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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK TO FOSTER COLLABORATION BETWEEN ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND NLC KHALEL DOSMUKHAMEDOV ATYRAU UNIVERSITY

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into this 9th day of February 2026 between Illinois Institute of Technology ("University" or "Illinois Tech"), an Illinois not-for-profit corporation and institution of higher education, with its principal place of business at 10 West 35th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60616, and NLC Khalel Dosmukhamedov Atyrau University, a public institution of higher education established under the laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan, having offices at 1 Student Avenue, Atyrau, Republic Of Kazakhstan. University and Partner are referred to collectively as the "Parties".

RECITALS

Illinois Tech is a 501(c)(3), Ph.D. granting, institution of higher education that through its various colleges, provides courses of instruction and undertakes fundamental and applied research in a host of scientific and academic areas, including, without limitation, engineering, physical and biological sciences, computer science and programming, psychology, business, law, design and the social sciences.

The Partner is in the business of higher education, teaching, research, and academic training across a range of scientific and academic disciplines.

Given Illinois Tech's educational mission and the business of the Partner, the Parties believe many opportunities for collaboration exist, and the purpose of this MOU is to establish a general framework for facilitating and fostering discussion aimed at establishing collaborative activities.

PROVISIONS

1. Illinois Tech and the Partner hereby agree to engage one another to determine the possibility of establishing collaborations in one or more of the following areas:
 - a. The delivery of education programming to current employees of the Partner, which programs may include undergraduate, graduate, certificate or specially designed short courses taught at an Illinois Tech campus, online or at a Partner's facility.
 - b. The undertaking of research projects that would advance the current state of knowledge in fields of learning of mutual interest to Illinois Tech and the Partner.



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- c. The implementation of externship and/or mentorship programs for qualified Illinois Tech students; and
 - d. The fostering of the exchanges between Illinois Tech faculty members and students and employee of the Partner.
2. **Strategic Partner Tuition Rate.** Illinois Institute of Technology shall offer the Strategic Partner Tuition Rate to Partner's students as follows:
 - a. Graduate Programs: \$1388 (US Dollars) per credit hour.
 - b. Undergraduate Programs: \$38737 (US Dollars) per academic year, applicable to enrollment of 24-30 credit hours.
 - c. These tuition rates are based on the current academic year (2025-2026) and are subject to change in accordance with the University's tuition policies.

The Strategic Partner Tuition Rate is available only to students from the Partner who are formally admitted to Illinois Institute of Technology and who complete all required admissions processes in accordance with the University's standard admissions procedures. The Strategic Partner Tuition Rate is offered for the first year of enrollment and is renewable for the duration of study provided the students maintain full time enrollment and are in good academic standing. University, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to modify or amend academic programs, scholarships, tuition rates, and transfer equivalencies as it deems appropriate.

The University shall notify all admitted students who are citizens of Kazakhstan of the opportunity to apply for scholarships offered by the Partner Institution. All aspects of the scholarship process, including application, selection, disbursement, and related communications, shall be the sole responsibility of the Partner Institution. The University shall bear no responsibility or liability for the administration or outcome of the scholarship.
3. Except for Sections 6 (Compliance with Laws and Policies), 7 (Confidentiality), 8 (Intellectual Property), 10 (Excluded Parties), and 11 (Export Control) below, this MOU is not intended to create legal or binding obligations on the Parties. It serves only as a record of the Parties' intentions to explore collaborative opportunities.
4. **Liaisons.** Illinois Tech and the Partner each agree to appoint at least one representative, and these representatives will aim to meet periodically, either in person or by teleconference to explore and to discuss opportunities for collaboration. Either representative may invite colleagues as he or she deems appropriate. The Parties' initial representatives are:



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5. Term and Termination: This MOU becomes effective upon its execution by Illinois Tech and the Partner and shall remain in effect for two (2) years from the date thereof, when the Parties may negotiate to extend the MOU for an additional period. This MOU may be terminated by either Party upon thirty (30) days of written notice, provided, however, that no such termination shall adversely affect any then-existing agreement between the Parties, each of which, if any, shall expire or be terminated following the terms thereof.

6. Compliance with Laws and Policies: All activities undertaken by a Party according to this MOU shall be conducted in accordance with and subject to all laws and internal policies applicable to such Party, as determined by such Party in its reasonable and good faith judgment.

7. Confidentiality: Information provided by or on behalf of one Party to the other, including the existence and terms of this MOU, business information, technical and research data, and curriculum information, is deemed confidential information ("Confidential Information"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, data and information that a Party wishes to have deemed Confidential Information shall be treated as such provided (i) if in tangible format, it is labeled or marked as "confidential" or "proprietary", and (ii) if in intangible format, such as oral or visual disclosures, it is identified as Confidential Information at the time of the initial disclosure and that identification is confirmed in writing within twenty (20) days after the disclosure. Confidential Information shall exclude information that: (i) is or becomes public knowledge or part of the public domain, provided that it has not become public knowledge or part of the public domain due to the fault of the receiving Party; (ii) is made available to the receiving Party by an independent third Party that is not obligated to keep the information confidential; (iii) is in the receiving Party's possession at the time of receipt from the disclosing Party, evidenced by its written records; or (iv) is or was independently developed by the receiving Party without reference to the information, as evidenced by its written records. Neither Party shall disclose, access, or use, or permit others to disclose, access, or use, the Confidential Information of the other Party except as expressly provided in a written agreement. Each Party shall safeguard and keep confidential the Confidential Information of the other Party using the same degree of care that it uses to protect its own confidential and proprietary information, but in no event using less than reasonable care under the circumstances.



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8. Intellectual Property. Neither Party shall use the name, logo, likeness, trademark, image, or other intellectual property of the other for advertising, marketing, endorsement, or any other purpose without the prior written consent of an authorized representative of the other Party concerning each such use.
9. Precondition of Adequate Funding. Implementation of the activities contemplated by this MOU is dependent upon the ability of the Parties to secure adequate funding to support such activities, as well as the execution of one or more written agreements describing in detail the specific form and content of the activities and the Parties' respective and mutual obligations, responsibilities, and rights regarding any such activities.
10. Excluded Parties. Partner certifies that neither Partner nor any of their directors, officers, employees, agents, and subcontractors who may provide services pursuant to this MOU (each, an "Agent") is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or otherwise excluded from transactions with the U.S. government or by any federal government agency. Partner shall provide University immediate written notice if they learn that this certification was erroneous when made or if Partner or any Agent hereafter becomes debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or otherwise excluded from transactions with the U.S. government or by any federal government agency.
11. Export Control. Partner shall comply with all relevant laws, whether United States or foreign, governing the exports and re-exports of items and information made under this Contract. Prior to providing University with any items subject to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), 22 C.F.R. §§ 120-130, the Export Administration Regulations (EAR), 15C.F.R. §§ 730-774, or the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), Partner shall notify University and identify the items at issue and the applicable categories and subcategories of the United States Munitions List or the Export Control Classification Number (ECCN) of the EAR. University may decline to accept any items or information controlled under U.S. export regulations.
12. General. This MOU constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties concerning the subject matter as of the date hereof and may be revised or renewed only by mutual written agreement between the Parties. The Parties enter into this MOU and any subsequent agreement as independent contractors. No other relationship is intended to or shall be construed to arise hereunder, including but not limited to employment, joint venture, or partnership.

Executed by an authorized representative of each Party as of the last date set forth below.



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Illinois Institute of Technology

NLC Khatei Dosmukhamedov Atyrau University

By: K.S. Mallikharajunah

Name: Mallik Sundharan

Title: Vice President

Date: February 9, 2026



Name: Salamat Idrissoy

Title: Chairman of The Board - Rector

Date: 9th February 2026