

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur**  
**AND**  
**The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley**

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (hereinafter referred to as UTRGV) located in Edinburg, Texas, USA and the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, (hereinafter referred to as IITKGP) located at Kharagpur, West Bengal, India, 721302, enter into a memorandum of understanding to establish a program of exchange and collaboration in areas of interest and benefit to both institutions.

**I.**

The purposes of the cooperation between UTRGV and IITKGP are as follows:

- to promote interest in the teaching and research activities of the respective institutions; and
- to deepen the understanding of the economic, cultural and social issues environment of the respective institutions.

**II.**

To achieve these goals, UTRGV and IITKGP will, insofar as the means of each institution allow:

- promote institutional exchanges by inviting faculty and staff of the partner institutions to participate in a variety of teaching and/or research activities and professional development;
- receive undergraduate and graduate students of the partner institution for periods of study and/or research;
- organize symposia, conferences, short courses, and meetings on research issues;
- carry out joint research and continuing education programs; and
- exchange information pertaining to developments in teaching, student development and research at each institution.

**III.**

IITKGP and UTRGV\_agree not to discriminate against any person because of age, sex, national origin, race, ancestry, color, religious creed, disability or handicap, or sexual orientation.

- Neither institution shall impose criteria for the exchange of faculty, staff and students that would violate the principles of non-discrimination.

#### IV.

Each institution will adhere to the intellectual property laws of its nation. Intellectual property developed by an exchange student/researcher/faculty/staff while participating in a program pursuant to this agreement will be governed by the rules of the host institute unless otherwise specified in the program agreement. Any other intellectual property shall remain the sole and exclusive property of the Party or individual to whom it belonged prior to the commencement of this Memorandum of Understanding. Each institution will respect any non-disclosure agreements to which it agrees. All other terms and conditions pertaining to jointly developed IP shall be governed by separate agreements specific to the activity/activities that may be taken up under this MoU.

#### V.

Each institution shall designate a coordinator to oversee and facilitate the implementation of this Agreement. The coordinators, working with other appropriate administrators at the respective universities, shall have the following responsibilities:

- to promote academic collaboration at both faculty, graduate and undergraduate student levels for research and study;
- to act as principal contacts for individual and group activities and to plan and coordinate all activities within their institutions as well as with the partner institution;
- to distribute to each institution information about the faculty, facilities, research, publications, library materials and educational resources of the other institution; and
- to meet periodically to review and evaluate past activities and to work out new ideas for future cooperative agreements.

#### VI.

This general Memorandum of Understanding shall be identified as the parent document of any program agreement executed between the parties. Further agreements concerning any program shall provide details concerning the specific commitments made by each party and shall not become effective until they have been reduced to writing and executed by the duly authorized representatives of the parties.

## **VII.**

All travel and living expenses will be the responsibility of the home institution, except as stipulated in any specific program agreement. The host institution will assist professional staff engaged in teaching or research to find local living facilities.

## **VIII.**

Upon approval by each institution, this agreement shall remain in effect for a period of three (3) years unless terminated earlier by either institution. Such termination by one institution shall be effected by giving the other institution at least ninety (90) days advance written notice of its intention to terminate. If such notice is given, this agreement shall terminate: (a) at the end of such ninety (90) days; or (b) when all students enrolled in a course of study under the agreement at the time such notice is given have completed their respective courses of study under the agreement, whichever event occurs last. Termination shall be without penalty. If this agreement is terminated, neither UTRGV nor IITKGP shall be liable to the other for any monetary or other losses which may result.

## **IX.**

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.

EXECUTED by The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur in duplicate copies, each of which shall be deemed an original.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO  
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## Information Sheet

### Agreements with International Universities

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#### **AGREEMENT INFORMATION:**

*Please answer the questions below and submit with the proposed Agreement.*

**1. Names/positions of UTRGV parties involved.**

Bin Wang, Associate Dean, Graduate Programs  
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**2. Brief overview of partner university/institute/organization.**

- a. Name: Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur
- b. Location: Kharagpur, West Bengal, India
- c. First Year of Operation: 1951
- d. Ranking (Visit [www.4icu.org](http://www.4icu.org) and search the institution's ranking among all institutions in the specific country.): 5
- e. Student Enrollment: 10,000 – 14,999
- f. Highest Degree Offered: Doctorate
- g. Public/Private: Public
- h. Partner institution contact person/email: Prof. Biswarup Ghosh  
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**3. How will signing this Agreement contribute to the strategic mission of UTRGV?**

This international collaboration will promote a richer educational environment, student success and research through exchange of students and faculty

**4. Describe the purpose and intent of this Agreement.**

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**5. Describe proposed collaboration with UTRGV partner and how the goals of the collaboration will be assessed.**

Goals will be measured by the number of students participating in the exchange, the number of scholars participating in the exchange, and the research activities (e.g., academic papers) produced over a five-year period

**6. Describe any past or ongoing collaboration with UTRGV partner.** None

Department Chair Name: Raj Parikh

Reviewed and Approved by Chair:  Yes  No

Dean's Name: Lance Nail



Reviewed and Approved by Dean:  Yes  No

