



The  
University  
Of  
Sheffield.



**Memorandum of Understanding  
between  
The University of Sheffield  
and  
Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur**

In order to encourage closer ties, The Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Sheffield and the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to facilitate cooperation in areas of mutual interest and benefit to both institutions. Based on principles of equity and reciprocity, this Memorandum of Understanding will serve as a general framework for cooperation between the two institutions and is intended to facilitate discussions for more specific programmes of collaboration which may include:

- a) opportunities for exchange of staff and students;
- b) programmes in areas of teaching, research or university administration that will enable interested and qualified students and university personnel to pursue either short-term or extended programmes of study at the other institution;
- c) visits by authorised officials from each institution in order to develop cooperative mechanisms and to expand areas of cooperation;
- d) raising awareness amongst faculty and students of the academic programmes, research institutes and educational resources of the other institution;
- e) formulation joint or dual degree programs at Masters and Doctoral levels.
- f) other areas of possible interest and collaboration.

It is understood that a designated person at each institution shall oversee and facilitate implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding in cooperation with other appropriate staff. Prof. B.S. Das from Agricultural and food Engineering Dept shall be the Coordinator from IIT Kharagpur and Dr. Manoj Menon shall be the Coordinator from the University of Sheffield. The participants and Coordinators may change from time to time as decided by appropriate authority of the respective institutions.

Both institutions acknowledge that visits by staff from one institution to the other shall be subject to the entry and visa regulations of the United Kingdom and India and shall comply with the regulations of The University of Sheffield and the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur.

Both institutions agree not to discriminate against any person because of age, sex, national origin, race, ancestry, color, religious creed disability or handicap, and sexual orientation. Neither institution shall impose criteria for the exchange of faculty, staff and students that would violate the principles of non-discrimination.

Visiting student and faculty will abide by the codes of conduct of the host Institution.

Both institutions agree that all expenses, including research material, international and domestic travel, per diem, honoraria and all other costs shall be the responsibility of the member of staff's home institution unless stated otherwise. However, each side will do its utmost to make available office space to visiting staff and assist them with finding accommodation.

It is understood that the scope of activities under this Memorandum of Understanding will be determined by funds available at each institution for the types of collaboration undertaken and by such other financial assistance as may be obtained by either institution from external sources.

Any collaborative arrangements set up as a result of this Memorandum of Understanding will be the subject of specific formal agreements. In the event that subsequent agreements are signed by each institution to govern specific collaborative research, teaching and training projects, then the terms and conditions of these agreements supplement this Memorandum of Understanding and in case of conflict an agreement will prevail over this Memorandum of Understanding.

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. 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.

Ownership of intellectual property generated during any collaborative engagement will be governed by the terms and conditions mentioned in the specific formal agreements mentioned above.

It is understood that, upon execution by each institution, this Memorandum of Understanding will remain in effect until terminated:

- by either institution giving six months' written notice of termination to the other institution;
- upon expiry of [five] years after the date of execution where there has been no further development of the proposed programmes of collaboration as listed above.

Any termination of this Memorandum of Understanding will be without penalty to either institution.

This Memorandum of Understanding does not constitute, nor is it intended to be, a legally binding contract between the institutions.

#### **Executed as a Memorandum of Understanding**

For:

**The University of Sheffield**

Name:  
Title:

Professor Craig Watkins  
Vice-President and Head of Faculty of Social Sciences

Signature:

  
7.09.19

Date:

For:

**Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur**

Name:  
Title:

Professor Sriman Kumar Bhattacharyya  
Director

Signature:

  
19.09.19

Date: 19.09.19