

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR INSTITUTIONAL
COLLABORATION
BETWEEN
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KHARAGPUR (IITKGP),
AND
UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO (UW)**

Preamble

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

University of Waterloo is a reputed institution of higher learning situated at Waterloo, 200 University Ave. West, Ontario, Canada, N2L 3G1.

IITKGP and UW have agreed to enter into a non-binding institutional collaboration in education and research. The primary objectives are to, on a reciprocal basis,

1. promote interaction and collaboration between faculty, staff and students of the two institutions through visits and/or exchange programmes,
2. carry out joint academic and/or research programmes,
3. participate in joint supervision of doctoral and masters students.

Coordination

Prof. Jean Andrey shall be the Coordinator from UW and Prof. Priyadarshi Patnaik shall be the Coordinator from IITKGP. The participants and coordinators may change from time to time as decided by appropriate authority of the respective institutions.

Scope of Cooperation

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

- (i) Faculty exchange programme: The two parties will 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 agree to participate in student exchange under existing programmes at the respective institutions, and to explore other mechanisms to enable collaboration in research and teaching. Visits under such programmes may be for a short duration, such as summer/winter terms or short courses, or for a longer duration not exceeding two semesters. For visits exceeding two semesters separate approvals will be needed. A detailed proposal document on this (including credit transfer arrangements) has to be approved by the highest academic bodies of the two institutions before implementation.

- (iii) Joint research projects: The two parties will 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, including credit transfer arrangements, will be required and approved by the competent authorities of both the institutions, before implementation.
- (v) Joint academic activities and events: IITKGP and UW may formulate joint academic activities such as short course, seminars, workshops or conferences based on mutual interests and available expertise in both the 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 may require separate agreements detailed out and documented as annexures to this MoU.

Non-discrimination

IITKGP and UW 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.

Code of Conduct

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

Intellectual Property

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 MoU. 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.

Matters relating to intellectual property developed during the visit of an exchange student/researcher/faculty/staff and cooperative activities will be governed by a separate written agreement between the parties on a case to case basis.

Financing

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. The terms under which student tuition is

charged/offset will be specified in subsequent agreements, as will the terms for other supports, if any.

Legal Status

This document is a statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial cooperation and is not legally binding on both the parties. Any disputes shall be resolved through mutual discussion.

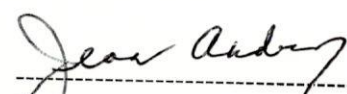
Validity and Termination

This MoU 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 consent.

This agreement may be terminated:

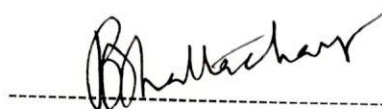
- a. on either party giving the other party 6 months' prior written notice;
- b. on written notice by one of the Parties if the other Party has committed a breach of this MoU.

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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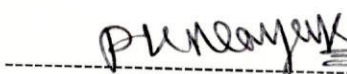
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