

**Memorandum of Understanding**  
**Academic and Research Collaboration**  
**between**  
**Blekinge Institute of Technology (BTH)**  
**and**  
**Indian Institute of Technology Mandi, India**

Blekinge Institute of Technology (BTH) and Indian Institute of Technology Mandi 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.
- Organisation and sponsorship of cooperative seminars, workshops and other academic meetings.

**Student Exchange**

Pursuant to the agreement for academic exchange, Blekinge Institute of Technology (BTH) and Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi 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.

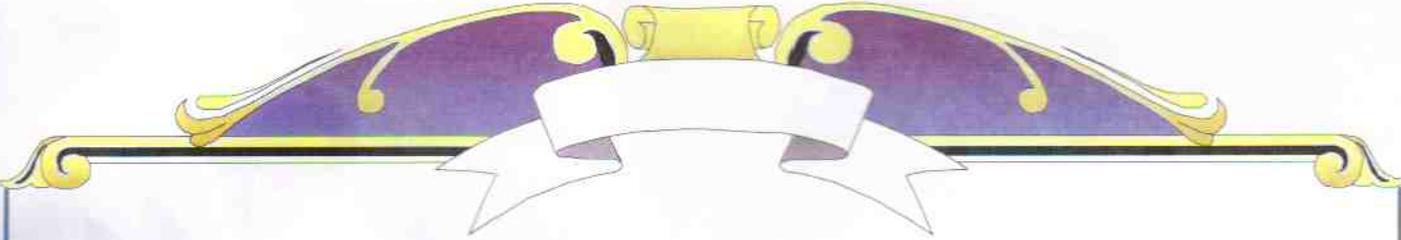
**Research Collaboration/Faculty Exchange**

Faculty from both Institutions will collaborate in exchange activities, in the supervision of exchange students and in joint research in disciplines of mutual interest. All such joint activities will be governed by the terms laid out in Annexure 2.



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**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.

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.

Either party may terminate the agreement by giving written notice before December 31 of any year of its intention to withdraw with effect from September 01 the next year. In the event of such termination, the interests of any exchange students shall be protected to the extent possible.

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.

Signed:

SIGNATURE:



Dr. Ursula Hass  
Vice Chancellor  
Blekinge Institute of Technology (BTH)  
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Sweden

DATE: October 26, 2010

Signed:

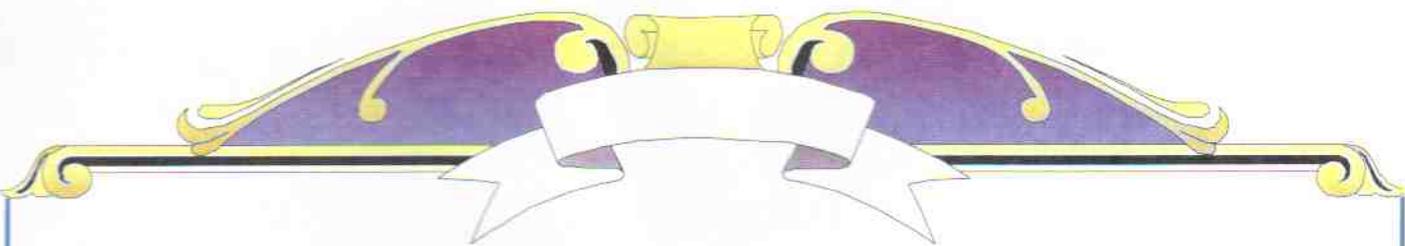
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Dr. Timothy A. Gonsalves  
Director.  
Indian Institute of Technology Mandi  
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## Annexure 1 Student Exchange

1. The student exchange covered by this Annex is open to Bachelor/Master/PhD students within the fields of Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering and Sustainable Development.
2. Students entering Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi 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.
3. The parties may nominate up to ten (10) new students each per year to study at each other's institution as exchange students. The maximum length of the exchange period for each student will be of one (1) year. Both parties shall strive for reciprocity in the exchanges. Based on the principle of reciprocity, exchange students shall be exempted from tuition fees. Should reciprocity in the exchanges not be reached one year, the parties shall be entitled to reduce the number of incoming students to match the number of students sent to the partner institution.
4. For students from BTH going to IIT Mandi:  
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.

For students from IIT Mandi going to BTH:

Students' applications should be entered in BTH's database for exchange studies no later than May 15th for studies during the fall semester and no later than November 15th for studies during the spring semester. The students' applications should be accompanied by:

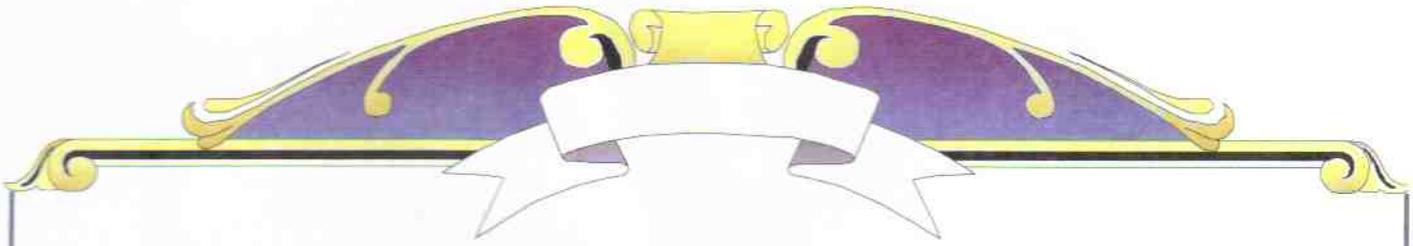
- Curriculum vitae
- Learning Agreement
- Letter of Motivation from the student

5. The nominated students shall continue to be registered as students at the sending institution during their exchange period. They shall return to their sending institution after their period as exchange students in order to graduate from the sending institution.
6. Exchange students shall be nominated in writing by the sending department or school.
7. The nominated students shall be assessed by the receiving school or department.

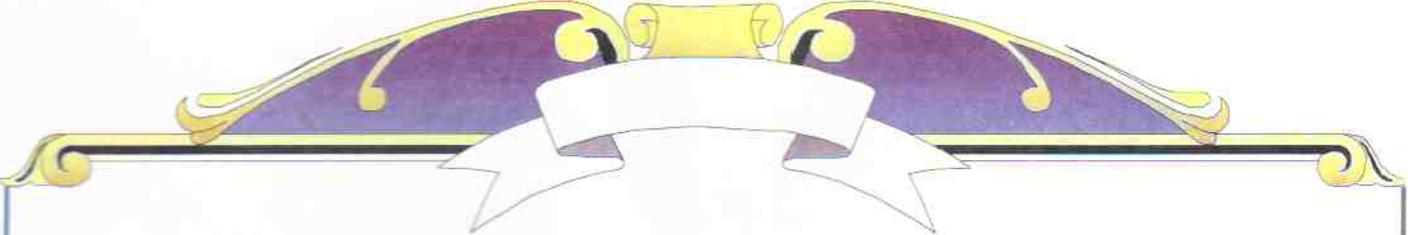


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8. The admission of the nominated students is subject to approval by the receiving school or department. The approval is based on assessment of the nominee's academic merits and his/her ability to successfully take part in the courses and programme(s) offered by the receiving Institution.
  9. The nomination and assessment of the students shall be done by the international co-ordinator and/or other duly appointed person or persons at the department/school of the sending Institution.
  10. The admission of the nominated students is also subject to an assessment by the international co-ordinator and/or other duly appointed person or persons at the department/school of the receiving Institution.
  11. The admission of nominated students will also be subject to any legal rules and regulations that exist for student admission in the respective countries and at the respective Institutions.
  12. Admitted exchange students may choose from courses/projects offered at the host department/school that are deemed by the host department/school to be suitable for the exchange student, depending on his/her skills and knowledge.
  13. Where the exchange student is pursuing a research or implementation project as part of the B.Tech, M.Tech, M.Sc. or PhD (or equivalent) degree programme, the host institution will provide a suitable faculty member 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.
  14. 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.
  15. The number of course credits as well as grades earned at the host institution to be accredited at the home institution will be determined by the home institution based on the grade report from the host institution.
  16. Unless otherwise agreed upon between the parties, costs for board (meals), travel and accommodation for exchange students shall be the responsibility of the individual student(s).
  17. The parties shall endeavour to provide access to facilities such as libraries and internet access to exchange students.
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**Annexure 2**  
**Research Collaboration/Faculty Exchange**

1. The number of members of staff to participate in a visit or exchange programme, their sojourn and conditions of service shall be negotiated in each case, with due consideration for the capabilities and needs of the individuals and the departments concerned.
2. Unless otherwise agreed upon, the salaries and fringe benefits of members of staff to participate in a visit or exchange programme shall be the responsibility of the home institution.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Progress of work of any individual program will be reviewed and approved by designated authorities of both parties.
6. The final approval of any project will depend on the availability of guaranteed support funds.
7. Neither Blekinge Institute of Technology (BTH) nor Indian Institute of Technology Mandi 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.
8. Every collaboration will have its own agreement / contract which address issues such as IPR, funding pattern, disclosure of information etc.

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