

**AGREEMENT OF BACHELORS AND MASTERS DEGREE COLLABORATION**  
**BETWEEN**  
**DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**  
**STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT STONY BROOK**  
**STONY BROOK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**AND**  
**SCHOOL OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**  
**HEFEI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**  
**THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

In recognition of the importance of international education and particularly to expand ties between the two institutions, the State University of New York at Stony Brook, United States of America (hereafter SBU) and Hefei University of Technology, the People's Republic of China (hereafter HFUT) agree to develop and administer a cooperative two-degree program for undergraduate students initially admitted to HFUT. This Program is specifically designed to enable qualified participants from the School of Mechanical Engineering, HFUT, as determined by both universities, to enter Bachelors and Master's Degree Collaboration (hereafter Program) after three years of undergraduate course work at HFUT. Students in the Program will earn a bachelor's degree from HFUT and a master's degree from SBU upon successful completion of the respective requirements.

**Nominations**

Each academic year HFUT may nominate up to ten (10) undergraduate students with upper division standing to be considered for admission into the Program. Students in this Program will be expected to complete three years at HFUT prior to coming to SBU. Supporting documentation of nominations including credentials, complete academic records, a student personal statement, letters of recommendation, and any other additional requirements will be made available to SBU's International Academic Programs and Graduate School by the deadline.

**Requirements**

Nominated HFUT students are required to have a GPA of 3.0 or higher at HFUT and a minimal TOEFL score of 85 or overall IELTS score of 6.5 or above and no subsection below 6 on the internet based test. Students must have completed all pre-requisites as designated by the Program.

**Admission**

HFUT nominees will be accepted by the Office of International Academic Programs as full-time visiting undergraduate students (i.e., not matriculated into SBU BE program) for the first year of the Program and will receive conditional offer of admission to the Graduate School as matriculated graduate students for the second year of the Program. The nomination by HFUT and documentation of minimal requirements will not in themselves guarantee admission to the Program.

**Advancement to Graduate Program**

HFUT students enrolled in the 3+1+1 program will receive a subsequent offer of admission to the Department of Mechanical Engineering's master program at SBU if they maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher during the first semester as a visiting undergraduate student at SBU. The GRE requirement by the Graduate School will be waived for students in the Program. The students may apply a maximum of six graduate credits (i.e., two graduate courses) taken while undergraduate students toward the fulfillment of master's degree requirement. Registering for graduate courses while undergraduate status requires advanced approval.

**Degree Conferral**

Students in the Program will earn a bachelor's degree from HFUT and a master's degree from SBU upon successful completion of the respective requirements for each program. HFUT will provide SBU with documentation that participating students have been awarded their bachelor's degree after their first year of the Program. Students will not be able to continue in the master's program if this is not provided within the first semester of matriculation.

**Academic Record**

On the request of the student, SBU shall send HFUT an official record of coursework completed. HFUT shall assess the academic work completed at the SBU and shall award credit to its students in accordance with its own academic policies and regulations.

**Tuition and Fees**

Every student will be subject to the prevailing out-of-state tuition and fees for the undergraduate and graduate program at SBU. HFUT students may apply for SBU housing and participate in the student meal plan.

**Visas**

SBU shall assist HFUT students to obtain visas and other documents required for entry to the U.S. To comply with the U.S. regulations, HFUT students shall be required to provide a guarantee that they have financial resources sufficient to meet all expenses.

**Duration and Termination of Agreement**

At the end of a three-year period, this Agreement may be renewed by mutual consent, unless either party provides written notification of the intent not to renew at least six months prior to the termination date. In the event of termination, all commitments to students registered in the Program will be honored by participating parties.

The following parties have executed this Agreement as of the dates set forth below.

For State University of New York at Stony Brook

For Hefei University of Technology



Fotis Sotiropoulos, Ph.D.  
Dean, the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences

Date:



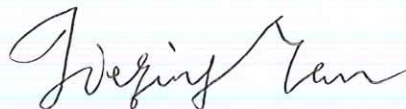
Bin Zi, Ph.D.  
Dean, School of Mechanical Engineering

Date:



Charles S. Taber  
Dean, the Graduate School

Date:



Jieqing Tan, Ph.D.  
Director, International Affairs Department

Date:



Jun Liu, Ph.D.  
Dean, International Academic Programs and Services

Date: