "Program") for the benefit of students and faculty of their respective educational institutions;

Now, therefore, the Parties enter into this MOU, in order to memorialize fundamental concepts regarding the Program.

### Understanding of the Parties

In contemplation of establishment of the Program, the Parties agree as follows:

#### Article 1 (Objectives)

- A. To contribute further to the regional understanding between both countries (the United States of America and India), both cities (Houston and Kharagpur), and both institutions (UH and IIT KGP) through mutual cooperation programs.
- B. To further collaboration between UH and IIT KGP through academic programs in instruction, research and faculty development among the faculty and students of both institutions.
- C. To enhance the international experience of faculty and students in the areas of
  1. Research
  2. Joint Program and Collaboration
  3. Exchange of Faculty and Students.

#### Article 2 (Responsibilities of Parties)

- A. Both institutions commit themselves to identify concrete areas of academic collaboration and to explore the means to achieve a successful collaboration.
- B. The officials who will have the responsibility in coordinating the Program for the Parties are:

##### For UH:

Name: Dr. Ramanan Krishnamoorti  
Title: Chief Energy Officer  
Department: UH Energy  
College:

##### For IIT KGP:

Name: Dr. Saikat Chakraborty  
Title: Associate Professor  
Department: Chemical Engineering  
College: School of Energy Science and Engineering

**Article 3 (Understanding of Parties)**

A. The Parties understand and acknowledge that they are making a significant commitment to this collaborative effort. Accordingly, the Parties agree to expend their best efforts on the design, implementation, and successful continuation of the Program.

B. This MOU shall remain effective from the effective date listed above until the end of the term of five (5) years.

C. The Parties understand and acknowledge that this MOU will provide the foundation for a more comprehensive agreement concerning the details of the Program; and that this MOU does not commit the Parties regarding the Program.

D. The Parties understand that this program must support through its activities the mission of UH and the IIT KGP; that the programs may not use the name and official seal of the other Party or any of its components without the written consent of the president of the other Party or her/his designee; that the international program is subject to all policies and procedures of the Board of Regents and Administration of the University of Houston System, and must submit to reporting and auditing requirements as established by the University of Houston System, including consultation with an attorney from the Office of the General Counsel.

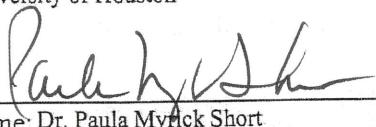
E. Any intellectual property matters that arise from the Program shall be addressed pursuant to applicable law and mutual written agreements among the Parties.

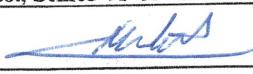
F. This MOU contains the entire understanding of Parties at this time. If either Party is unwilling or unable to continue with plans for the Program, that Party may do so by sending a written notice of regret to the other Party.

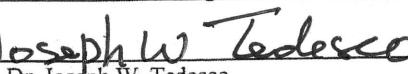
G. This MOU may not be amended or otherwise modified except by the written agreement of both Parties. Neither Party may assign this MOU without the other Party's prior written consent. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision(s) of this MOU will not impair the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions.

*In witness whereof*, the Parties have caused their fully authorized representatives to execute this MOU effective as of the date written above.

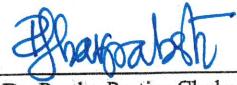
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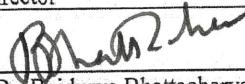
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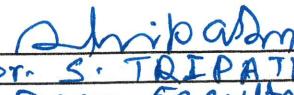
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*Note: Modification of this Form requires approval of OGC*