

### Academic Agreement Between



# Indiana University of Pennsylvania, USA and Central University of Himachal Pradesh

Fall 2023

#### INTRODUCTION

This agreement is written in the spirit of promoting international friendship by supporting intercultural activities and projects between the United States and India.

Indiana University of Pennsylvania (hereinafter IUP) and Central University of Himachal Pradesh, Dharamshala (CUHP) enter into this agreement beginning with Fall 2023. The purpose of this agreement is to formalize the cooperative activities that exist between IUP and CUHP in the areas of reciprocal welcome of students, faculty, and scholars.

This agreement supersedes all and any Agreements previously entered by both IUP and CUHP; including Memorandums of Understanding, Addendums to Memorandums of Understanding, 2+2 Undergraduate Program Agreements, and Exchange Agreements.

Either party to this agreement can terminate the agreement with a 90-day written notification. In such case, the programs in progress at the time of termination would continue until the end of the academic year.

The program will be financed on the basis of reciprocity, with each of the parties to the agreement responsible for the expenses incurred outlined in *Article 3* below. Fluctuations in the rate of exchange will not change the reciprocal obligations of either party to this agreement.

#### **ARTICLES**

## **Student Exchanges:**

Article 1: IUP and CUHP agree to base their exchanges on the principle of reciprocity. The contributions of each of the parties may be periodically reviewed by IUP and CUHP on the basis of both feasibility and past experience. Changes based on the findings of this review must be agreed upon by both parties in writing and may be appended to the original agreement.

Exchanges will take place on a one-for-one basis (one semester for one semester). The length of student exchanges may be one semester (fall or spring) or two semesters (fall and spring). Should students wish to remain at either institution for

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the duration of their studies, and not just for the terms of their original exchange, they may do so.

However, it will be at the individual student's expense and will **not** be part of the one-for-one arrangement. For example, a CUHP student wishing to remain at IUP for any semesters beyond the initial exchange period will do so at his/her own expense for tuition, fees, and living expenses. Likewise, an IUP student wishing to remain at CUHP for longer than two semesters will be responsible for any and all expenses, charges and fees.

The maximum "banked" semesters owed to either participating university is three (3) semesters. For example, if IUP sends 3 students (6 semesters) to CUHP, and CUHP sends 6 students (12 semesters) to IUP, there is a 6 semester bank owed to IUP. In this case, no further students will be accepted from CUHP until IUP sends at least 2 students (4 semesters) to CUHP, resulting in a 2 semester bank owed by IUP. However, it would be below the 3 semester limit and 1 additional student from CUHP could attend IUP.

IUP and CUHP exchange students will have an appointed advisor at the exchange institution to assist the students during the exchange.

## Article 2: The exchange of students will be university-wide with the following restrictions:

#### **IUP Restrictions**

- a) One semester exchange maximum per graduate student.
- b) Payment of any associated tuition and fees at normal non-resident rate if total credit hour registration in any academic term exceeds the maximum full-time credit hour total for IUP undergraduate or graduate enrollment.
- c) No winter, summer, or inter-semesters will be covered under this agreement.

#### **CUHP Restrictions**

- a) Any changes in academic programs from time to time as approved by affiliating University i.e. Central University of Himachal Pradesh.
- b) One semester exchange maximum per graduate student.
- c) Payment of any associated tuition and fees at normal non-resident rate if total credit hour registration in any academic term exceeds the maximum full-time credit hour total for CUHP undergraduate or graduate enrollment.
- d) No winter, summer, or inter-semesters will be covered under this agreement.

# <u>Article 3:</u> Financial terms of exchange of students between IUP and CUHP:

# IUP exchange students will be responsible to pay:

- a) Exchange fee as set and collected by IUP;
- b) Any housing and meal fee options elected by the student;

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c) Expenses related to elective excursions and personal expenses;

Any optional or penalty fees incurred by action of the student (e.g., damages, key fees, infirmary fees, late fees, etc.);

e) Airfare and transportation costs;

f) All exchange students attending CUHP will have appropriate medical coverage, including health insurance and life insurance. Proof of insurance will be required of each student from IUP attending CUHP.

# CUHP exchange students will be responsible to pay:

a) Exchange fee as set and collected by CUHP;

b) Any housing and meal fee options elected by the student;

c) Expenses related to elective excursions and personal expenses;

d) Any optional or penalty fees incurred by action of the student (e.g., damages, key fees, infirmary fees, late fees, etc.);

e) Airfare and transportation costs;

- f) All exchange students attending IUP will have appropriate medical coverage, including health insurance and life insurance. Proof of insurance will be required of each student from CUHP attending IUP.
- Article 4: CUHP exchange students will be accepted at IUP provided the exchange students meet existing admissions requirements. Further, CUHP exchange students will be accepted by IUP at the level of their qualifications. CUHP students will take IUP courses and appropriate exams, which will be evaluated for the degree of quality. CUHP students satisfactorily completing IUP coursework will be issued official transcripts. Similarly, IUP students will be accepted by CUHP at the level of the student's qualifications. IUP students will take CUHP courses and appropriate exams, which will be evaluated for the degree of quality. IUP students satisfactorily completing CUHP coursework will be issued official transcripts.
- Article 5: Parties of this agreement may consult about issues arising under this agreement, and understandings reached through these consultations may be appended to this agreement.
- Article 6: Additional CUHP exchange students are welcome to attend IUP at a reduced tuition rate (170% of in-state tuition). All applicable fees will be paid by these additional CUHP students. These CUHP students will not be counted in the one-for-one exchange arrangement but will still be considered participants of this agreement.

## **Degree-Seeking Students**

Article 7: CUHP students seeking academic degrees from IUP are welcome to attend IUP for a degree at a reduced tuition rate.

All applicable fees will be paid by these additional CUHP students. These CUHP students will not be counted in the one-for-one exchange arrangement but will still be considered participants of this agreement.

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CUHP will work with IUP in the recruitment of qualified students. CUHP accepts responsibility for onsite promotional efforts. CUHP agrees that all promotional materials will be consistent with degree requirements spelled out in current IUP catalogs and websites with the provisions in this agreement related to course-work timing and delivery. CUHP agrees to send IUP's Office of International Education copies of all printed and electronic promotional materials associated with this agreement.

Based solely on this agreement, each CUHP student seeking a degree from IUP will be responsible for payment to IUP for the following:

- a) Reduced tuition rate;
- b) All required IUP fees;

c) Any housing and meal fee options elected by the student;

d) Any optional or penalty fees incurred by action of the student (e.g. damages, key fees, infirmary fees, late fees, etc.).

## **Faculty and Staff Exchanges**

Article 8: The exchange of faculty and professional staff will be based on the principle of reciprocity.

- a) Exchange professors at either institution shall be provided an appropriate office.
- b) Teaching course loads and working hours and conditions shall be in accordance with established rules and practices of the host institution, although course-loads and working hours may be modified downward at the discretion of the host institution.
- c) Each exchange faculty shall be responsible for his/her own transportation, housing, living expenses, hospital and medical expenses (health insurance), as well as all personal expenses; unless otherwise supported by special funding. The host university may help the exchange faculty in finding housing, but the expenses thereof shall be totally borne by him/her.
- d) Nothing in the above listed articles shall be construed to imply a prior financial obligation by either party. Any financial commitment by either party to this agreement must result from, in each case, a specific written accord detailing such commitments.

**Article 9:** The host institution will approve, in writing, 90 days prior to the exchange the responsibilities of the exchange participant, the period of the exchange, and any other conditions governing the term of the exchange.

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# Article 10: Financial arrangements will be as follows:

The home university or the participant will cover the cost of travel to and from the host university.

b) The home university will pay the participant his/her usual salary during the period of the exchange.

Article 11: All participants will be required to meet language skills as prescribed by the host institution.

**APPROVALS** 

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