Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

for

Academic Collaboration

between

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay,

INDIA

and

Ecole Centrale de Nantes,

FRANCE
Preamble

The Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (herein after referred to as IIITB) and Ecole Centrale de Nantes (herein after referred to as ECN), collectively referred to as the "Institutions" or the "Parties".

RECOGNIZING their mutual interest in research, development, education and technology transfer on a non-commercial basis, and also

RECOGNIZING the global nature of today's business, industrial and social problems and the need to address them through international cooperation,

HEREBY agree to encourage collaboration according to the terms and conditions set for thin the following articles:

Article 1: Fields of Collaboration

1.1 IIITB and ECN may collaborate within any mutually agreeable field of research and education ...

1.2 IIITB and ECN may collaborate specifically to participate in the European commission initiatives such as the Erasmus Mundus, External Cooperation Window by partnering with other interested institutions.

Article 2: Exchange of Faculty and Research Scholars

2.1 IIITB and ECN will encourage collaboration in research and education areas of mutual interest, through reciprocal arrangements for faculty and research scholar exchanges.

2.1.1 As feasible and contingent upon cognizant parent organization or departmental approval, the administrations of the two institutions agree to assist their respective faculty members in developing scholarly exchanges that may include arrangements for interactions such as research collaboration, specialized lectures, seminars and teaching or submission of joint research proposals.

2.1.2 A maximum of two (2) students will participate in the exchange between the Universities in each academic year. Two exchange students enrolling for one semester of study is equivalent to one exchange student enrolling for one academic year of study. The Exchange Program aims for parity in the number of students exchange over the term of the Agreement. If either university is unable to send the students for one semester of study in any year during the Term of the Agreement, then that university will be eligible to send additional exchange students, equal to the deficit, in the following year during the term of the agreement.
2.1.3 Both parties must agree upon the specific terms of any inter-institution initiative relative to this agreement in written or electronically recorded correspondence at least three months prior to the initiation of a particular program or activity in order for the said initiative to proceed.

2.1.4 The host institution will endeavor to support accommodation for exchange scholars from the visiting institution. Also, as coordinated in the pre-visit agreement correspondence, the host institution shall provide for the basic health care needs of the visiting institution's exchange scholars, if required.

2.1.5 Each host institution, in the pre-visit agreement correspondence, will also coordinate support with the visiting institution for office space, library, laboratory and other privileges appropriate to the level and purpose of the visit, subject to the availability of resources.

Article 3: Research projects

3.1 Interested faculty of either institution may initiate joint research projects. Subject to available funding, the Parties will encourage research centers of their respective institutions to initiate any conduct collaborative projects consistent with the other terms and specifications of this agreement. Such joint research projects are to be the subject of definitive project agreements specific to each project and separate from this MOU.

3.2 Funds for research projects will be administered by the host institution. The financial arrangement relating to each joint research project will be in accordance with the specific agreement covering each project.

Article 4: Intellectual Property, Inventions and Innovations

The terms with respect to title to and exploitation of intellectual property (including trademarks and service marks, copyrights, patents designs and confidential information on the subject of such intellectual property, inventions and innovations) will be negotiated on a project-by-project basis in the specific research project agreements referred to in Article 3 and broadly governed by the IPR policy of both institutions.

Article 5: Administration and General Provisions

5.1 This MoU shall have an initial duration of five years from the date of signature, unless either party gives a six-month notice of termination. This MoU may be extended further, in five-year increments, by mutual written agreement.
5.2 Negotiation, implementation and coordination of the MoU are the responsibility of the Dean International Relations, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay and The Director of the Ecole Centrale de Nantes. They may delegate this responsibility to appropriate individuals from their academic/administrative staff.

5.3 Despite the statements and obligations expressed herein, this MoU is a non-binding expression of the current intentions of the Parties and neither Party will incur or be bound to any legal obligations or expense hereunder to the other Party until and unless definitive agreements have been negotiated, approved by the necessary management levels or each Party and executed delivered by authorized representatives of both Parties.

This MoU is signed subject to approval by the appropriate authorities on both sides.

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