



**Memorandum of Understanding
(MoU)
for**

**Academic Collaboration
between**

**The Indian Institute of Technology
Guwahati, INDIA**

And

**Polytech Group
France**

Preamble

The Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati

(Hereinafter referred to as IITG),

and

Polytech Group composed by the 13 graduate schools of engineering within the France's leading science universities (Polytech Annecy-Chambéry, Polytech Clermont-Ferrand, Polytech Grenoble, Polytech Lille, Polytech Lyon, Polytech Marseille, Polytech Montpellier, Polytech Nice-Sophia, Polytech Orléans, Polytech Nantes, Polytech Paris-Sud, Polytech Paris-UPMC and Polytech Tours)

(Hereinafter referred to as Polytech Group),

Collectively referred to as "Parties",

RECOGNIZING their mutual interest in education, research, development 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 under the Polytech Excellence framework according to the terms and conditions set forth in the following articles. The parties express the willingness to develop a structured and long-term partnership based on mutual recognition and excellence in education and research.

Article 1: Fields of collaboration

1.1 IITs and Polytech Group may collaborate within any mutually agreeable field of education and research. To achieve these goals, IITs and Polytech Group may investigate opportunities insofar as the means of each allow:

- to 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;
- to receive students of the partner institution for periods of study and/ or research;
- to organize symposia, conferences , short courses and meetings on research issues;
- to carry out joint research and continuing education programs;
- to exchange information pertaining to developments in teaching, student development and research at each institution;

- to explore new development opportunities with industrial partners especially for R&D actions and internships for students.

Article 2: Exchange of Faculty, Research Scholars and Students

2.1 This MoU has to be considered as a general agreement allowing IIT's and Polytech Group members to sign bilateral agreements to manage specific cooperation programs within the Polytech Excellence framework.

2.2 As far as students' mobility is concerned, the parties agree on the following principles:

- it is understood that acceptance of any students will be at the discretion of the institution providing the learning experience and that any visiting students will, at all times, be subject to the policies and regulations of the hosting institution;
- The hosting institution will waive the tuition fees for the welcomed students under Polytech Excellence framework;
- Parties will look for funding possibilities in order to facilitate the motilities of participating students.

Article 3: Cooperation organization

3.1 This MoU shall be identified as the parent document of any program agreement executed between the parties.

3.2 This MoU shall have an initial duration of eight 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.

3.3 Negotiation, implementation and coordination of the MoU are the responsibility of the Director of the Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, and of the Director of the respective Polytech schools. They may delegate this responsibility to appropriate individuals from their academic/administrative staff.

3.4 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 nor 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 of each

party and executed and delivered by authorized representatives of both Parties.

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

For IIT Guwahati

For Polytech Group


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