



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”), effective as of the date last signed by the parties (“Effective Date”), is made and entered into by and between **Worcester Polytechnic Institute (“WPI”)** and **Indian Institute of Technology Mandi (“IITMandi”)** (collectively, the “Parties”). The purpose of this MOU is to establish the terms and conditions under which the Parties may establish a relationship and an agreement to cooperate with each other on several potential activities.

1. **Potential Areas of Collaboration.** The Parties may collaborate on any number of activities, including but not limited to:

- a. Joint research activities and publications
- b. Undergraduate student project activities
- c. Joint supervision of post-graduate student projects
- d. Joint applications for research funding
- e. Facilitation of access to analytical facilities
- f. Exchange of students
- g. Exchange of research personnel
- h. Participation in seminars and academic meetings
- i. Other cooperative efforts set forth in separate implementation agreements

These areas of collaboration may be expanded to include other fields of interest as mutually agreed-upon by the Parties.

2. **Terms of Collaboration.** The Parties will enter into separate implementation agreements (“Implementation Agreement”) for each activity upon which they collaborate. Each Implementation Agreement will become an appendix to this MOU. The Parties will mutually agree to such Implementation Agreement(s) in writing, prior to the initiation of the activity.
3. **Liaison Officers.** The Parties shall each designate a Liaison Officer to develop and coordinate the specific agreed-upon activity. Such Liaison Officers will be named in the Implementation Agreement. Notification of any change in Liaison Officers may be made, in writing, without amending this MOU.
4. **Financial Considerations.** Financial and/or funding considerations shall become the subject of specific discussion and agreement within a specific Implementation Agreement. No financial commitment whatsoever, on the part of either party to this MOU, is intended or implied.
5. **Term.** This MOU shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years from the Effective Date; provided, however, that this MOU may be terminated by either party, for any reason, by providing thirty (30) days’ written notice to the other party, unless the Parties mutually agree upon an earlier termination date. This MOU may be amended or extended only by mutual written agreement of the Parties.
6. **Non-Binding.** This MOU is not intended to create any legally binding obligations on either party but, rather, is intended to facilitate discussions regarding general areas of cooperation. The Parties agree and acknowledge that this MOU does not impose any obligations or constraints on each other.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this MOU to be executed by its duly authorized officer or representative.

WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

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Title: Provost & Senior Vice President

Date: March 26, 2026

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MANDI

By: *Behara*
Name: Prof. Laxm'dhar Behera
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Date: 6/3/26