

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI

and

CSIR-STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING RESEARCH CENTRE, CHENNAI

In the spirit of intellectual cooperation, scholarly exchange, and development of national Partnership with leading institutions,

National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli, 620 015
(Herein after referred to as NIT-T),

and

CSIR-Structural Engineering Research Centre, Chennai, 600 113
(Herein after referred to as CSIR-SERC),

agree to establish a program of exchange and collaboration on related matters of mutual interest that may emerge over time.



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, and publications.
- Exchange of students and faculty/scientists.
- Sponsorship of cooperative seminars, workshops and other academic meetings.

Every collaboration will have its own agreement / contract which addresses issues such as IPR, funding pattern, disclosure of information, utilization of facilities, etc.

Student Exchange

Pursuant to the agreement for academic exchange, CSIR-SERC and NIT-T 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/Scientists 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 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.

Dr. B. Arun Sundaram, Senior Principal Scientist from CSIR-SERC and Dr. S.T. Ramesh Dean (Academic) from NIT-T are identified as Nodal officials to coordinate the activities covered by this agreement.

This MOU will remain in force for a period of 05 years from the date it is fully executed. The MOU can also be suitably modified, as agreed to by both the parties, to reflect an increased scope, nature of engagement /activities including financial commitments, if needed/required. In addition, either party may terminate the MOU in advance of its normal expiration by providing the other with three months' prior written notice. In this case: (a) persons already approved as exchange participants



will be allowed to complete their exchange visits under the conditions specified at the time of their invitation to the host institution, and, (b) collaborative research work already approved and on-going will be allowed to continue as per the terms and conditions of the separate agreement / contract for the collaborative work. Prior to the expiration date, the MOU may be reviewed for possible renewal.

Now, based on the aforementioned promise(s), the parties put their signatures on this MoU on 8 day of October, 2025.

For and on behalf of
National Institute of Technology,
Tiruchirappalli


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For and on behalf of
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Annexure 1

1. Students under the student exchange programme 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.
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. The Host Institution of students enrolled in this exchange program shall not levy tuition fees. Home Institution may continue to levy fees as applicable.
4. Course credits and grades earned will be determined by the home institution based on the grade report from the host institution.
5. Each institution can accept up to 5 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/scientists.
- 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 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.

The host institution will evaluate the nomination and determine their suitability for selection under the Student Exchange Program.

Where the exchange student is pursuing a research or implementation project as part of the B.Tech., M.Tech., M.A., MBA, M.S., M.Sc. or Ph.D. (or equivalent) degree programme, the host institution will provide a suitable faculty member / scientist to jointly assist (along with the supervisor in the parent institution) the exchange student in formulating research project or jointly supervising the exchange student in the event that a research project has already been identified.

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 CSIR-SERC nor NIT-T 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.

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