

Memorandum of Understanding

between

Indian Institution of Technology Palakkad (IITPKD), Kerala, India

And

Kathmandu University, Dhulikhel, Nepal

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:

- 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 and other academic meetings.

Student Exchange

Pursuant to the agreement for academic exchange, IITPKD and KU 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 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.

Commencement, renewal, termination and amendment

This MOU will come into force upon affixing 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.

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.

The implementation of each specific program based on this MOU shall be separately negotiated and determined by both universities. Dr. Uddhab Pyakurel (uddhab.pyakurel@ku.edu.np) and Dr. Biraj Singh Thapa (bst@ku.edu.np) will be the contact persons representing KU whereas Dr. Sovan Lal Das (sovan@iitpkd.ac.in) and Ms. Kavitha G R (iar@iitpkd.ac.in) Manager, International and Alumni Relations, IIT Palakkad will be responsible for the communication and establishment of the working mechanism of specific cooperation in the future.

Signed :

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Annexure 1

1. Students entering IITPKD or KU under the student exchange programme will be classified as exchange students. Exchange students will be permitted to take courses on credit / audit, as well as participate in research activities / project work/ research Internships.
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 institution will require admission or tuition fees of exchange students under this MOU. Exchange students will have to pay for their living cost and other expenses at the host institution.
4. Course credits and grades earned will be determined by the sending institution based on the grade report from the host institution.
5. Each institution will accept up to five 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.

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.

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 Kathmandu University nor Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad 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.
