

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

**South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
Rapid City, South Dakota, USA**

and

**Østfold University College
Halden, Norway**

Østfold University College of Halden, Norway (hereafter referred to as "HIOF") and the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology of Rapid City, South Dakota, USA (hereafter referred to as "SDSM&T"), believe the development of collaborative academic, educational, and scientific goals are of mutual value, which are set forth in this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

All collaborative efforts will be entered into with due diligence given to ethical and professional considerations and standards. Cooperative activities will be developed on the basis of equality and reciprocity, and promoting sustainable partnerships.

Within fields that are mutually acceptable, the following general forms of cooperation will be pursued:

- Staff exchange and collaboration
 - The two institutions agree in principle to the possibility of exchanges by general staff (administrative and technical) and faculty members. The details of such arrangements will be negotiated at the appropriate time and will be governed by the institutional staffing rules and relevant approval processes. The participating institutions shall not be responsible for any private arrangements made by participating staff members concerning exchange of accommodation, vehicles, etc.
- Joint research activities and publications
 - Cooperative research is to be encouraged as individual scholars establish contact and develop mutual interests.
- Each party will encourage continuing education and professional development for teachers, professors, and academic staff, which may include
 - Visits for studying teaching principles and methods
 - Exchange of academic materials and other information
 - Participation in seminars, congresses and meetings
- Student exchange
 - Each party will recommend potential students to participate in an exchange for the matriculation of the other university's appropriate academic programs on a reciprocal basis. The student's acceptance is subject to approval by the host university. The host institution will provide guidance and identify options for students in locating living accommodations and will place the students in appropriate academic programs. Unless otherwise agreed, students will be responsible for meeting their own costs of living and pay tuition and fees to the host institution.



"HIOF" and SDSM&T agree to continue discussions on further cooperative activities as opportunities arise. Both institutions recognize that collaborative efforts will be of mutual benefit and will contribute to an enduring institutional linkage for cooperation in education and research.

Detailed descriptions of additional activities shall be defined in a separate addendum to the MOU. The addendum will include detailed information on the activity, including legal considerations for each university's home country and governing body.

Both universities agree that all additional activities are dependent on the availability of funds. Both universities agree to seek financial support for the activities stated in this MOU.

This Memorandum of Understanding becomes effective on the date of signature. It is valid for five years with the understanding that it can be terminated by either party with six months notice, unless an earlier termination is mutually agreed upon. Revisions or modifications may be proposed at any time, effective from the date of written agreement signed by both parties.

Signed on behalf of
Østfold University College
by



Hans Blom
Rector

Date: 04-10-2017

Signed on behalf of
South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
by



Jan Puszynski
Interim President & VP for Research

Date: 06/08/2017

Addendum to Memorandum of Understanding

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology (SDSM&T) and Østfold University College (HIOF)
Master of Science in Engineering and Science Programs

Requirements and responsibilities of each institution

HIOF students completing a degree in engineering will have an opportunity to complete a Master of Science (MS) degree with majors in Biomedical Engineering (BME), Chemical Engineering (CHE), Civil & Environmental Engineering (CE), Computational Sciences & Robotics (CSR), Construction Engineering & Management (CM), Electrical Engineering (EE), Engineering Management (EM), Geology and Geological Engineering (GEOE), Materials Engineering & Science (MES), Mechanical Engineering (ME), and Mining Engineering & Management at SDSM&T.

The SDSM&T Graduate Education office will:

- waive the test of English as a Foreign language (TOEFL)
- waive the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
- review each student's application for admission, and if all requirements are met, admit the student to the appropriate graduate program, pending degree completion at HIOF; admission requirements are updated on the web site regularly
- provide appropriate immigration forms upon admission
- consider the student, when appropriate, for graduate research or teaching assistantships
- provide orientation upon arrival at SDSM&T
- assist in housing arrangements when requested by the student
- provide all other services normally available to international students

HIOF, in administering the program, will:

- publicize and promote the availability of this program to HIOF students
- provide interested applicants with Information regarding SDSM&T
- provide application materials for interested students
- provide written recommendations for qualified students seeking admission to SDSM&T

HIOF students referred to SDSM&T will:

- complete the application process and submit all required documents, other than those waived in this agreement
- pay regular tuition and fees assigned to non-resident students
- make appropriate arrangements with the Lanekassen regarding funding for program at SDSM&T
- receive a Master of Science degree upon satisfactory completion of degree requirements (reasonable expectation for degree completion is two years, three if student must complete undergraduate pre-requisites)

Declaration

We understand the objectives and expectations of the Masters of Science degree program at SDSM&T and take responsibility for fulfilling them.

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