



## Extension of Agreement of Academic Cooperation

between

**BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV (BGU), ISRAEL**

And the

**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KHARAGPUR  
(IITKGP), INDIA**

**Whereas:**

On 14/10/2015 The Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, signed an Agreement of Academic Cooperation (“Agreement”) with Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in order to strengthen the collaborative research, faculty exchanges, as well as student mobility programs between the two institutions.

**And:**

That the Agreement could be extended by the consent in writing by both parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the original Agreement signed on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the participating universities desire hereby to record their consent that this Agreement be extended for an additional five years effective as of the date at execution by the appropriate officers of each signatory institution. Clauses of the Agreement remain unchanged.

In witness hereof, the duly authorized representative of each institution agrees to the provisions of this document.

**Coordination**

Professor Dani Hendlar, Head of the Department of Computer Science shall be the Coordinator from BGU and Professor Dipanwita Roy Chowdhury, Computer Science and Engineering 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 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 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 organizations. 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 BGU 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 BGU 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**

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 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.

The two institutions shall jointly own results and Intellectual Property generated thereof for clearly defined collaborative projects and exchange programmes. This joint ownership of Jointly Developed Intellectual Property (JDIP) also entitles each party to explore commercialization. However, transfer or sale of JDIP and associated sharing of revenue shall be governed by a separate agreement.

### **Financing**

Both institutes will consider tuition fee waivers to the visiting students. The host institute will provide visiting students and faculty information about visa, health insurance accommodation etc. All travel costs shall be borne by the visitors or their home institution. Additional support, if any, will be governed by separate agreements that may be drawn up for specific activities.

### **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 MoU 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.



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Ben-Gurion University of the Negev



However, specific commitments made prior to such intimation shall be honored 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.

Signed on behalf of **INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KHARAGPUR**,

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Director

Date 22/6/2021

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Signed on behalf of **BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV**

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