Cooperation Agreement for a 3 +2 Program

Between

The University of Rhode Island

And

Huazhong University of Science and Technology

This Agreement is made between Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan, P.R. China, (hereinafter referred to as HUST), and The University of Rhode Island USA, (hereinafter referred to as URI). The parties agree as follows:

1. Agreement and variation

1.1. HUST and URI wish to establish a collaborative education program defined as a 3+2 Program in which qualified students enrolled at HUST for three years and for 2 years at URI. After successfully completing the first three (3) years of their undergraduate curriculum in the School of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, School of Energy and Power Engineering, School of Computer Science and Technology, or a related field, HUST applicants, subject to all applicable URI Office of Undergraduate Admission and Graduate School and the COE policies of admission procedures and standards, will be accepted into the URI College of Engineering (COE) for the next two (2) years to finish a required training curriculum to qualify for their bachelor’s degree awarded at HUST and a Master’s degree to be awarded by URI.

1.2. The Parties have agreed that the collaborative education program will be conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in this Agreement.

1.3. No agreement or understanding varying or extending this agreement shall be legally binding upon either party unless specified in writing and signed by both Parties. Parties may agree to modify the agreement in writing to the extent that it is inconsistent. This being so, the later agreement is the one which is binding.

2. The Program

2.1. The academic program of the 3+2 Program will be implemented and administered in two phases.

2.2. During Phase I, HUST will select students as candidates for study at URI under the 3+2 Program and these students will study at HUST to complete the first three (3) of a four (4) year Bachelor’s Degree program in the aforementioned areas (section 1.1). The qualified students, as recommended by HUST and evaluated and accepted by URI
In accordance with URI's COE standards, will enter Phase II of the 3+2 Program. In Phase II the students will continue their studies in COE at URI following the approved curricula. (See Appendix I for COE approved curricula.) Each successful student will receive a Bachelor's degree from HUST and a Master's degree from URI.

**Phase I**

2.2.1 Three years of study at HUST during which time the students will complete courses required by the HUST as well as extra English language classes and achieve the language proficiency required by URI for entry.

2.2.2 Applicants must be prepared linguistically, so as to be able to participate in the instructional programs of URI with success; applicants will be expected to meet URI published English proficiency standards. Students must submit the official results of the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or the IELTS (International English Language Testing System), or the Pearson Test of English taken within the past two years. Students must arrange for ETS or equivalent agency to report their scores directly to the URI Graduate School.

2.2.3 Students who wish to proceed to Phase II will be assessed by a URI COE Graduate Admissions Committee to determine their qualification for entry to the URI program in a manner assessed of other international students wishing to enroll at URI. Students who maintain a GPA of 2.75 or higher and/or are in the top quartile of their class during the first three (3) years of study at HUST will be considered for admission.

2.2.4 Students who pass the assessment process in 2.3.3 and meet all requirements of Phase I will be admitted to study at URI under the 3+2 program with an official admission letter to assist their application for an F-1 visa to continue their education at URI.

2.2.5 Once all URI requirements of enrollment (Graduate School and College of Engineering) and the immigration process leading to an F-1 visa have been satisfied, students will be permitted to enroll in the COE at URI.

**Phase II**

2.2.6 URI COE will perform an assessment of all the applicants recommended by HUST at the end of Phase I and offer admission to students meeting URI's admission standards and the standards set forth by the related programs at HUST. Students who fail the assessment or are unable to obtain an F1 visa to the USA will continue their studies at HUST.

2.2.7 After completion of Phase I and following the aforementioned selection procedure, students will transfer to URI as undergraduate students under
this Agreement to start Phase II. The COE will evaluate the student's overall academic record (a course by course evaluation) to determine admissibility, and if admissible, the student will be admitted as an undergraduate student and URI will issue the I-20 for the student to apply for the F-1 visa.

2.2.8 Students in Phase II will be afforded all of the usual privileges of full time international students that attend URI in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

2.2.9 Students who have successfully completed one year of degree specific technical electives and a senior design project at URI will be reviewed by URI COE and if approved by HUST will be awarded the Graduation Certificate and Bachelor's Degree by HUST.

2.2.10 Students shall receive a notification letter of their completion of their Bachelor's Degree by HUST and HUST will forward an official copy of the letter and a transcript to the URI Graduate Admissions office. Once the letter and transcript are received and evaluated, and if the graduate program, the department and the Division of Graduate Studies agree the student meets URI's graduate admission standards, the student will be admitted into the URI's Master program in the COE. All successfully-completed URI course work taken during the first year at URI may be counted toward a Master's degree in COE at URI.

2.2.11 Regarding admission, the students have to follow the URI graduate admission process.

2.2.12 All regularly admitted students, both graduate and undergraduate, shall be subject to the same academic regulations and policies regarding class performance, community standards, and student discipline systems at URI.

3. The Tuition and Fees

3.1 Student fees for Phase I studies will be established and collected by HUST and URI shall have no claim against those fees.

3.2 Students in Phase II will be responsible for all costs to study at URI. The cost shall include travel between China and the United States, room and board, insurances and all of the prescribed fees to be collected by URI. The base fees for Phase II are those published by URI for International students. These fees may be adjusted at the sole discretion of URI. (Please refer to Appendix II for estimated cost for the program).
3.3 Each student is responsible for living expenses, including during extended academic recess (e.g., summer, winter and spring breaks), all transportation costs, books and supplies, health insurance, and personal and incidental expenses.

3.4 Students in Phase II are eligible for Dean’s Merit Scholarship, which will be applied towards tuition (approximately $5,000 per year).

3.5 HUST will have no claim against fees collected by URI. HUST waives all rights to commission on student fees paid to URI.

3.6 While minor illnesses may be treated at the URI Health Services, each student must be covered by insurance to cover medical contingencies of greater magnitude while at URI that adhere to the Office of Exchange Coordination and Designation Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, United States Department of State.

4. Term and Termination

4.1 This Agreement commences on the date of the last signature by a party to the Agreement. The duration of the agreement is three years.

4.2 In the third year after commencement of the Agreement, the parties will undertake a joint evaluation and the agreement will continue to be effective for another term of 3 years.

4.3 This agreement may be terminated by a party serving on the other party at least 6 months prior written notice. If the termination date falls during a phase of the Program, the agreement will be terminated after the completion date of that phase of the Program.

5. Controlling Laws

5.1. Before resorting to external dispute resolution mechanisms, the Parties shall attempt to settle by negotiation any dispute in relation to this Agreement.

5.2. At all times, while URI is to perform under this agreement, URI’s obligation shall be subject to and be controlled by the laws of the United States and the state of Rhode Island. The English version of this Agreement controls the performance by URI of its obligation under this Agreement.

5.3. At all times, while HUST is to perform under this agreement, HUST’s obligation shall be subject to and be controlled by the laws of the Republic of China. The English version of this Agreement controls the performance by HUST of its obligation under this Agreement.
6. State Agency Permission

The state agency permission attached hereto is incorporated herein by this reference as though set forth herein.

The University of Rhode Island

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President
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Date: [Handwritten date]
APPENDIX I:
COE Approved Curricula in related programs

During the first year at URI (Year 4 in the program), students are expected to complete the required course work in accordance to the URI COE senior year requirement. Also, during this year students are expected to complete their undergraduate research project (Capstone Design Project) as part of HUST undergraduate degree requirements.

The second year at URI (Year 5 in the program), students are required to complete the required course work and/or research work in accordance to the URI COE Master degree requirement.

HUST students wishing to be admitted to the COE must choose among the following courses, depending on which program they would like to be considered for admission at the COE at URI:

Program in Electrical, Computer, and Biomedical Engineering: Total credits for two semesters: 29-32

1 credit: ELE 400 Introduction to Professional Practice
3 credits: ELE 480 Capstone Design I
3 credits: ELE 481 Capstone Design II
6 credits: General Education Requirements
3 credits: Free Elective (any course)
10-11 credits: Electrical Engineering Design Electives
3-4 credits: Professional Elective

Electrical Engineering Design Electives: Three courses from the following list. At least one course must include its lab component. Furthermore, one must be from ELE 401/402, 423, 432, 444/445, 447/448, indicated by a * below:

ELE 401/402: Lasers, Optical Fibers, and Communication Systems *
ELE 423: Electromagnetic Fields II *
ELE 427/428: Electromechanical Systems
ELE 432: Electrical Engineering Materials *
ELE 435/436: Communication Systems
ELE 444/445: Advanced Electronic Design *
ELE 447/448: Digital Integrated Circuit Design I *
ELE 457: Feedback Control Systems
ELE 458/459: Digital Controls
Professional Elective: One course chosen from the following list, an additional electrical engineering design elective, or by prior approval of the chairperson of ECBE Department, any junior or senior level College of Engineering course not required by the ELE major.

BME 461: Physiological Modeling and Control
BME 462: Biomedical Instrumentation Design
ELE 305: Introduction to Computer Architecture
ELE 405 / 406: Digital Computer Design
ELE 408 / 409: Computer Organization
ELE 437: Computer Communications
ELE 438: Information and Network Security
ELE 470: Mobile Computing
MTH 215: Introduction to Linear Algebra

For more information about the Electrical and Computer Engineering program go to: http://www.ele.uri.edu.

Program in Mechanical Engineering

Senior Year – Fall
MCE401 Capstone Design I (3)
MCE414 Mech. Engr. Experimentation (3)
Professional Elective (3)
Professional Elective (3)
Graduate Course (3)

Senior Year – Spring
MCE402 Capstone Design II (3)
Professional Elective (3)
Professional Elective (3)
Graduate Course (3)
Free Elective (3)

Senior Year – Summer
MCE599 Master Thesis Research (3)

5th Year – Fall
MCE501 Graduate Seminar (1)
Graduate Course (3)
Graduate Course (3)
Graduate Course (3)
MCE599 Master Thesis Research (3)

5th Year – Spring
MCE501 Graduate Seminar (1)
Graduate Course (3)
Graduate Course (3)
MCE599 Master Thesis Research (3)

Total URI Mech. Engr. 3+2 Master Degree Program Credits (30) + (2 Grad. Seminar credits)

For more information about the five year Mechanical Engineering BS/MS program, go to: mcise.uri.edu or mcise.uri.edu/dept/grad
APPENDIX II:
Estimated Expenses

The "Tuition and Fee Information" can be found at the official URI website:
http://www.uri.edu/es/acadinfo/acadyear/ tuition.html

Annual Full-Time Costs for Tuition and Required Fees: (Kingston Enrollment):

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Please note that fees are subject to change

*The Acc/Sick Insurance fee of $1,676.00 per year is a mandatory fee that is assessed during the fall semester to all matriculated, full-time, Kingston-based students, and to all international students. (The fee is $1,039.00 for students enrolling full-time only for the spring semester.) This fee may be waived if a student is already insured under a plan with comparable coverage. Please visit the Health Services website at http://health.uri.edu to file an online waiver. For more information, please contact Health Services at (401) 874-4755.

For information about housing options and meal plans, please visit:

URI Housing and Residential Life (http://housing.uri.edu)

URI Dining Services (http://www.uri.edu/dining)