



**Agreement
for
Academic Interchange**

between

Illinois Institute of Technology, USA
and
Escuela Técnica Superior de Ingenieros de Telecomunicación of the
Universidad Politécnica de Valencia, SPAIN

This Agreement is made this 1st of June 2009 between *Illinois Institute of Technology, USA* (IIT), an Illinois not-for-profit corporation with its principal place of business at 3300 South Federal Street, Chicago, Illinois 60616 USA, and the *Escuela Técnica Superior de Ingenieros de Telecomunicación de Valencia* (ETSIT), with its principal place of business at Camino de Vera, s/n, 46022 Valencia, Spain. Both parties, desiring to promote and develop cooperation in education, intend by this Agreement to establish a program of educational cooperation and student and faculty exchange.

The parties agree to the following:

I. Student Exchanges:

A. One year Undergraduate Visiting Students

Academically qualified students from ETSIT who have completed their 3rd year and are nominated by ETSIT, may apply to IIT as Undergraduate non-degree "visiting" students.

B. Double Degree in one year – Master's Level

Academically qualified students who have completed their 4th year at ETSIT may apply to IIT Master's degree programs offered by the Department of Computer Science, and the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

II. IIT Admission Requirements:

A. Undergraduate

Students must meet all IIT admission requirements for transfer students. In addition, students must have a grade point average of at least 3.00 out of 4.00 (equivalent 6/10 at ETSIT), and a TOEFL score of at least 550 (paper based test) or 80 (Internet-based test). Courses will be primarily at the undergraduate level.

B. Double Degree 1 year Master's in Computer Science

The current minimum requirements include completion of 4 years at ETSIT, a minimum TOEFL score of 600 on the paper-based test or 100 on the Internet-based-test, a GRE general score of 1000 (combined verbal and quantitative, quantitative should be a minimum of 650), and 3.0 in the analytical writing, two letters of recommendation from ETSIT faculty, a statement of purpose, the completed IIT International Graduate application form and transcripts certified in Spanish and in English of coursework completed at ETSIT.

C. Double Degree 1 year Master's in Electrical and Computer Engineering

The current minimum requirements include completion of 4 years at ETSIT, a minimum TOEFL score of 600 on the paper-based test or 100 on the Internet-based-test, a GRE general score of 1100 (combined verbal and quantitative, quantitative should be a minimum of 650), and 3.5 in the analytical writing, two letters of recommendation from ETSIT faculty, a statement of purpose, the completed IIT International Graduate application form and transcripts certified in Spanish and in English of coursework completed at ETSIT.

D. Non-Degree Research Program – Master's Level

ETSIT students may apply to enter IIT during the Fall or Spring semesters to do their research project in a laboratory with a professor at the department of interest at IIT. Requirements are English language proficiency, transcripts certified in Spanish and in English, 2 letters of recommendation, Statement of purpose, completed IIT Graduate International Application form, outline of the project, curriculum vitae and identification of the research area and professor(s) related to the area of interest.

E. Timetable and Notification of Admission

Students may apply to IIT for commencement of studies in the fall semester, which begins in August. The ETSIT program liaison will transmit candidates' credentials to the IIT France office so they will be received by the admission deadlines: May 1 for the Graduate degree program & non-degree research program in the Fall semester, and May 15 for the undergraduate visiting program.

Notification of acceptance will be mailed to students. All other documents needed to secure visas, housing, meals, and arrival information will be sent as well.

F. Transfer of credit

Courses successfully completed at ETSIT and at IIT will be reviewed for transfer credit in accordance with IIT and ETSIT academic guidelines. Qualified degree-seeking master's students from ETSIT may be allowed to transfer to IIT up to six credit hours of eligible course work as defined by the corresponding department at IIT and the Graduate Studies Committee subject to approval by the students' academic adviser and the Graduate College.

G. Completion

Upon completion of the requirements for the Master's Degree at IIT with a research project (non-thesis) under the supervision of the IIT faculty member, minimum duration of six months, ETSIT students will receive a letter of completion. Upon submission to IIT of proof of their attainment of the equivalent master's degree from ETSIT, students will receive their IIT master's degree certificate.

III. Scholarships

A. Undergraduate Visiting Students

Students selected by ETSIT in accordance with IIT's admission requirements of 3.0 out of a 4.0 (equivalent 6/10) will enter IIT as one year visiting undergraduate students and return to ETSIT to complete their degrees. Such students may be awarded a visiting student partial scholarship (which in academic year 2009 -2010 is a maximum of \$12,000 the amount of which is determined by academic credentials). The scholarship and the amount are awarded on a competitive basis and are not renewable.

B. Graduate Students at IIT

Master's degree students nominated by ETSIT and enrolled full-time in graduate studies at IIT with a minimum of 6/10, may be eligible to receive a 4.5 credit hours tuition scholarship per semester for two consecutive semesters with the approval of the academic unit. Students nominated for such scholarships must meet all admission requirements for their respective graduate programs at IIT and must enroll for at least nine credit hours in their program of study per semester at IIT. The scholarship cannot be renewed after the first year.

C. Research Students at IIT

Students who have completed all of their coursework at ETSIT and nominated to do research at IIT, to fulfill their degree requirements at their home institution, will be expected to register and pay for 2 credit hours per semester as well as pay for their room and board and any other personal, miscellaneous expenses. In some cases, the registration fee of 2 credit hours per semester may be funded by the respective departments at IIT. Research students will enter the U.S. as J1 Short Term research scholars.

IV. Faculty Exchanges

A. Visiting Faculty

Both IIT and ETSIT encourage the development of a visiting faculty program in order to contribute to the teaching activities of both universities. Faculty members may be invited to teach advanced courses in the undergraduate or graduate programs and offer short course at both universities. Determining the length of the visitation, purpose and compensation can be left to the universities depending upon their resources.

V. General

A. Non-Exclusivity

Participation in this Agreement is not exclusive and shall not prevent IIT or ETSIT from entering into similar agreements with other institutions.

B. Term and Termination

This Agreement shall be in effect from the date first executed and shall continue for a period of three years thereafter. However, either party may terminate this agreement upon 90 days prior written notice to the other. Reasons for termination may include, but not be limited to, the academic performance, graduation rate and financial accountability of ETSIT students while at IIT. Students enrolled as of the date of termination will be permitted to complete their studies.

C. Notice

In order to discuss detailed matters and to transmit information, both universities will appoint a program liaison, who will act as the point of communication. Any notice to their party must be in writing signed by the party giving it and shall be served either personally or by air courier air to the following addresses:

To IIT	To ETSIT
Dr. Darsh Wasan IIT- International Affairs Perlstein Hall, Room 228 10W 33 rd Street Chicago, IL 60616 USA P: +312 567 3001 F: +312 567 3003 e-mail: wasan@iit.edu	Dr. Felipe L. Peñaranda Foix Subdirección Relaciones Internacionales ETSI Telecomunicación Camino de Vera s/n 46022 Valencia P: +34 96 387 7196 F: +34 96 387 9199 e-mail: fpenaran@dcom.upv.es

D. Students' Liaison

The Director of Illinois Institute of Technology France will serve as the students' liaison for the program in conjunction with the Vice-Dean for the International Affairs or the International Relations Manager at ETSIT.

E. Financial Responsibility

All ETSIT students admitted to Illinois Institute of Technology will be responsible for any fees not covered by scholarships or waivers, including but not limited to tuition fees, room and board, insurance, books, supplies and personal expenses.

In order to assure that students have health insurance valid in the United States, all ETSIT students shall be required to participate in IIT's Student Health Plan, for the duration of their enrollment at IIT. ETSIT will use its best efforts to verify that visiting faculty have health insurance coverage valid in the United States.

Advertising

IIT and ETSIT may not use the other's name, seal or other identifying or proprietary information in catalogs, advertising materials or anything else, unless the other has reviewed and approved of the proposed use.

F. Best Efforts

Both institutions will use their best efforts to ensure that students recommended for admission to the other are academically and financially qualified to attend and succeed at and that they are eligible for a student visa.

G. Rules and Rgulations

Visiting and exchange students are subject to the rules and regulations of the host institution during the period of exchange or visit.

H. Governing Law

This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the state of Illinois, the United States of America. In the event that a dispute arises under this agreement, IIT and ETSIT agree to waive the right to object to venue in the state of Illinois and agree that the state of Illinois is the exclusive jurisdiction in which to resolve any dispute under the agreement.

I. Integration

This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding of the parties, and any change or modification shall be in writing and signed by both parties.

This Agreement has been executed by each of the parties as of the date first written above.

Illinois Institute of Technology

Universidad Politécnica de Valencia

By Dr. Darsh Wasan

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Dr. Darsh Wasan
Vice-President, International Affairs

Dr. Juan Juliá Igual
Rector

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Dr. Juan Vicente Balbastre Tejedor
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