JOINT AGREEMENT FOR COLLABORATIVE DOCTORATES BETWEEN

JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY
(Faculty of Engineering and Technology)

AND

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY
(Department of Engineering Science and Mechanics)

Preamble

This Joint Agreement between the two above-named Institutions is to set up and develop a system of academic exchanges under the umbrella of the existing agreement between both institutions.

Hence, Jadavpur University (Faculty of Engineering and Technology) (JU) at 188, Raja S. C. Mallik Road, Kolkata – 700 032, India represented in this deed by its Registrar, Sri Rajat Kumar Bandyopadhyay and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech or VT) at 223 Norris Hall MC 0219, Blacksburg, VA 24061, USA and represented by its Vice Provost for Outreach and International Affairs, Dr. John Dooley, have agreed to exchange students who will be awarded the degrees of both Institutions under the conditions specified hereunder.

Article 1

JU graduates who have been awarded the Bachelor of Engineering or Master of Science or VT graduates who have been awarded the Bachelor of Science in Engineering Mechanics may be selected for the Collaborative PhD Program.

Selected candidates will be enrolled in the Engineering Doctoral Programme at JU and in the Engineering Mechanics PhD program at VT.

In general, the time to degree will be four (4) years of which a minimum of 18 consecutive months will be spent at each of the two institutions.

Students enrolled in this collaborative program will comply with all regulations relevant to the PhD students of both Institutions. PhD Degrees will be granted independently by each institution and will be based on meeting all degree requirements of that institution.

The program of study and research for each student must be approved in advance by both Institutions.

Students will be allowed to transfer the equivalent of thirty (30) Virginia Tech credits of coursework (normally ten three-credit courses) from one Institution to another.

Article 2

Each Institution will appoint an advisor for each student to whom the student will turn for advice or assistance during her/his residence at that Institution.

Article 3

The responsible Authorities at both Institutions will decide the number of students to be admitted to the exchange programme each year.

This selection will be made by both Institutions based on academic results and language skills in English.
Article 4

Students will assume expenses for travel and accommodation. Each Institution will guide students on ways to make economical travel and lodging arrangements during their residency.

Students will be required to show proof of health insurance before assuming their residency at each institution.

The host institution will make arrangements to pay for tuition and support the students participating in this program in a manner consistent with that provided to its own students in its PhD program. A written agreement for this support will be finalized as the program of study and research is approved for each student.

Article 5

The persons responsible for the programme at both Institutions shall meet at least once a year in order to:

- review the effectiveness of the teaching and research programme;
- examine the academic results achieved by the students in the context of the institutions' collaborative efforts; and
- propose further actions.

Article 6

This agreement shall come into force immediately after the signature of the responsible University Authorities.

This agreement shall be effective for a period of five (5) years. Students shall be exchanged only during the first three years; however, any student who has started the Collaborative PhD program will continue in the program thereafter until he or she obtains the degree. This agreement can be renewed in writing after verification of the activities developed during its duration, provided that both parties agree on the terms of the renewal.

This agreement may be amended by the mutual written consent of the parties hereto. Any party may withdraw from this agreement at any time, and the agreement will terminate one hundred eighty (180) days after the date of the written communication of the withdrawal to the partner institution. In such an event, any student who has commenced the Collaborative PhD program shall be permitted to finish the program but no new students will be accepted.

Article 7

The parties agree to attempt to resolve in a friendly manner any controversy arising from the interpretation of the present agreement.

Article 8

The exchange of persons shall comply with all the regulations and procedures in force at both Institutions.

Article 9

The signing of this agreement does not entail any financial obligation for the parties.
Signatures

For the Jadavpur University
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Registrar
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