

**AGREEMENT OF ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH
COLLABORATION BETWEEN
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TIRUPATI
AND
INDIAN INSITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MANDI**

There are complementarities between IIT Tirupati and IIT Mandi in terms of thrust research areas, access to industry around Tirupati and access to the Himalayan region around Mandi, etc. Hence, the Senates of both the Institutes have agreed to establish a long-term strategic partnership for academic and research collaboration.

Frequent interaction between the faculty of both the Institutes needs to be encouraged in order to establish a long-term relationship. It is noted that IIT Mandi has the even semester from the middle of February to early June while IIT Tirupati has summer vacation from the middle of May to end of July. Likewise, IIT Tirupati has its even semester from early January to early May, and IIT Mandi has its winter vacation from early December to the middle of February. Thus, there is scope for faculty of one partner to devote part of their vacation visiting the other during its even semester. As the academic session is in progress in the host IIT, the visitor could have good academic interactions with faculty and students, including research and teaching of 1-2 credit courses. Therefore, it is decided that IIT Mandi faculty who wish to collaborate with the faculty of IIT Tirupati can visit during their winter vacation for a period of 1 to 2 months. Similarly, IIT Tirupati faculty can visit IIT Mandi during the period of their summer vacation.

The following are the terms and conditions for such visits:

- (a) The faculty members intending to make exchange visits must submit a detailed proposal to the home Institute indicating the expected long-term benefits of such visits. The proposal must be endorsed by the host institution.
- (b) The period of the visit to the host Institute will be treated as on duty, up to a maximum of 2 months per year and 6 months during the 5-year term of this agreement.
- (c) If the visit is mainly for teaching purpose, the host Institute will bear the expenses of travel and accommodation. In addition, applicable honorarium as per the host Institute norms will also be paid.
- (d) If the visit is mainly for research purpose, the host Institute will bear the expenses of travel and accommodation for the first such visit of a faculty member. For subsequent visits, the expenses would be borne by the faculty from his/her research grants.

(e) For student exchange:

- i. The students will pay their tuition fees at their home Institute and the tuition fees will be waived by the host Institute.
- ii. The host Institute will provide accommodation to the exchange students in campus. The students will pay the applicable hostel, mess and services fees at the host Institute.
- iii. The conversion scheme for the academic credits and grades earned by the exchange students at the host Institute shall be worked out by the home Institute.

This agreement shall be valid for a period of 5 years. In case of any dispute, the mutual decision of the two Directors shall be final and binding. The agreement may be terminated by either party with 6 months notice. In the event of termination, any ongoing student exchange or joint research shall not be affected.



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