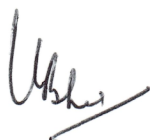


FIRST SUPPLIMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING [MOU]
FOR 2-year DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM
(hereinafter reffered to as “the said program”)
BETWEEN THE PARTIES
THE APOLLO UNIVERSITY
(hereinafter referred to as “TAU”)
AND
ESIGELECⁱ
(Hereinafter referred to as “ESIGELEC”)

This First Amendment to MoU dated 21st March, 2023 is entered into as of this 15th June 2023 (hereinafter referred to as the “Effective Date”), and is by and between ESIGELEC, an institution of higher education with a principal address of Avenue Galilée – Techopôle du Madrillet - BP 10024 - 76801 Saint-Etienne du Rouvray Cedex, in France, and TAU, an institution of higher education with a principal address of The Apollo Knowledge City, Murukambattu, Saketa, Chittoor 517127, Andhra Pradesh in India.

WHEREAS, ESIGELEC is an engineering school founded in 1901, recognized by the French Government, accredited by the “*Commission des Titres d’Ingénieur*” to grant the ESIGELEC French Engineering Degree signed by the representative of the Ministry of Higher Education and Research, and accredited by the Ministry of Higher Education and Research to grant the ESIGELEC Master’s Degree.

ESIGELEC specializes in the following fields: telecommunications, electronics, information technologies, networks, automation & robotics, electrical engineering, mechatronics, energy and sustainable development, biomedical engineering, business engineering, finance engineering. ESIGELEC also offers doctoral programs. Its research institute in Electronic Embedded Systems is nationally and internationally recognised in the automotive, aeronautics, electronics and telecommunications areas.



WHEREAS,

The Apollo University, a Private University, having its principal place of operation at Murukambattu, Chittoor 517127, India, hereinafter referred to as TAU, was established in the year 2021 under the Apollo Hospitals Educational & Research Foundation (AHERF). With Dr Prathap C Reddy as the Chancellor.

TAU was established under Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act 2016 as per the notification by the Government of Andhra Pradesh Vide GO MS. 64 Dated 2-11-2021.

The Gazette of The Apollo University as per the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment & Regulation) Act, 2016 Andhra Pradesh Gazette Notification No. 608/G593, was issued on 03-11-2021.

Currently TAU is offering undergraduate and Post Graduate programs in Health Sciences, Technology, Management, Psychology, and Social Sciences. TAU has established the following schools for offering various programs in the diverse faculties.

1. School of Health Sciences: offers variety of programs on allied health sciences
2. School of Technology: Offers programs in niche areas of engineering such as Computer Science and Engineering: with Artificial Intelligence and Data Science
3. School of Social Sciences: Offering programs for capacity building in the areas of Social Welfare and Development
4. School of Management: Offers programs in emerging areas such as healthcare

NOW THEREFORE, ESIGELEC and TAU wish to collaborate to offer a Dual Degree program wherein TAU offers the MTech degree and ESIGELEC offers the Master's Degree in Sciences and Technology, in Software Engineering and Digital Transformation. Only students pursuing BTech program in information technology or in computer science will be eligible for the said program. ESIGELEC & TAU agree to the following terms and conditions:

ARTICLE 1: Objectives of the program

The Master's Program seeks to equip the students with the relevant knowledge, professional skills and practical experience in software engineering & digital transformation for industry or for research. They will learn how to design, develop and implement software engineering & digital transformation in different sectors. Students will also acquire basic managerial skills. The international environment at ESIGELEC allows students to discover new cultures and languages. Students will be expected to learn French at the beginner level and must appear for the TCF / TEF certification exam in French (or TOEIC for French speaking students). The mandatory internship gives the students a hands-on experience in the work environment enabling our graduates to find job opportunities as developers, project managers, consultants or researchers in the field of software engineering & digital transformation.

ARTICLE 2: Course structure

Under the aegis of the said program, students will pursue the 1st Semester of the MTech/MST program at TAU at Chittoor, India, and thereafter, they will pursue the 18-months Master's program of ESIGELEC in Rouen, France.

One of the six core courses in the first semester, will be taught by ESIGELEC faculty online, at the same time that it is taught off line in ESIGELEC. The course to be taught will be determined before the commencement of the academic year and announced a priori. This ESIGELEC taught course could differ year to year, depending on availability of faculty and student feedback. This course will be jointly certified by ESIGELEC and TAU.

Students are required to carry out a 4- to 6- month long internship during the 4th semester of the 2-year Master's program of ESIGELEC, in an industry, a university or an R&D organization, for which ESIGELEC and TAU will provide assistance but neither Party will offer the students an internship.

At the end of the 2nd year of the 2-year Master's program of ESIGELEC, students will be eligible to get the Master's degree of ESIGELEC, if they fulfill all the academic and administrative requirements, and if they have been awarded the MTech by TAU.

ARTICLE 3: Advantages

- Two valuable degrees from India and from France
- Exposure to international teaching and learning methodologies
- Cross-cultural awareness
- Opportunities for internship abroad
- Enriching engineering careers abroad

ARTICLE 4: Steering committee

A Steering Committee jointly chaired by ESIGELEC and TAU will comprise of two representatives from each Party. The two co-chairmen are executive officers of ESIGELEC and TAU, nominated respectively by their top management.

The Steering Committee ensures the smooth functioning of the said program. It will:

- decide the batch strength each year,
- approve the communication plan,
- approve the modalities and organisation of the selection / admission process,
- approve the academic modalities and organisation of the program,
- review and approve any modifications in the proposed program,



- define faculty profiles,
- ensure proper implementation of the educational regulations,
- ensures adequacy of the educational regulations with respect to the various changes in the said program and proper implementation of the same.

The Steering Committee will typically meet at least once a year. Special meetings of the Steering Committee can be organised on a written request from either Party.

All members of the Steering Committee can vote. The decisions of the Steering Committee must be taken by unanimous vote.

For certain specificities with regard to the functioning of the said program, the Parties agree that they could request a third party to assist the Steering Committee, temporarily or permanently, without the need to take a vote.

ARTICLE 5: Program coordinators

ESIGELEC and TAU agree to appoint a Program Coordinator for the said program. The Program Coordinators will be the contact persons on campus, and will be responsible for the communication between the two parties for all matters related to:

- academics
- admission
- student progress and welfare
- organisation of Steering Committees

ARTICLE 6: Awarding of the Degrees

- TAU will deliver its MTech Degree in keeping with its regulations.
- ESIGELEC will award its Master's Degree, after successful completion of the requirements of two-year Master's program, in keeping with its academic and administrative regulations:
 - to students who fulfill all academic and administrative requirements of ESIGELEC and if they fulfil the requirements of MTech in keeping with its regulations.

ARTICLE 7: Admission process

- TAU screens applications from interested students.
- Students recommended by TAU submit their applications on ESIGELEC ONESTOP.
- ESIGELEC issues the Letter of conditional admission to successful candidates 7 to 10 days later.

Application deadline: August 30th



The online application process is explained below:

- Create an account on ESIGELEC ONESTOP
- Enter information
- Upload application documents
- Self-record or request virtual interview. The interview will have general and a few technical questions.
- Submit application
- Admission decision is announced 7-10 days later

ARTICLE 8: Promotion

- TAU will market the program to the appropriate target audience.
- ESIGELEC will participate actively in any promotional activity recommended by TAU.
- To ensure more effective promotion for future years, both TAU and ESIGELEC will follow the student experience of the first batch and ensure that it is given visibility on their respective social media handles by remaining respectful of GDPR.

ARTICLE 9: Internship / Professional thesis

The internship, which can be done in France or elsewhere, must be done either in a company, in a research laboratory or in a university. The duration of the internship is of a minimum of 4 months and a maximum of 6 months. ESIGELEC and TAU will assist students but will not look for internships on their behalf. Students are expected to play an active role.

ARTICLE 10: Fee

Each party is responsible for determining the Fees and modalities of payment corresponding to the part of the course under its responsibility. Both parties agree to collect the fees independently as per the course fees stated in the course prospectors directly from the students from time to time.

ARTICLE 11: Validation Period of this MOU

The Article 3 of the MOU dated 21st March, 2023 has been replaced as follows

The Memorandum of Understanding [MOU] is intended only to provide a framework for separate, more formal and detailed written agreements by and between the Parties with regard to particular endeavours. In this context:

- a) The MOU shall be valid for a minimum period of 3 years from the Effective Date and will be automatically renewed for additional periods of 3 years
- b) The MOU will be valid till the termination of all agreements which are executed for any specific program or general academic programs



- c) This MOU shall remain in place until Superseded by such a separate formal written agreement(s)
- d) This MOU shall remain in place until Terminated by either Party upon written notice of not less than ninety (90) days

ARTICLE 12: Termination of MoU

Either institution may choose to terminate the MoU by written notification to the other. Termination will be effective 90 days after written notification is received by the other institution. The notice of termination notwithstanding, the MoU authorizes that students, already admitted or enrolled in the said program, can complete their studies through the end of that academic term.

ARTICLE 13: Jurisdiction

This Amendment to MoU shall be governed by the laws of the country where the cause of action arises and the laws of such country will be applicable and this MoU is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of the respective countries.

ARTICLE 14: Amendment

This MoU may be amended by the written consent of the signatories or their duly authorized representatives.

Signed for and on behalf of
The Apollo University, Chittoor, India

Name: Prof. Dr. H. Vinod Bhat
 Designation: Vice Chancellor



Signed for and on behalf of
ESIGELEC, Rouen, France

Name: Dr. Etienne CRAYE
 Designation: General Director of
 ESIGELEC

