

MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING
Between
THE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KANPUR
And
RENSSELAER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

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To further the development of Indo-U.S. cooperation in accordance with a mutual interest in a program of academic exchange, and for the purpose of establishing a long-term mutually beneficial association, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, a not-for-profit New York educational institution located at 110 8th Street, Troy, New York 12180, U.S.A. (hereafter referred to as "RENSSELAER") and the Indian Institute of Technology - Kanpur located at Grand Trunk Road, Kanpur, India (hereafter referred to as IITK) join in the following Memorandum.

ARTICLE ONE

RENSSELAER and IITK shall endeavor to promote educational and research cooperation between the two universities on the basis of mutual respect for each other's autonomy, in conformity with the laws and regulations in force in each country and institution, and within their respective available resources.

ARTICLE TWO

RENSSELAER and IITK shall endeavor to exercise their best efforts to develop Exchange Agreements that will further define specific joint activities.

ARTICLE THREE

RENSSELAER and IITK shall endeavor to exercise their best efforts to develop the following forms of cooperation (appropriate exchanges or programs to be selected from list below). Details of each specific program of cooperation will be set out in writing in separate Exchange Agreements:

1. exchange of professors, research personnel, and/or students for the purposes of teaching, research, coursework, or program development. Each exchange activity shall be approved in advance, in writing, by both institutions;
2. exchange of publications, scientific materials, scholarly papers, and research information available for circulation;
3. development of collaborative research programs;
4. joint publications, meetings, and conferences;
5. consistent with the terms of ARTICLE ONE, access to each other's laboratories, research facilities, and libraries as may be necessary to fulfill the spirit and intent of the forgoing purposes;

ARTICLE FOUR

In accordance with the principle of mutual and equal benefit, international travel costs (that is, between RENSSELAER and IITK) will be borne by the visiting scholar, unless otherwise provided for by specific arrangements. The cost of living expenses, medical insurance and host institution fees will be borne by the visiting scholar. Exchange program participants will continue to be responsible for any costs, fees or charges assessed by their home institution during the period of the exchange. Host institution tuition fees will be waived for any courses

taken as part of an established exchange agreement. Host institution tuition fees for courses taken outside of an established exchange agreement will be borne by the visiting scholar and paid directly to the host institution.

ARTICLE FIVE

Both parties affirm their commitment to the principles of equal opportunity and nondiscrimination. Participation in the exchange activities described in this Memorandum of Understanding, and any subsequent Exchange Agreement, shall be based solely on the scholarly or academic level of ability and performance of the candidates.

ARTICLE SIX

RENSSELAER and IITK will, as much as legally possible, endeavor to facilitate the entry to, stay in, and exit from the host country for the participants in the programs within the framework of this and any subsequent Agreement.

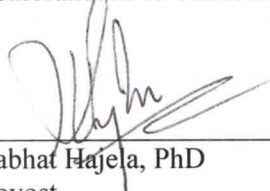
ARTICLE SEVEN

RENSSELAER and IITK shall collaborate in developing specific programs of cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding to be embodied in and implemented through separate Exchange Agreement(s). Furthermore, RENSSELAER and IITK will coordinate their actions and make every effort, individually and cooperatively, to pursue the financial resources necessary to maintain a substantive exchange.

ARTICLE EIGHT

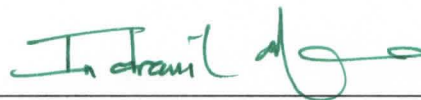
This Memorandum of Understanding becomes effective on the date of its signing by the authorized representatives of both institutions. It shall be effective for five years and reviewed prior to renewal. This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either party upon six months written notice to the other party.

This Memorandum of Understanding is written in English in two (2) copies. As witness to their consent to this Memorandum of Understanding, the appropriate authorities hereunto provide their signatures.



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