

Memorandum of Understanding
Academic and Research Collaboration
between
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, USA
and
Indian Institute of Technology Mandi, India

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) and Indian Institute of Technology Mandi (IIT Mandi) 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 areas of mutual interest.
- Exchange of academic information, scholarly information, materials, and publications.
- Exchange of students and faculty.
- Organization and sponsorship of cooperative seminars, workshops, and other academic meetings.

Student and Faculty Involvement in Research Projects

Each year, students and faculty from WPI and IIT Mandi will collaborate on interdisciplinary research projects that address problems of interest to organizations and communities in and around Mandi, according to the terms laid out in Annexure 1.

Research Collaboration

Faculty from both institutions are encouraged to collaborate in joint research in disciplines of mutual interest. All such joint research activities will be governed by the terms laid out in Annexure 2.



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 partner institutions.

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

Either party may terminate the agreement by giving written notice before 31st December of any year of its intention to withdraw with effect from 1st September the next year. In the event of such termination, the interest of any exchange students shall be protected to the extent possible.

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.

Signed:

SIGNATURE:



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DATE: May 01, 2018

Signed:

SIGNATURE:




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Annexure 1

1. On an annual basis, WPI and IIT Mandi will recruit, select, and prepare students and faculty to participate in joint interdisciplinary research projects based at IIT Mandi. Each project team will consist of students from both WPI and IIT Mandi, and will be jointly supervised by faculty from WPI and IIT Mandi. Project topics will be decided upon jointly by WPI and IIT Mandi faculty, based on topics of interest and importance to organizations in the Mandi region.
 2. WPI will send between 15 and 24 students per year to IIT Mandi, accompanied by 1 or 2 WPI faculty advisors. The WPI students will continue to be registered as fulltime WPI students gaining WPI academic credit.
 3. WPI students and faculty will be in residence in Mandi for approximately two (2) months each year. IIT Mandi will, to the extent possible, make available suitable housing, meals, and services for WPI students and faculty. WPI will be responsible for payment for the student and faculty housing, meals, and services.
 4. Academic credit and grades earned by the WPI and IIT Mandi students will be determined by the respective home institutions.
 5. WPI participants will be subjected to the rules and regulations of IIT Mandi, in addition to specific rules and regulations, if any, of India regarding foreign students or visiting faculty.
 6. IIT Mandi will inform WPI about any academic or other problems that may arise during the period of student and faculty residence at IIT Mandi. IIT Mandi will take appropriate action under its established policy and procedures, in consultation with WPI, to deal with such problems.
 7. WPI and IIT Mandi may support the travel of faculty and staff to visit each other's campuses for purposes of planning.
 8. WPI and IIT Mandi faculty and staff will collaborate on opportunities to seek funding to support the project work, as well as on publications and presentations to disseminate results of the work.
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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 institution, or his/her nominee.
2. Each institution will nominate one of its members as its representative in charge of the cooperative program. 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 Worcester Polytechnic Institute nor Indian Institute of Technology Mandi 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 to address issues such as IPR, funding pattern, disclosure of information etc.

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