

AGREEMENT FOR DOUBLE DOCTORAL DEGREE

University of Tehran, School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, College of Engineering, Tehran, I.R. of Iran (hereafter referred to as "UT"), represented by Prof. Jalil Rashed Mohassel, Dean,

and

Reykjavik University, School of Computer Science, Reykjavik, Iceland (hereafter referred to as RU), represented by Dr. Björn Þór Jónsson, Dean,

have decided to cooperate through a double doctoral degree program. The cooperation agreement is in accordance with the statutory UT regulations governing the conferral of doctor's degrees (hereafter referred to as UT Doctorate regulations) and the doctorate regulations of RU and of the School of Computer Science.

ARTICLE I - INTRODUCTION

This agreement was made on the first day of July, 2013 between UT and RU.
This agreement defines the arrangements between UT and RU for the double doctoral degree program in the field of Computer Science and Software Engineering (the "program").

ARTICLE II - MANAGEMENT OF THE PROGRAM

1. One of the two universities will be referred to as the home university, while the other university will be known as the partner university.
2. The home university is determined in each case by mutual agreement based on the main sources of funding and supervision.
3. The home and partner university will form a Joint Academic Committee ("JAC").
4. Each university will appoint three members to the JAC and one of the three members will be in charge of coordinating the program at their university. Each university will inform and keep the other updated of the member appointed to be in charge.
5. The JAC will be appointed by the Deans of the both sides.
6. The JAC will be responsible for all academic, administrative and operational matters relating to the program and will ensure compliance with local rules on doctoral degrees. The JAC will report to the departmental boards concerned at least once a year. The JAC will also provide any relevant information on request.

ARTICLE III - ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Candidates must meet the prevailing admission criteria of the relevant academic departments of both universities before being eligible for the program.

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2. The admission of candidates to the program must be unanimously approved by the JAC.
3. Each university may nominate suitable candidates for the program from its current pool of doctorate students. Students upgrading from a Master's degree program may also be considered.
4. All candidates are admitted to the program on full-time basis. However, they may apply for their candidate status to be changed to part-time towards the end of their candidature. In exceptional cases, part-time candidates may be admitted with the JAC's approval.
5. After being approved by the JAC, the candidate should draw up, in consultation with his/her supervisor(s) from the home-university and his/her supervisor(s) from the partner university an agreement in English containing the research proposal, how it is to be funded and the names of the supervisors. This agreement can contain agreements relating to article VIII (Financial and other matters).

The agreement should then be approved on the basis of the prevailing regulations at both the home and the partner universities. One of the supervisors will be a professor at the home university and the other will be a professor at the partner university.

ARTICLE IV - SUPERVISION OF RESEARCH

The supervisors will supervise each candidate's research work. The candidates will conduct research in areas of mutual interest to both universities, as mutually agreed between and stipulated by the respective departments of both universities.

ARTICLE V - PERIOD OF CANDIDATURE

Candidates are expected to complete their requirements for the program within 3 to 4 years; deviations from this are permitted only if the reasons therefore are stated and approved by JAC.

ARTICLE VI - RESIDENCY

The preparation time for the dissertation or technological design should generally be divided proportionally between the two universities in alternating periods; deviations from this are permitted only if the reasons therefore are stated and approved by JAC.

ARTICLE VII - REQUIREMENTS

The prevailing degree requirements of the relevant academic departments of both universities will apply for each candidate.

ARTICLE VIII - FINANCIAL AND OTHER MATTERS

a) Fees

Candidates will continue to pay any required fees, including tuition and research related fees, to their home university, while they are attached to the partner university. Candidates will be exempted from paying tuition and research-related fees to the partner university.

b) Research scholarship

Each full-time candidate may be awarded a research scholarship from his/her home university and will be bound by the terms and conditions of the research scholarship of his/her home university. The partner university may also make a scholarship available.

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c) International health/medical insurance, accommodation, traveling and living expenses

The cost of insurance, accommodation and travel between home and partner universities and any living expenses incurred by the candidates will be borne by the candidates, or subsidized by the home university or the partner university, depending on agreements made in each individual case. The partner university will help candidates to find accommodation and to apply for a visa. The candidates themselves are responsible for arranging international health insurance and other necessary insurance cover.

e) Supervision

The supervision of the students will be budget-neutral for both universities.

f) Research budget

The home or partner university can specify a research budget for a candidate, including the costs of funding the research.

ARTICLE IX - CONTINUATION, WITHDRAWAL, TERMINATION OF CANDIDATURE

The prevailing criteria for continuation, withdrawal and termination of candidatures of the candidate's home university will apply.

ARTICLE X - EXAMINATION - THESIS

Thesis committee

The thesis committee will consist of supervisors, one other member of the academic staff from each university, and one suitably qualified external examiner not from either RU or UT. The fees for the external examiner, if any, will be borne in equal shares by the parties. The thesis committee will be proposed by the supervisors and agreed upon unanimously by the JAC and approved by the doctorate committee of UT and the Graduate Studies Council of RU.

Oral defense of thesis

1. Each candidate must undergo a public defense at the home university. If the candidate's oral defense at the home university is approved, the candidate may then be required by the partner university to undergo a public defense at the partner university or to give a public presentation of their work.
2. At UT, each candidate will undergo a public defense according to UT doctorate regulations, i.e. open to a general audience, with elaborate procedure for the conduct of the defense and the composition of the examination panel. The prevailing rules of UT apply to this procedure and to the logistical support.
3. At RU, each candidate will undergo a public defense according to RU doctorate regulations, i.e. open to a general audience, with procedures for the conduct of the defense and the composition of the examination panel. The prevailing rules of RU apply to this procedure and to the logistical support. For the purposes of RU, the thesis committee members from RU and UT comprise the RU thesis committee, but the external examiner of the thesis committee is the RU external examiner.

ARTICLE XI - GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS/CONFERMENT/AWARD OF DEGREE

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1. The prevailing degree requirements of the relevant academic departments of both universities will apply for each candidate. To be awarded the degree, he/she must pass the doctoral degree examination (written and/or oral), submit a satisfactory thesis and pass the oral defense examination at home university and if needed at the partner university. The thesis will be written and defended in English. For UT students (i.e., when the home university is UT) a complete version of the thesis must be submitted and defended in Persian prior to his/her defense at RU in English.

2. As proof that the doctor's degree has been conferred on the basis of a double doctorate the certificates of both UT and RU will include a declaration that the dissertation or technological design has been completed in cooperation with the other university.

ARTICLE XII - USE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

1A. The two universities will have joint rights on the ownership of any intellectual property (including but not limited to confidential information, knowhow, patents, copyrights, design rights, rights relating to computer software, and any other industrial or intellectual property rights) developed on the basis of a joint research program undertaken by a candidate during the course of this agreement. The regulations of each university apply to the ownership rights.

1B. Contrary to paragraph 1A of this article, if agreements have been made with third parties on the funding of the doctoral degree program, it is also possible to make a different agreement before the start of the doctoral degree program on the distribution of intellectual property rights.

2. The universities will have the joint right to determine the commercial exploitation and disposition of such intellectual property and make such joint applications for the registration of the same as they jointly deem necessary. Neither university will disclose to a third party, license, use commercially, register or otherwise deal in such intellectual property without the prior approval of the other university.

3. Before any registration or commercialization of any intellectual property takes place, the universities agree to reach a separate written agreement relating to such registration or commercialization, and will include issues such as exploitation rights and revenue sharing. Any publication in relation to such intellectual property will only be possible with the prior written consent of both universities, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.

4. The candidate with his/her supervisor(s) and the home university may publish any scientific results and findings made during the PhD study, subject to the partner university's approval. The partner university's approval will not be withheld unless it is of the opinion that its confidential information will be disclosed or any possible protection or registration of the abovementioned intellectual property rights will be prejudiced. Any material for publication by the home university will be presented to the partner university prior to publication and the partner university will have the right to object to the material on the abovementioned grounds within 30 days of receiving the material.

ARTICLE XIII - EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERMINATION

1. After being signed by both universities, this agreement will become effective from the first day of July 2013 and will remain in effect for a period of five years. Both universities may at any time review this agreement and the actions taken under it. Modifications to this agreement will be made by mutual consent and confirmed through an exchange of letters. The agreement may be extended by mutual consent of the two parties.


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2. Prior to the expiry of this agreement, either university may terminate the agreement with six months written notice to the other.

3. In the event of termination of this agreement, all existing candidates who are eligible to complete their candidature should be allowed to proceed, and will be awarded the double doctoral degree on successful completion of the course. If the agreement is terminated prematurely, the Dean of School of ECE at UT and the Dean of the School of Computer Science of RU must make arrangements for candidates who are enrolled in the program to conclude their program under the terms of this agreement.

ARTICLE XIV - DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Any disputes arising under or in connection with this agreement which cannot be resolved by amicable discussions between the universities will be referred to the Dean of the both sides or their nominees for resolving disputes, or may be submitted to an alternative dispute resolution mechanism, as may be agreed in writing between the universities. If this is not successful, the dispute will be settled by a competent court in the country of the home university.

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