# **COOPERATION AGREEMENT**

BETWEEN

## WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

(DETROIT, MICHIGAN, UNITED STATES)

AND

# MAHARAJA RANJIT SINGH PUNJAB TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

(BATHINDA, PUNJAB, INDIA

This Agreement is made between Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University (MRSPTU) (hereinafter referred to as MRSPTU), and Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, USA, (hereinafter referred to as WSU) on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of MAY 2021. The parties agree as follows:

### 1. Agreement and variation

- 1.1. MRSPTU and WSU wish to establish a collaborative education program defined as a Transfer Student Program (hereinafter referred to as TSP or 3 + 2 agreement), in which qualified students enrolled at MRSPTU, after successfully completing the first three (3) years of their undergraduate curriculum in assigned program will be accepted into the appropriate departments in relevant school/college at WSU (subject to all applicable policies of admission procedures and standards of the College) for the next two (2) years to finish a required training curriculum to qualify for their bachelor's degree and a master's degree to be awarded by WSU.
- 1.2. The Parties have agreed that the collaborative education program will be conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in this Agreement.
- 1.3. No agreement or understanding varying or extending this agreement shall be legally binding upon either party unless specified in writing and signed by both parties. Parties may agree to modify the agreement in writing to the extent that it is inconsistent. This being so, the later agreement is the one which is binding.

#### 2. The Program

2.1 The academic program of TSP will be implemented and administered in two phases. During Phase I, MRSPTU will select students as candidates for study at WSU under the TSP, and these students will study at MRSPTU to complete the first three (3) of a four (4) year Bachelor's Degree program in assigned program. The qualified students as recommended by MRSPTU and evaluated and accepted by WSU in

accordance with WSU's relevant School or College will enter Phase II of the Program. In Phase II the students will continue their studies in an appropriate discipline at WSU following the approved curricula. Each successful student will receive a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree from WSU.

2.2 The collaborative TSP will comprise two phases:

#### Phase I

- 2.2.1 Three years of study at MRSPTU during which time the students will complete required courses in a relevant discipline at MRSPTU as well as extra English language classes and achieve the language proficiency required by WSU for entry.
- 2.2.2 English language proficiency for entry to WSU should be at least TOEFL 79 (IBTT) or IELTS
- 6.5. GRE test will be waived by the College of Engineering. The English language courses to improve language proficiency will be taught at the English Language Institute at WSU. If necessary, we may require a student to take English language course at the English Language Institute. In that case, the student will receive Provisional Admission.
- 2.2.3 Students who wish to proceed to Phase II will be assessed by an appropriate Graduate Admissions Committee in the relevant School or College to determine their qualification for entry to the WSU program in a manner assessed of other international students wishing to enroll at WSU. Students who maintain a GPA of 2.75 or higher and/or are in the top quartile of their class during the first three (3) years of study at MRSPTU will be considered for admission.
- 2.2.4 Students who pass the assessment process in 2.2.3 and meet all requirements of Phase I will be admitted to study at WSU under the TSP with an official admission letter to assist their application for an F-1 visa to continue their education at WSU.
- 2.2.5 Once the F-1 visa is issued and all WSU requirements of enrollment are satisfied, students will be permitted to enroll in the relevant School or College at WSU.

#### Phase II

- 2.2.6 WSU will perform an assessment of all the applicants recommended by MRSPTU at the end of Phase I and offer admission to students meeting WSU's admission standards and the standards set forth by the College. Students who fail the assessment or are unable to obtain an F-l visa to the USA will continue their studies at MRSPTU.
- 2.2.7 After completion of Phase I and successfully obtaining an F-1 visa, students will transfer to WSU as graduate students under this Agreement to start Phase II.

- 2.2.8 Students in Phase II will be afforded all of the usual privileges of full-time international students studying at WSU in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.
- 2.2.9 Students who have successfully completed one year of degree specific technical electives and a senior design project at WSU will be reviewed and awarded Graduation Certificate and Bachelor's degree by WSU by giving due benefits of the credits earned by the students at MRSPTU. MRSPTU will forward an official copy of the letter and transcript to WSU for the credits students have earned while at MRSPTU.
- 2.2.10 Students shall receive a notification letter of their completion of their Bachelor's Degree by WSU on successfully completion of course work taken during the first year at WSU. All successfully-completed WSU course work taken during the first year at WSU may be counted toward a Master's degree in relevant program at WSU.
- 2.2.11 During Year 4 at WSU, students are expected to complete at least 16 credit hours. Also, during the 1st year of study at WSU, students are expected to complete their undergraduate research projects as part of undergraduate degree requirements.
- 2.2.12 The second year at WSU (Year 5 in the program) students are required to complete minimum of 16 credit hours of course work OR complete 8 credit hours of course work and 8 credit hours of Master Thesis Research.

#### 3. The Tuition and Fees

- 3.1 Student fees for Phase I studies will be established and collected by MRSPTU and WSU shall have no claim against those fees.
- 3.2 Students in Phase II will be responsible for all costs to study at WSU. The cost shall include travel Between MRSPTU and the United States, room and board, insurances and all of the prescribed fees to be collected by WSU. The base fees for Phase II are those published by WSU for International students. These fees may be adjusted at the sole discretion of WSU.
- 3.3 In Phase II qualified students are eligible for the Graduate Student Tuition Merit Scholarship which will be applied towards tuition. Every year, up to five qualified students from MRSPTU may be selected by WSU and be given the Tuition Merit Scholarship by the WSU Graduate School.
- 3.4 MRSPTU will have no claim against fees collected by WSU. MRSPTU waives all rights to commission on student fees paid to WSU.

## 4. Term and Termination

- 4.1 This Agreement commences on the date of the last signature by a party to the Agreement. The duration of the agreement is three years.
- 4.2 In the third year after commencement of the Agreement, the parties will undertake a joint evaluation And the agreement will continue to be effective for another term of 3 years.
- 4.3 This agreement may be terminated by a party serving on the other party at least 6 month's prior

written notice. If the termination date falls during a phase of the Program, the agreement will be terminated after the completion date of that phase of the Program.

#### 5. Controlling Laws

- 5.1 Before resorting to external dispute resolution mechanisms, the Parties shall attempt to settle by negotiation any dispute in relation to this Agreement.
- 5.2 At all times while WSU is to perform under this agreement WSU's obligation shall be subject to and be controlled by the laws of the United States and the state of Michigan. The English version of this Agreement controls the performance by WSU of its obligations under this Agreement.
- 5.3 At all times while MRSPTU is to perform under this agreement MRSPTU's obligation shall be subject to and be controlled by the laws of MRSPTU. If a translated version of this Agreement exists, that version controls the performance by MRSPTU of its obligations under this Agreement.

#### 6. State Agency Permission

The state agency permission attached hereto are incorporated herein by this reference as though set forth herein.

Wayne State University:	
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Laurie M. Lauzon Clabo, Ph.D., RN, FAAN Interim Provost and Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs Wayne State University Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A. Date

Farshad Fotouhi, Ph.D.

4/14/2021

Date

Dean, College of Engineering Wayne State University

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Amanda Bryant-Friedrich, PhD

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Wayne State University Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A Date

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#### **APPENDIX I:**

# **Estimated Expenses\***

#### Academic Year 2020-2021

#### **TUITION**

YEAR 4 (Graduate Engineering) Fall Semester (8 credit hours) Winter Semester (8 credit hours) TOTAL YEAR 4	\$13,382 \$13,382 <b>\$ 26,764</b>
YEAR 5 (Graduate Engineering) Fall Semester (8 credit hours) Winter Semester (8 credit hours) TOTAL YEAR 5	\$13,382 \$13,382 <b>\$ 26,764</b>
OTHER EXPENSES Cost of living on campus per year Includes: Room and Board Books and Supplies Mandatory Health Insurance Miscellaneous Expenses	\$15,223
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR TWO YEARS	\$83,974

Possible Dean's Merit scholarship awards at \$3,000 per term available.

<sup>\*</sup> The figures provided above are estimates, based on the 2020-21 tuition rates. Students will always be charged the currently published tuition for a given year, available here: <a href="http://reg.wayne.edu/students/tuition.php">http://reg.wayne.edu/students/tuition.php</a>

#### APPENDIX II:

#### **English Language Requirements for Admission**

Applicants must have at least a TOEFL score of 17 (iBT\*) to be eligible for the 3+2 program. WSU will require students with a TOEFL score below 79 to enroll at the English Language Institute (ELI). English course requirements for participating 3+2 students will be as follows:

- 79 or above: Direct admission to their academic program with no additional English coursework required.
- 75-78: Direct admission to their academic program with required enrollment in one ELI course per semester until they reach a score of 79.
- 17-74: Conditional admission through ELI with required full-time ELI enrollment until TOEFL score of 75 is achieved. At that point, students may begin to take academic coursework in addition to one ELI course.

For a summary of these requirements (including estimated time in ELI), please refer to the chart below:

TOEFL Score Range (listed in iBT)	Regular Admission	Admission with ELI	Conditional Admission
79 or above	Direct admission to academic program; no additional English coursework required.		
75-78		One ELI course in addition to academic coursework	
61-74			One full-time semester of ELI
17-60			Two or more full- time semesters of ELI

<sup>\*</sup>All scores are listed in iBT format, but WSU accepts equivalent TOEFL scores in the PBT or CBT formats as well.