



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
LEHIGH UNIVERSITY, UNITED STATES AND
IIT KHARAGPUR, INDIA
FOR ACADEMIC COOPERATION**

1. This Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") is made and entered into this day of June 15, 2020 ("Effective Date") by Lehigh University, United States (hereinafter "Lehigh") and IIT Kharagpur, India (hereinafter "IITKGP") in furtherance of their mutual interests in education and research, and as a contribution to increased international cooperation between them.
2. The purpose of this MoU is to establish a framework within which cooperation may develop between the two institutions, within the context of applicable policies and subject to the availability of resources, and covering such matters as:
 - Opportunities for joint research;
 - Joint/Dual degree programs
 - Exchange of undergraduate and graduate students;
 - Faculty participation in seminars, academic meetings and joint/bi-lateral workshops/symposia/conferences;
 - Exchange of publications, academic materials and other information; and
 - Joint quality assurance and benchmarking.
3. The terms and conditions under which a specific program or activity shall be undertaken under this MoU, and any necessary financial arrangements to facilitate these, will be mutually agreed upon in writing by both institutions before initiation of the particular program or activity. Such agreement(s), once signed by the Vice President/Vice Provost of OIA at Lehigh and that of Dean, International Relations, will be attached hereto and incorporated as a Schedule(s) to this MoU.
4. IITKGP and Lehigh agree not to discriminate against any person because of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, marital or familial status, national or ethnic origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.



5. Intellectual property developed during the visit of an exchange student/researcher/faculty/staff and cooperative activities will be governed by the rules of the host institution and the laws of the host institution's nation unless otherwise specified in a written agreement between the parties.
6. Both institutions shall designate a liaison office for this MoU and for any subordinate agreements under this MoU. For IITKGP the liaison office shall be Office of International Relations. For Lehigh the liaison office shall be The Office of International Affairs.
7. This MoU shall commence on the Effective Date for an initial period of five (5) years. This MoU may be renewed or extended by mutual written consent of the participating institutions. Such amendments, once signed by the VP/VP of OIA or another authorized signatory of Lehigh and the authorized signatories of IITKGP on behalf of the participating institutions, will become part of this MoU.
8. Either party may terminate this MoU without penalty at any time by giving sixty (60) days' notice in writing to the other party.
9. This document is a statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial cooperation and is not legally binding on either party. Any disputes shall be resolved through mutual discussion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives.

Signed:

Prof. V. K Tewari
Director
Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur

Date: 16th Jan 2020

Dr. Cheryl Matherly
Vice-President/Vice Provost for International
Affairs
Lehigh University

Date: June 15, 2020