

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR INSTITUTIONAL  
COLLABORATION  
BETWEEN  
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KHARAGPUR (IITKGP),  
AND  
LORRAINE UNIVERSITY, NANCY, FRANCE**

Between:

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

And:

The University of Lorraine (UL) is a professional, cultural and scientific public institution, founded as a large scale institution, with its official address at 34 Cours Léopold – CS 25233 – 54052 Nancy Cedex France, SIRET N° 130 015 506 00012,

It is being understood that:

**Preamble**

IITKGP and UL agree to develop institutional collaboration in education and research. The primary objective is to promote interaction and collaboration between faculty members, 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 in future, if needed, based on mutual discussion and consent.

**1. Coordination**

Professor Christophe Aubrun shall be the Coordinator from UL and Professor Somjeet Biswas shall be the Coordinator from IITKGP. The participants and Coordinators may change as decided by appropriate authority of the respective institutions.

**2. Scope of Cooperation**

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

- (i) Faculty exchange programme: The two parties may 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 programme: The two parties may 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 without exceeding two semesters. A detailed proposal document on this action (including credit transfer issues) has to be approved and signed by the highest academic bodies of the two institutions before implementation.
- (iii) Joint research projects: The two parties can 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) Coordinated graduate degree programme: Joint PhD/Masters programmes may be explored and formulated, possibly in association with other reputed academic, research or industrial organisations. A detailed document related to such programmes will be required and approved by the competent authorities of both institutions, before implementation.
- (v) Joint academic activities and events: IITKGP and UL may formulate joint academic activities such as short course, seminars, workshops or conferences based on mutual interests and available expertise in both 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 programmes shall require separate agreements detailed out and documented as annexures to this MoU.

### **3. Intellectual Property – Results – Confidentiality - Publication**

Intellectual property is governed by legislation and regulations of host institution. Should the students/researchers develop the results resulting directly from this collaboration 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 or sale 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.

Any communication and publication on the research of which one is the author or co-author will be managed according to the rules of the host institute unless otherwise specified

### **4. Financing**

The two institutions may consider allocating seed money to initiate this partnership. In addition they may 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 visiting 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. However, various external funding sources may be explored either independently or jointly.

## 5. Legal Status

This document is a statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial cooperation: This Memorandum of Understanding does not create any additional legal or financial obligations other than those contained in these Articles for either party. Where appropriate, the parties may conclude specific agreements.

## 6. 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 written 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.

Signed in duplicate in English,

Pour le Président  
Le Directeur Général des Services

Prof Pierre Mutzenhardt  
President

Université de Lorraine

Date : 22 AOUT 2019

Prof. S.K. BHATTACHARYYA  
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Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur  
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