



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR ACADEMIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ROORKEE
AND
UNIVERSITY OF PATRAS**

ORGANISATIONS SIGNING THE MoU

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Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (referred as IITR henceforth), Uttarakhand, India, and University of Patras (referred as UPatras henceforth), Greece, recognize their strengths in research and education in one or more disciplines of Science, Engineering, Management, and Social Sciences, and their mutual interest in engaging themselves in academic cooperation.

Therefore, IITR and UPatras agree to establish a programme for academic cooperation in areas of mutual interest, and in accordance with terms and conditions set forth in this memorandum of understanding (MoU).

A. OBJECTIVES

The goal of this cooperation is to foster collaboration, provide opportunity for global experience, and to facilitate advancement of knowledge on the basis of reciprocity, best effort, mutual benefit, and frequent interactions, IITR and UPatras agree:

- a) to exchange information on research and educational programmes,
- b) to exchange information on teaching, learning material and other literature relevant to their educational and research programmes,
- c) to jointly organize short-term continuing education programmes on topics of mutual interest to invite each other's faculty to participate therein,
- d) to jointly organize seminars, conferences, or workshops on topics of mutual interest and to invite each other's faculty to participate therein,
- e) to jointly propose and engage in research or training programmes sponsored by

funding agencies, and to invite each other's faculty to participate therein,

f) to exchange, on a reciprocal basis, students at Undergraduate, Graduate and Doctoral levels for limited periods of time for purpose of education and/or research.

IITR and UPatras agree that detailed terms and conditions that guide each activity identified above will be separately determined and agreed upon by the two institutions. These terms shall include a technical description of proposed activity, financial arrangements, and person(s) responsible for its implementation, etc.

B. JOINT SPONSORED RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND CONSULTANCY

IITR and UPatras agree to help identify and invite faculty members from the other institution to participate in research or development programmes already sponsored by external funding agencies. The terms and conditions for such participation will be worked out by mutual agreement between the faculty member(s) and the institution extending such an invitation.

When a faculty member visits the other institution on invitation or as part of such joint research project, then such a visit will be classified as such, and handled as per rules of the individual institution.

C. EXCHANGE OF FACULTY, SCIENTISTS AND STAFF

IITR and UPatras agree to encourage collaboration between faculty and scientists from the two institutions. Specifically, the institutions will encourage members of their faculty to undertake short visits to, or take up fixed-term visiting assignments at, each other's institution during vacation periods or sabbatical leave. The terms and conditions for each visit or an assignment, including those concerning stipend, travel, and housing, will be worked out between the concerned faculty member and the institution extending an invitation.

Notwithstanding the above, IITR and UPatras will examine ways to identify financial resources to fund international travel by their faculty/scientists/students.

D. STUDENT EXCHANGE

IITR and UPatras agree that student exchange will be guided by principles listed below. A home institution refers to the institution where a student is a full-time student, and from where he/she is expected to graduate. A host institution refers to an institution that receives a student for a brief period of time to undertake a pre-determined programme of study or research.

- a) The period of study of the exchange students shall be a maximum of one (1) year in principle.
- b) The number of exchange students shall be a maximum of five (5) per institution per Academic year of the host institute.
- c) Exchange students will be selected by mutual agreement between the home institution and the host institution.

- d) An exchange student will continue to be treated as full-time degree-seeking student at his/her home institution.
- e) An exchange student will be considered as full-time "exchange" student at the host institution.
- f) His/her program of study at the host institution will be determined by mutual consultation between his/her academic advisor at the home institution and his/her "interim" academic advisor identified by the host institution.
- g) The host institution will evaluate an exchange student's performance in each course or module, award a letter grade or marks, and issue a letter to that effect.
- h) The home institution may award to the exchange student credits earned at a host institution, but only after the home institution has established correspondence between courses taken at the host institution vis-a-vis those offered at the home institution.
- i) If an exchange student has undertaken research, then the host institution will evaluate the exchange student's performance in the research, and issue a letter to that effect, together with a technical "report" of the research carried out.
- j) If an exchange student has undertaken research, then the home institution will take note of the performance evaluation and the technical report, and take steps in accordance with its own procedures.
- k) As a host institution, IITR and UPatras will, if possible, make every effort to arrange for subsidized housing for exchange students.
- l) IITR and UPatras will examine ways to identify financial resources to fund international travel by students.
- m) The exchange students will pay tuition and other fees at their home institution and will be exempted from paying tuition fee at the host institution.

E. EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL MATERIAL

IITR and UPatras will exchange information on research and educational programmes and teaching/learning material and other literature relevant to their educational and research programmes. Further, IITR and UPatras agree to explore ways to share teaching/learning material, and other relevant literature, while respecting each other's intellectual property and other rights.

F. JOINT CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SHORT-TERM COURSES

IITR and UPatras agree to help identify and invite faculty members from the other institution to participate in conferences, workshops and short-term courses. The terms and conditions for such participation will be worked out by mutual agreement between the invited faculty member(s) and the institution extending such an invitation.

When a faculty member visits the other institution on invitation or as part of such joint activity, then such a visit will be classified as such, and handled as per rules of individual institution.

G. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

IITR and UPatras agree to respect each other's rights to intellectual property. Further, the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) that arises as a result of any collaborative research or activity under this MoU will be worked out on a case-to-case basis, and will be consistent with officially laid down IPR policies of the two institutions.

All intellectual property rights embodied in documents or related to information exchanged between the two Parties belongs to their original owner (Party) and extend to all kinds of intellectual property in which the above information may be incorporated, upon legislation (national) or (European) framework and/or modifications of the Parties.

The management of intellectual property rights developed by partnerships within the framework of this memorandum of cooperation, determined between the Parties through mutual consultation and separate written agreements as the case may be.

H. CO-ORDINATION

Each institution shall appoint one member of its teaching/research faculty to coordinate the programme on its behalf. Further, a coordination committee, consisting of (a) Director, IIT Roorkee, or his/her nominee, (b) President, UPatras or his/her nominee, (c) Program coordinator from the side of IITR, and (d) Programme Coordinator from the side of UPatras, will periodically review and identify ways to strengthen cooperation between the two institutions.

I. TENURE AND TERMINATION

This MoU will take effect from the date it is signed by representatives of the two institutions. It will remain valid for five years, and may be continued thereafter after suitable review and agreement.

Either institution may terminate the MoU by giving written notice to the other institution six months in advance. Once terminated, neither IITR nor UPatras will be responsible for any losses, financial or otherwise, which the other institutions may suffer. However, IITR and UP will ensure that all activities in progress are allowed to complete successfully.

The work of the partnership will be evaluated and reviewed by: 31/12/2027, Prof. Angelos Filippatos/UPatras and Prof. Vimal Chandra Srivastava/IITR.

Any termination of this MoU will not affect programs and activities undertaken prior to its termination, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

J. FINANCIAL TERMS

The cooperation decided by this Memorandum of Understanding is primarily based on the principle of non-exchange of funds, apart from a separate agreement to define financial commitments in the areas of activity of the Memorandum.

All activities undertaken pursuant to this Memorandum shall be subject to the availability of resources of the Parties.

K. LOGOS

Any use of the names 'Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee' or 'University of Patras', including any of its constituent schools, departments, programmes or logos, relating in any way to the activities described in this MoU, shall be subject to prior written approval.

L. CONFIDENTIALITY

The Parties agree that there is no intention to disclose confidential or proprietary information in any collaboration under this MoU. If either Party wishes to disclose to the other Party any information it considers confidential or proprietary, then the Parties shall enter into a written non-disclosure agreement.

M. PERSONAL DATA

The Parties recognize the importance of protecting personnel data character of natural persons, their lawful and correct processing. In that meaning, the parties comply with the basic principles of personal data processing, respect the rights of natural persons, agree, ratify and implement the Personal Data Protection Act, [Regulation 679/2016 (EU)] for the protection of natural persons against the processing of personal data. The obligation to comply with the Regulation will remain in force even after the expiry of this Memorandum.

N. ARBITRATION CLAUSE

Should there be a dispute relating to any aspect of academic cooperation, Director, IITR and President, UPatras will jointly resolve the dispute in a spirit of independence, mutual respect, and shared responsibility.

This MoU is prepared in two identical copies. Each party holds one original copy duly signed by Rector of UPatras and the Director of IITR.

Signed for

Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee
India

PROF. K. K. PANT
Director

Witness:

Signed for

University of Patras
Greece

PROF. CHRISTOS I. BOURAS
RECTOR

Witness:



Date: 30/12/2024

Date: 13/01/2025