



**Memorandum of Understanding**  
**Academic and Research Collaboration**  
**between**  
**University of Stuttgart, Germany,**  
**on behalf of TU9, Germany,**  
**and**  
**Indian Institute of Technology Mandi, India**

The Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi and University of Stuttgart on behalf of TU9 (Nine Major Technical Universities, Germany) have agreed to the following protocols governing their collaboration on academic and research related activities:

**Scope**

The Scope of collaboration on academic and research activities in this Memorandum of Understanding includes the following categories:

- Academic and Research collaboration in the areas of mutual interest.
- Exchange of academic information, scholarly information, materials and publications.
- Exchange of students and faculty.
- Sponsorship of cooperative seminars, workshops and other academic meetings.

**Student Exchange**

Pursuant to the agreement for academic exchange, the Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi and the University of Stuttgart as well as further institutions of TU9 will exchange students according to the terms laid out in Annexure 1. It is desired by both parties that there will be significant flow of students in both directions.

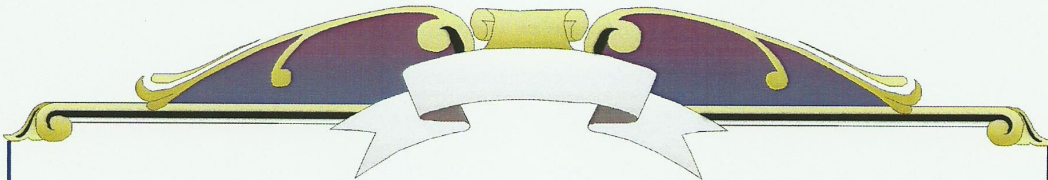
**Research Collaboration**

Faculty from both institutions and TU9 will collaborate in the supervision of exchange students and in joint research in disciplines of mutual interest. All such joint research activities will be governed by the terms laid out in Annexure 2.



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**Commencement, renewal, termination and amendment**

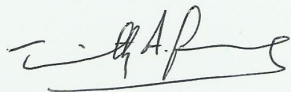
This MOU will come into force upon affixing of the signatures of the representatives of the partner institutions and will remain in effect for five years. This MOU may be renewed upon its expiry, with the agreement of both partners.

If either partner wishes to terminate the MOU at the end of the five years period it must notify the other not less than six months prior to the expiry of the MOU.

This agreement or its renewal and the actions taken under it may be reviewed at any time. Modifications may be made by mutual agreement and any amendment or extension to the agreement may be formalized by the exchange of letters between the two parties.

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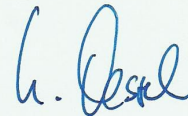
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### Annexure 1

1. Students under the student exchange programme will be classified as special exchange students. Special exchange students will be permitted to take courses on credit / audit, as well as participate in research activities / project work.
2. In any case, the consent of the teacher / project supervisors / research supervisors is required. Such consent will take into account among other things whether the student has pre-requisites for the course / project.
3. Neither party will require admission or tuition fees of exchange students under this MOU.
4. Course credits and grades earned will be determined by the home institution based on the grade report from the host institution.
5. Each party will accept up to ten students each year.
6. Participants may not spend more than one year normally in the exchange programme.
7. Participants will be subjected to the rules and regulations of the host institution, in addition to specific rules and regulations, if any, of the host country regarding foreign students studying in the host country.

#### **Selection and nomination**

The selection and nomination of students is open throughout the academic year. The student nomination should be accompanied by:

- Curriculum vitae.
- Statement of aptitude from a member of the student's school / faculty.
- A specific outline of the programme of study at the host institution and a statement of objectives of the student.

When a nomination is forwarded by the sending institution, it is presumed that the sending institution considers the student suitable for the proposed program and consents to send the student if selected by the host institution.

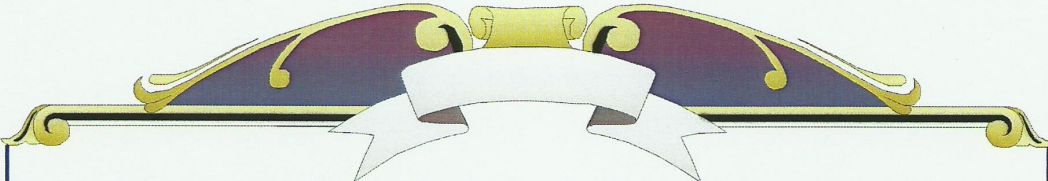
The host institution will evaluate the nomination and determine their suitability for selection under the Student Exchange Program.

Where the exchange student is pursuing a research or implementation project as part of the B.Tech, M.Tech, M.Sc. or PhD (or equivalent) degree programme, the host institution will provide a suitable faculty member to jointly assist (along with the supervisor in the parent institution) the exchange student in formulating research project or jointly supervising the exchange student in the event that a research project has already been identified.

The host institution will inform the home institution of any academic or other problems that may arise during the period of student's residence in the host institution. The host institution will take appropriate action under its established policy and procedures, in consultation with the home institution to deal with such problems.

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## **Annexure 2**

1. Proposals for collaborative research work under this Memorandum will be submitted with the prior approval of the Head of each participating institution, or his / her nominee.
2. Each participating institution will nominate one of its members as its representative in charge of the cooperative programme. Individual programs of work under this Memorandum will be jointly planned and conducted by the nominees of both parties.
3. Progress of work of any individual program will be reviewed and approved by designated authorities of both parties.
4. The final approval of any project will depend on the availability of guaranteed support funds.
5. Neither the Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi nor the TU9 universities will be held responsible for any liability to the other party, and neither party shall be required to purchase any insurance against loss or damage to any property due to activities to which this agreement relates.

Every collaboration will have its own agreement / contract which addresses issues such as IPR, funding pattern, disclosure of information etc.

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