

EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN:

THE GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (USA)

**INSTITUT NATIONAL POLYTECHNIQUE DE TOULOUSE
(FRANCE)**

GEORGIA TECH LORRAINE (FRANCE)

WHEREAS

The *Institut National Polytechnique de Toulouse* (INPT) wishes to reinitialize solid and sustainable collaborations with the **Georgia Institute of Technology**

WHEREAS

The Georgia Institute of Technology (GIT) has established its European Platform, **Georgia Tech Lorraine** (GTL) at the Technopôle Metz 2000 and wishes to reinitialize solid and sustainable collaborations with INPT.

WHEREAS

GIT and INPT jointly recognize the importance of international cooperation in the areas of degree granting as well as continuing education and in the area of research.

IT IS AGREED THAT

GIT and INPT will seek to establish solid collaborations in the areas of degree granting education, research, faculty exchange and continuing education.

Nomenclature

Within the scope of this agreement, the term **Institution** describes the entities delivering degrees, namely the Georgia Institute of Technology – **GIT** – or *Institut National Polytechnique de Toulouse* – **INPT** – including all its *Ecoles* in particular l'École Nationale

Supérieure d'Électrotechnique, d'Électronique, d'Informatique et d'Hydraulique de Toulouse – ENSEEIHT. The term **Organization** describes one of the following legal entities: GIT, INPT and Georgia Tech Lorraine – GTL.

1. DEGREE GRANTING EDUCATION

The main objective in the area of degree granting education is to enable GIT students to enroll in courses offered by INPT and to enable INPT students to enroll in courses offered by GIT on its Atlanta campus or at GTL.

The collaboration may occur at two levels:

- Single degree education programs, where a student seeks a degree from his or her Institution of origin.
- Double degree education programs, where a student seeks a degree from each Institution.

It is agreed that each Institution will notify all students who are regularly enrolled in its Institution of the requirements to purchase individual insurances in order to be covered during their travel and their stay at the hosting Institution. The hosting Institution cannot be considered as responsible for a lack of insurance from hosted students.

1.1. Credit Transfer from INPT to GIT

INPT will host students who are enrolled at GIT and who wish to take INPT courses and then to transfer the INPT academic credits for the sole purpose of seeking a degree from GIT.

INPT will host such GIT students within a spirit of reciprocity between both Institutions and will be subject to prior approval by INPT. GIT/GTL students who enroll to INPT courses without seeking a degree or certificate from INPT will be able to do so at no cost to them, to GIT, nor to GTL. The transfers of credit are subject to the rules and regulations of the relevant GIT academic unit.

1.2. Credit Transfer from GIT to INPT

GTL will host students who are enrolled at GIT and who wish to take GIT courses at GTL and then to transfer the resulting academic credits for the sole purpose of seeking a degree from INPT.

GTL will host such GIT students within a spirit of reciprocity between both Institutions and will be subject to prior approval by GIT and GTL. INPT students who enroll to GTL courses without seeking a degree or certificate from GIT will be able to do so at no cost to them, or to INPT. The transfers of credit are subject to the rules and regulations of INPT.

1.3. Double Degree Program: *Diplôme d'Ingénieur INPT/ENSEEIHT* and Master of Science

As per standard rules and regulation, GIT shall admit at GTL, as regular graduate students, students who are admitted into the last year of INPT, in order to pursue studies towards the degree of *Ingénieur INPT/ENSEEIHT* and the Master of Science degree from GIT under the appropriate graduation criteria of both Institutions.

The students are recommended by the *Direction des Etudes* of INPT/ENSEEIHT, based on an internal selection process, for admission to the Graduate Program of the appropriate

Academic Unit of GIT. The students' admissions are subject to the normal policies and procedures of the Georgia Institute of Technology.

It is reasserted that students are allowed to transfer credits taken at INPT toward the degree requirements of the Master of Science as per the corresponding GIT Academic Unit.

Regarding the tuition and fees, each student participating in this program will be awarded a GTL scholarship. Through this scholarship, the student will only pay the resident matriculation and the Georgia Tech Lorraine fees to Georgia Tech Lorraine for every term enrolled at Georgia Tech Lorraine. However, during any term spent on the Atlanta campus, the applicable Georgia Institute of Technology fee structure will apply.

1.4. Dual Degree: Master of Science and Diplôme d'Ingénieur de Section Spéciale de l'INPT/ENSEEIH

GIT and INPT agree to jointly admit at GTL and INPT respectively, students holding a Bachelor of Science degree, a *Maîtrise*, or an equivalent degree from an accredited institution and seeking to pursue studies toward a Master of Science degree from GIT and the *Diplôme d'Ingénieur de Section Spéciale* from INPT/ENSEEIH.

The admission requirements to this program are subject to the policies and regulations of GIT and INPT/ENSEEIH. The GIT admission requirements are identical to those that apply to students seeking admission to a Graduate Program from the appropriate GIT Academic Unit. INPT requires prior admission to the appropriate GIT Academic Unit.

The degree requirements for the Master of Science degree are administered by the appropriate Academic Unit. The *Diplôme d'Ingénieur de Section Spéciale* degree requirements are administered by INPT/ENSEEIH.

Students enrolled in this double degree program will pay matriculation, tuition and fees to GTL. Matriculation, tuition and fees assessed to students hosted at INPT/ENSEEIH will then be reversed by GTL to INPT/ENSEEIH.

2. RESEARCH

INPT, GIT, and GTL recognize the importance of research and wishes to maximize the benefits that will result from the development and cooperation between all partners.

2.1. Doctoral Research

Academic research projects will be directed by the Organizations in their respective laboratories in the framework of academic programs leading to Master of Science degrees, *Doctorats*, or Ph.D. degrees.

INPT shall admit, in any of its laboratories, students from the GIT seeking to complete their Master of Science or Ph.D. studies. Likewise, GIT or GTL shall admit, in one of their laboratories, students who already hold the degree of *Ingénieur* seek to complete their education towards a *Doctorat*.

The administrative and financial framework of such admissions of students pursuing doctoral studies will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

2.2. Contractual Research

Each Organization is also committed to favor the participation of the others, when practical, for all externally funded research contracts for which complementary technical expertise is available, unless otherwise prohibited by law or by the terms of the solicitation or contract.

Each of these common externally funded actions will be subject to a pre-approved agreement between all parties involved that will determine the conditions on a case-by-case basis.

3. Faculty Members and Researcher Exchange

GIT and INPT confirm that the regular exchange of faculty members is an important element to strengthen their relationship.

Toward this goal, professors from INPT will be invited on a regular basis to teach and/or participate in specific research program at GIT when practical and in the interest of all parties. Likewise, GIT faculty members will be invited on a regular basis to teach and/or participate in specific research program from INPT when practical and in the interest of all parties.

These exchanges shall be subject to policies and regulations regarding leave, short-time missions, assignment or sabbatical. The administrative and financial framework of such faculty and researcher exchanges shall be determined on a case-by-case basis.

4. Continuing Education

INPT and GTL agree to consult each other in order to explore the feasibility of collaborations in the area of continuing and professional education.

Such joint actions may consist in jointly offering and assuming bilingual continuing education programs with co-sponsorship of the INPT and GIT and/or GTL. Another avenue of collaboration is by enabling faculty members of one Institution to participate in a continuing education program organized by the other. The cooperation may even include equipment and space availability.

The selection of the participants and the volume of their contributions will be mutually agreed upon a case-by-case basis.

5. Amendments

Amendments to this agreement may be proposed in the future to increase the number of joint efforts and to enhance the common means implemented together in a spirit of reciprocity and efficiency.

These amendments will have to be accepted and signed by the three Organizations before they come into effect.

6. Starting Date, Status, and Cancellation

This agreement will be effective as of the date of its signing by the authorized representatives of the INPT, ENSEEIHT, GIT and GTL.

INPT, ENSEEIHT, GIT and GTL also agree to hold an annual meeting, independently of their permanent relations, sometimes in France, sometimes in the United States of America, in order to assess the status of the current programs and to organize, if necessary, new activities.

Each signer may cancel this agreement upon ninety days written notice. In such an event, the obligations of INPT, ENSEEIHT, GIT and GTL towards the students will be carried out under the conditions of the present agreement.

7. CONDITIONS ET PREVALENT LANGUAGE

This agreement is subject to the policies and procedures of the Georgia Institute of Technology and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, as well as the regulations and policies of the authorities governing the *Institut National Polytechnique de Toulouse* as well as the rules and regulations of the General Assembly of Georgia Tech Lorraine.

This agreement is valid for a period of three years from the signature date. It is automatically renewed for a maximum duration of two years.

It is agreed the English language agreement will prevail in case of a conflict.

TOULOUSE on October 18, 2000.

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