

**Memorandum of Understanding
between**

**The Embassy of France in India, Science and Technology Service
And
Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Pune (IISER)**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into on 9th day of Nov., 2009

BETWEEN

Indian Institute of Science, Education and Research (IISER), Pune (First Part), a newly established autonomous research institute set up by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India.

AND

The French Embassy, Science and Technology Service, in India (Second Part), set up to support Indo-French relations in academic and scientific domains.

Taking into account the importance of preparing students to work in international and intercultural environments, the two parties have executed this MoU in order to fulfil the need for a comprehensive French language and culture programme to be offered to the students of IISER, Pune. This programme is scheduled to commence in the beginning of September 2010. It will be duly credited within the students' curriculum. It would require a minimum of 20 students from first and/or second year. Over a period of three years with an average of three hours of formal classes per week, the students entering this programme would be expected to learn the basics of French language and culture (up to a validated B1 level on the European scale), as well as specialized vocabulary in their own field. As such, they should be able to carry out research or training in France with no further language training requirements. Hence, students will be fully prepared to opt for a stay in France, or in a French speaking environment, as for the completion of their final year (fifth) of M.S. studies. After successfully following this programme (and receiving an appropriate language level certificate), it is understood that students will be in a favourable position to receive fellowships for their final year.

WHEREAS Institute of Science, Education and Research, Pune (IISER) (First Part), has agreed to provide:

1. Contact person to jointly define and plan the programme during the 2010 academic year.
2. Teaching environment, organisation and infrastructure conducive to the required teaching and learning programme for the following academic year.
3. Academic programme co-ordinator (with ability to speak French) to be chosen before the beginning of the programme. This co-ordinator will also provide teaching and administrative assistance to the French tutor.
4. Place of residence with appropriate amenities for French tutors.
5. Any additional material to aid the process of teaching and learning.
6. Remuneration, if any, for additional French classes by accredited teachers.

WHEREAS the Embassy of France in India, Science and Technology Office (Second Part), has agreed to provide:

1. A French tutor (typically a fresh master's graduate from a French university), for the purpose of this programme for the next academic year starting August / September 2010, and a new tutor for every subsequent academic year over the duration of the programme.
2. Design of appropriate curricula and definition of modules at the different levels as required for the above mentioned programme.
3. Selection and delivery of teaching material related to the programme (i.e. – DVDs, books, online material, etc).
4. Supervision of the French tutor from the Embassy of France and/or from a local representative.
5. Campus visits and presentations by French scientists as often as possible, as well as exchange students from French universities.

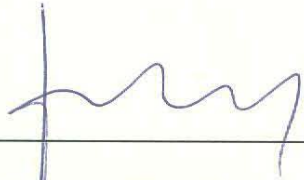
It is also agreed that the two parties will also seek further financial support from other public or private organisations, like "Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie" (AUF), and such.

The parties to the MoU expressly recognize and record that this MoU translates only the best intentions of the Parties towards mutual co-operation and does not in any way constitute a legally enforceable contract.

This MOU is signed for an initial period of three years, and shall automatically stand renewed every year unless specifically terminated.

The programme may be terminated by either Parties at the end of each academic year, by issuing prior notice in the form of a registered letter, at least six months prior to the beginning of the next academic year.

**For the Embassy of France in
India, the Science and
Technology**



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**Place : Pune
Date : November 9, 2009**