

Memorandum of Understanding
Academic and Research Collaboration
between
Indian Institute of Information Technology Senapati, Manipur
and
National Institute of Technology Mizoram

Indian Institute of Information Technology Senapati, Manipur (henceforth IIIT Manipur) and National Institute of Technology Mizoram (henceforth NIT Mizoram) 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, IIIT Manipur and NIT Mizoram will exchange students according to the terms laid out in **Annexure 1**. It is desired by both parties that there will be a 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**.

Direct PhD admission (Subject to availability of seats)

Both the institute agree to facilitate the top 10% students for direct admission into PhD program (Subject to availability of seats and supervisors) at the end of 6th semester to seek admission to the direct PhD program and enable successful candidates to pursue the 7th and 8th semesters in the other institute according to the terms laid out in **Annexure 3**.

Commencement, renewal, termination, and amendment

This Memorandum of Understanding 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 Memorandum of Understanding may be renewed upon its expiry, with the agreement of both partner institutions.

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

This Memorandum of Understanding 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.

<p>SIGNATURE</p> <p>Prof. Krishnan Baskar Director Indian Institute of Information Technology Senapati, Manipur Mantripukhri, Imphal-795002, India</p> <p>Date:</p>	<p>SIGNATURE</p> <p>Prof. S. Sundar Director National Institute of Technology Mizoram Dawrkawn, Chaltlang Aizawl-796012, Mizoram, India</p> <p>Date:</p>
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Annexure 1

Student Exchange

1. The institution where the student is admitted to earn a degree is the home institution and the institution to which the student is sent as an exchange student is the host institution.
2. Students under the student exchange program 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.
3. In any case, the consent of the teacher/project supervisors/research supervisors at the host institution is required. Such consent will take into account among other things whether the student has successfully completed the pre-requisites for the course/project.
4. The Host Institution of students enrolled in this exchange program shall not levy tuition fees. Home Institution may continue to levy fees as applicable.
5. Course credits and grades earned will be determined by the home institution based on the grade report from the host institution.
6. The number of students and time duration will be worked out on a case-by-case basis.
7. Participants may not spend more than one year normally in the exchange program.
8. Participants, when they are in the host institution, will be subject to the rules and regulations of the host institution.
9. **Selection and nomination:** The selection and nomination of students is open throughout the academic year. The student nomination should be accompanied by:
 1. Curriculum vitae, with an official grade card/mark sheet.
 2. Statement of aptitude from a member of the student's school/faculty.
 3. A specific outline of the program of study at the host institution and a statement of objectives of the student.
10. When a nomination is forwarded by the home 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.
11. The host institution will evaluate the nomination and determine their suitability for selection under the Student Exchange Program.
12. Where the exchange student is pursuing a research or implementation project as part of the B.Tech, M.Tech, M.S. or PhD (or equivalent) degree program, the host institution will provide a suitable faculty member to jointly mentor (along with the supervisor in the home institution) the exchange student in formulating the research project or jointly supervising the exchange student in the event that a research project has already been identified.
13. The host institution will inform the home institution of any academic or other problems that may arise during the period of the 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

Research Collaboration

1. Proposals for collaborative research work under this Memorandum will be submitted with the prior approval of the Head of each institution, or their 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 IIIT Manipur nor NIT Mizoram 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.
6. Every collaboration will have its own agreement/contract that addresses issues such as IPR, funding pattern, and disclosure of information.

Annexure 3

Direct PhD Admission (Subject to availability of seats and supervisor)

1. The institution where the student is admitted to earn BTech degree is the home institution and the institution to which the student is sent as an exchange student or for direct PhD admission is the host institution
2. Top 10% of the B. Tech students from the either Institutions (which agree to participate in the program) who are in their 3rd year, with a minimum CGPA of 8.0 and without backlog/failures, will be eligible to apply for the Direct PhD (subject to availability of seats and supervisor).
3. Selected students will move to host institute in their 4th year.
4. Credits earned during the 7th and 8th semesters at host institute shall have equivalence to the credit needed for the 4th year of the B. Tech program. The credits will be transferred to the student's home institution for the award of the BTech degree.
5. After successfully completing the 7th and 8th semesters with CGPA > 8.0 at host institute and being selected for admission to the direct PhD program, these students are eligible for HTRA for five years from the date of joining the Direct PhD program. Students from CFTIs having a CGPA of 8 and above, will be eligible for the award of HTRA without the requirement of GATE. Students admitted from non-CFTIs are required to qualify in GATE for becoming eligible for the award of HTRA.
6. The direct PhD students must complete the comprehensive viva within 3 semesters after joining the direct PhD program of home institute.
7. If a student earns a CGPA/CPI < 8.0 in the courses in the 7th and 8th semesters at host institute, the student will be transferred back to the home institution along with credits earned.
8. If a student is not found fit to continue in the PhD program by their doctoral committee, they will be allowed to drop out any time after the 1st year of PhD, at which point the B. Tech credits will be transferred to the parent institute.

Specific Operational aspects agreed to by both the institutes

9. Home institute will make an internal announcement to all the students who are in the top 10% of their class at the end of their 5th semester, with a minimum CGPA of 8.0 and without backlogs/failures, and encourage such students to apply for admission into a Direct PhD program at the host institute to those Department(s) in which they meet the eligibility norms for the regular PhD program (subject to the availability of seats and supervisors), through the online portal or offline to the Dean Academic between 1st March and 30th March every year.
10. The home institute will encourage and recommend such students to opt for the summer fellowship or internship of the host institute at the end of their 6th semester.
11. The home institute will forward the list of students who are within the top 10% of their class, with a minimum CGPA of 8.0 and without backlogs/failures, along with their contact details, to the Dean Academic of the host institute, soon after the 6th semester results are declared.
12. The host institute will forward the list of students selected for direct PhD admission to the home institute and also inform the respective students.

13. Selected students of the home institute will move to the host institute at the end of 6th Semester and undergo paid summer fellowship or internship at the host institute. On successful completion of the summer fellowship or internship and on a favorable recommendation of the Head of Department, they may be permitted to pursue their 7th and 8th semesters at the host institute.
14. The home institute will permit these students (selected for direct PhD program) to pursue the final year of their B. Tech program (7th and 8th semester) at the host institute.
15. The home institute will provide some flexibility in the curriculum for these students to facilitate them to complete the credits to be earned towards the award of the B Tech degree. Detailed planning of the courses to be taken at the host institute will be jointly decided by the faculty advisor of the student at the home institute and the guide-designate at the host institute.
16. These students should earn a minimum CGPA/CPI of 8.0 at the end of 8th semester at the host institute, to become eligible to continue in the direct PhD program. Otherwise, the student will be transferred back to the home institute along with the credits earned.
17. During BTech program, the students participating in the exchange programme shall come under the purview of the guidelines/ regulations for the 7th and 8th semester BTech of the home institute.
18. These students are not eligible for campus placement through host institution during their BTech program.
19. The student will pay the tuition fee to the home institute during their 7th and 8th semesters. After joining as a direct PhD student, the student will pay the tuition fee appropriate for PhD scholars as per regulations of the host institute, to the host institute.
20. With the concurrence of the guide-designate at the host institute and the Doctoral Committee, faculty members from the home institute may serve as co-guide for the exchange students, whenever/ wherever possible, but the decision is left to the discretion of the Guide-designate.
