



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
MITACS, CANADA
AND
ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION
NEW DELHI, INDIA

Mitacs Inc. (“Mitacs”), a not-for-profit organization of Canada dedicated to supporting applied and industrial research, working closely with its partners in industry, academia, and government, and funded by the Canadian Governments. The All India Council for Technical Education, the statutory body and a national-level council for technical education, under Department of Higher Education and Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India (“AICTE”) plans and coordinates development of the technical education system throughout the country.

Mitacs and AICTE establish this Memorandum of Understanding (“MoU”) to foster cross-border partnerships focused on creating a platform that opens the path for collaborative research between Canada and India to a wider pool of student talent in India.

This MoU is not intended to create rights and obligations under international or domestic law.

1. COLLABORATIVE OBJECTIVES

1.1 Overall, the MoU intends to develop long-term linkages between Indian and Canadian research communities with an aim to provide students from non-affluent families in India the opportunity to engage in research collaboration with Canadian universities, and promote in them a research oriented career.

1.2 Specifically, the MoU is aimed to enable Indian and Canadian researchers to undertake collaborative research in Canada and India that achieves the objectives of this MoU through undergraduate level academic research mobility.

2. PROCEDURE OF COOPERATION

2.1 Igniting collaboration through talent mobility is the core of the proposed partnership. The research mobility between India and Canada are focussed on **Undergraduate level academic research mobility.**

Both sides intend to support up to 300 eligible undergraduate student researchers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields each year, from eligible universities in India, to participate in 12 weeks research with Canadian university research laboratories.

2.2 AICTE and Mitacs will frame an Implementation Plan which includes eligibility requirements of participants (which includes the income level of the students' family; i.e. upto 10 lakhs / annum), roles of parties involved, detailed financial arrangements, application and adjudication processes etc.

3. FINANCIAL MODALITIES

3.1 Activities under this MoU are subject to working of detailed modalities and the availability of appropriate funds and to the applicable laws and regulations, policies and programmes of India and Canada. The selected participants shall be awarded with research grant in accordance with the Implementation Plan to be agreed by Mitacs and AICTE subsequent to signing of this MoU.

3.2 Mitacs, AICTE and the participating students will share the cost of research internship on an equitable basis, details of which is to be coordinated and stipulated in the Implementation Plan.

4. DURATION

Cooperation under this MoU is intended to commence on the date of signature by both sides and to continue for five years.

Signed in two originals at New Delhi, India on **February 23, 2018**.

**For the All India Council
for Technical Education**



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