

This Agreement is made between the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran (hereafter UT Faculty of Engineering), and the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, Indianapolis, U.S.A (hereafter Purdue School of Engineering and Technology at IUPUI).

WHEREAS UT Faculty of Engineering and Purdue School of Engineering and Technology at IUPUI (hereafter the parties) have agreed in friendship and cooperation to establish links between their academic programs, to cooperate in the exchange of students, and to seek mutually beneficial and long term relationships,

Now therefore the parties agree to the following arrangements and conditions:

General provision

The parties agree to establish three 2 plus 2 undergraduate programs at this time:

- Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering (B.S.E.E.)
- Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering (B.S.M.E.)
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering (B.S.Cmp.E.)

Other programs may be added to this agreement later upon mutual agreement.

UT Faculty of Engineering will, through distinct and mutually determined entrance exams (i.e., exams separate from the Iranian national college entrance exams), accept students for each of the above 2 plus 2 programs. Each matriculated student will take courses for the first two years of his/her program at UT. Upon satisfactory academic performance as specified by UT Faculty of Engineering, and upon meeting the requirements for admission to the corresponding Purdue School of Engineering and Technology program at IUPUI (see below), the student will transfer to IUPUI. Upon completion of an additional two years of credited course work, and meeting all requirements for graduation, the student will be awarded a Purdue University degree in his/her selected major field of study. The degree will be awarded only after the student returns to UT and satisfactorily completes a senior project designed and supervised by the Faculty of Engineering at University of Tehran.

The actual number of credit hours each student must complete at UT and IUPUI to earn the Purdue University degree will depend on the number of equivalent degree-applicable credit hours (see credit equivalencies below) that the student has earned at UT and the corresponding plan of study chosen at IUPUI. Requirements for the various Purdue University degrees are specified in the *IUPUI Campus Bulletin*, 2002-2004. A copy of the bulletin shall be part of this Agreement.

Credit equivalencies

The parties agree to exchange descriptions of curricula, academic standards, and evaluation techniques with the purpose of establishing equivalencies between credits

earned at UT and credits earned at IUPUI. Equivalent credits are those that may be earned at UT and that simultaneously meet a portion of the requirements for Purdue University degrees awarded by the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology at IUPUI and also those that may be earned at IUPUI and simultaneously meet a portion of the requirements for UT degrees awarded by the UT Faculty of Engineering.

A table of credit equivalencies will be prepared, and periodically updated, by mutual agreement. The table will show which credits earned at UT match those offered at IUPUI, and vice versa. Students who complete matching courses at UT with grades equivalent to [C] or better (American grading system), and who are accepted for enrollment into corresponding degree programs at IUPUI, will be awarded transfer credit according to the equivalency table. The basis for determining equivalent credits will be the requirements of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), an institution that certifies the quality of degrees offered by universities in the United States.

The equivalency table will be updated at least once each calendar year through consultation between academic officials at UT Faculty of Engineering and the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology at IUPUI. Each institution reserves the right to review curricula and course descriptions at any time to determine whether the match of credits remains valid and to determine whether additional equivalencies exist.

Requirements for admission to engineering degree programs at the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology at IUPUI

The following admission requirements apply to students in the 2 plus 2 programs who wish to transfer to the corresponding degree programs at IUPUI, after completing their first two years at UT:

1. Documentation (transcript) of all course work taken at UT and any other colleges or universities.
2. Satisfactory academic performance for all course work taken at UT and any other colleges or universities. Satisfactory academic performance means the equivalent grade point average of 2.5 or higher on the American 4-point scale.
3. Certificate (with translation) showing completion of secondary school.
4. Financial documentation. Evidence that the student has access to sufficient funds to pay for tuition, fees and living expenses while enrolled in a degree program at IUPUI.
5. Score report of 5.5 or better in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). In addition to this test, all students must take an English-language proficiency test upon arrival at IUPUI. Depending on the results of this test, students may be required to take certain English classes. Furthermore, all undergraduate students must successfully complete a course titled "Elementary Composition," which is offered by the Department of English at IUPUI.
6. Letter of recommendation from a professor at UT.
7. A letter from the student describing his / her degree objective, career goals, and reasons for choosing to study in the USA at the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology at IUPUI.



Number of Students

Initially, a maximum of 70 students will be admitted to the 2 plus 2 programs, 35 in Electrical and Computer Engineering and 35 in Mechanical Engineering. The parties will reevaluate the size of the programs in two years and will agree on any possible changes at that time.

Scholarship Program

The Purdue School of Engineering and Technology at IUPUI will offer a limited number of partial scholarships to qualified students transferring to IUPUI as part of the 2 plus 2 programs. Eligibility for the partial scholarships is based on academic merit. First consideration is given to students with equivalent grade point averages of 3.5 and above on the American 4-point scale. Secondary consideration is given to students whose grade point average is at least 3.0 on the 4-point scale. The scholarship provides waiver of up to 40% of instructional fees normally charged nonresident students.

A minimum of 30 partial scholarships per year will be reserved for students in the 2 plus 2 programs. If fewer than 30 students qualify, the unused number of partial scholarships will be carried forward and awarded to the 2 plus 2 students in following years.

Eligibility for the student visa to enter the USA

When a student from UT is accepted for enrollment into degree programs at the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology at IUPUI, the Office of International Affairs at IUPUI will issue the certificate of eligibility for a visa to enter the United States as a full-time student. IUPUI will make every effort, including using its ties with Indiana senators and congressmen, to assist in the visa application process for transferring students. However, the final decision on immigration matters rests with the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Designated Liaison for the Agreement

Pending availability of sufficient external funding, a designated individual will serve as the liaison between the parties and participate in activities related to the establishment, implementation, and monitoring of the 2 plus 2 and other programs with UT. IUPUI will seek funding to support the activities of the program liaison position. Arrangements for funding of this position shall be specified in a separate agreement. Working with the Dean and the Executive Associate Dean for Academic Programs of the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology at IUPUI and with the Office of Engineering and Technology International Services, the liaison's responsibilities will include:

- maintaining relations with UT
- monitoring implementation of degree programs as well as faculty and student exchange programs



- traveling with the Dean, the Executive Associate Dean, or a faculty representative to Tehran to advise students and establish research connections
- preparing/reviewing documents pertaining to admission and matriculation of Iranian students
- participating in writing grants for the support and training of international students
- coordinating an orientation program that would introduce Iranian students to the American culture, classroom interaction and expectations, and university rules and regulations before they start taking classes on IUPUI campus
- monitoring progress in accordance with program goals and objectives.

Revision or changes to the Agreement

It is anticipated that, over time, UT and the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology at IUPUI will jointly and independently review the implementation of this Agreement and seek modifications that are mutually beneficial and agreeable.

Either UT or IUPUI may at any time request in writing changes to this Agreement. Such changes will be implemented according to terms mutually agreeable to UT and IUPUI.

Modification of the terms of this Agreement shall be made by amendment signed by the parties hereto.

Termination of the Agreement

Either party may terminate the agreement, with reasonable cause, by delivery of written notice to the other party at least six (6) months prior to the proposed date of termination. This Agreement shall cease to have any effect at the end of the notice period provided that such termination shall not cancel or remove the right or rights of either party or their students hereto arising during the subsistence of the agreement.

Applicable law

This Agreement shall be construed and take effect in accordance with applicable laws of the respective civil authorities which govern the localities of UT for its part and IUPUI, for its part.

Schedules/Appendices

All schedules/appendices hereto shall be incorporated in and form part of this agreement, provided always that should there be any inconsistencies between the agreement and any schedule/appendix, the provisions of the Agreement will have precedence over those of the schedule/appendix.

Confidentiality

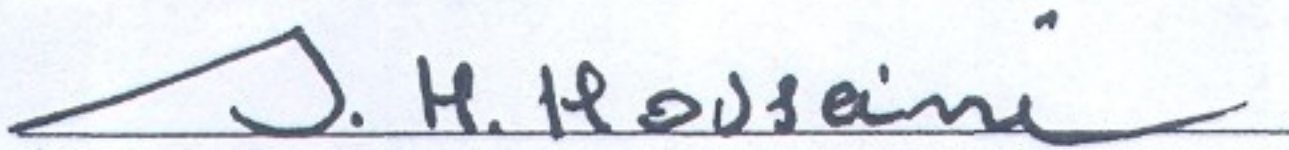
The parties agree that the contents of this agreement shall remain confidential and shall not be disclosed either directly or indirectly to any other party without the prior written consent of both parties. Such consent shall not however be unreasonably withheld.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereto agreed,

this 6th day of April, 2004.

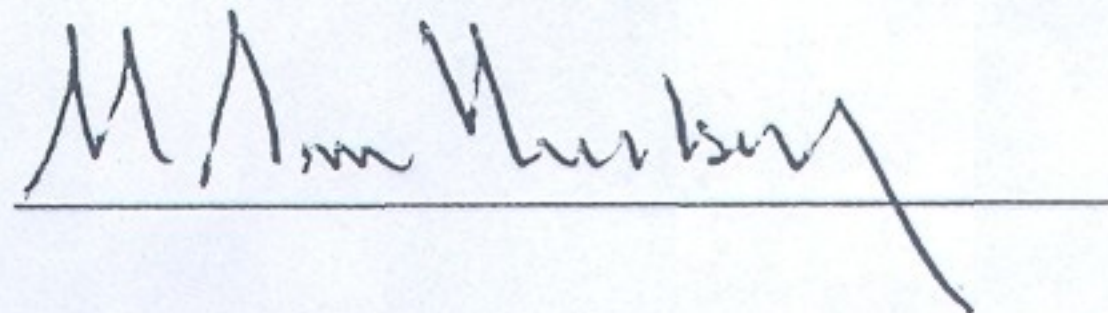
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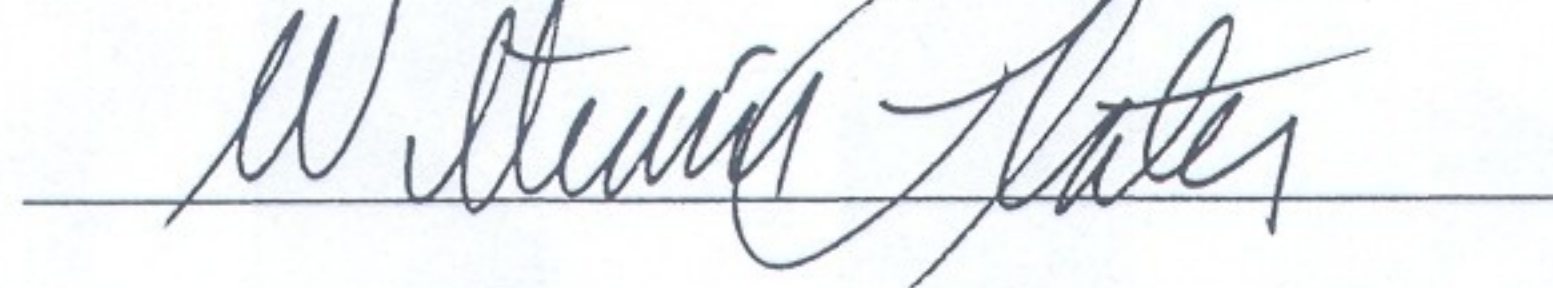

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