

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

AMONG:

**THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF
THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
BY AND ON BEHALF OF
THE GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
(USA),
GEORGIA TECH LORRAINE
(FRANCE)
AND
UNIVERSITÉ LILLE 1 (FRANCE)**

WHEREAS

The Université Lille 1, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of the Georgia Institute of Technology (GIT), and Georgia Tech Lorraine (GTL) wish to establish solid and sustainable collaborations in education and research.

WHEREAS

Georgia Institute of Technology (GIT) develops academic, research and economic development activities at its campus, Georgia Tech Lorraine (GTL) in Metz (France). Georgia Tech Lorraine (GTL) is a Cooperative Organization of the Georgia Institute of Technology (GIT). Students enrolled at GTL are students of GIT and earn degrees from GIT.

WHEREAS

GIT, GTL and Université Lille 1 jointly recognize the importance of international cooperation in the areas of education and research, as stated in the cooperation and exchange agreement signed in 2007. This text amends this agreement to take into account the evolution of the collaboration in terms of new degree and research.

IT IS AGREED THAT

GIT, GTL and Université Lille 1 will seek to establish solid collaborations in the areas of education, research, and faculty and student exchange.

Nomenclature

Within the scope of this agreement, Institution refers to an entity delivering degrees, namely the Georgia Institute of Technology (GIT) and the Université Lille 1. Organization refers to a legal entity, namely GIT, Université Lille 1 and Georgia Tech Lorraine (GTL).

1. EDUCATION

The main objective is to enable Université Lille 1 students to receive the *Diplôme de Master* from Université Lille 1 and the Master of Science in Electrical & Computer Engineering degree from GIT, and for GT students to receive both the Master degree from Université Lille 1 and the Master of Science degree in Electrical & Computer Engineering from GIT.

1.1. Graduate Level Education: Diplôme de Master Université Lille 1 and Master of Science GIT

This section concerns *students enrolled at Université Lille 1 in the Diplôme de Master also wishing to pursue the Master of Science degree from GIT.*

Admissions: Based upon published GIT admissions policies, rules, and regulations, GIT shall admit at GTL, as graduate students, students who are enrolled at Université Lille 1 and have completed the M1 year of the curriculum of the Master degree at Université Lille 1. The students are recommended by the *Direction des Relations Internationales* of Université Lille 1, based on an internal selection process, for admission to the Graduate Program in Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE). Students are eligible to receive the *Diplôme de Master* from Université Lille 1 and the Master of Science degree from GIT, upon completion of graduation criteria of both Institutions.

Program Structure: Students spend:

- Fall semester academic year N on the campus of Université Lille 1 (year M2 of the Master Université Lille 1),
- Spring semester academic year N on the Lorraine campus of Georgia Tech,
- Summer semester academic year N internship as requirement of Université Lille 1 degree on the Atlanta or Lorraine campus of Georgia Tech.
- Fall semester academic year N+1 and if needed Spring year N+1 on the Atlanta campus of Georgia Tech

Transfer of Credits:

Université Lille 1 students are allowed to transfer credits taken at Université Lille 1 toward the degree requirements of the Master of Science in accordance with the GIT Transfer Credit and academic unit rules, which are subject to rules of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

Université Lille 1 students are also allowed to transfer credits taken at GIT, GTL toward the degree requirements of the Master from Université Lille 1 in accordance with the Université Lille 1 Transfer Credit and academic unit rules.

Tuition and Fees: Each student participating in this program will pay the following tuition and fees:

- Université Lille 1 rate while studying on the Université Lille 1 campus. GIT will not charge tuition and fees when the student is studying at Université Lille 1,
- Reduced Non-Resident rate while studying on the Lorraine campus (GTL),
- Non-resident rate while studying on the Atlanta campus (GIT)

Both Institutions will try to secure funds (corporate sponsors, assistantships, fellowships) for students participating in the program, but such funding is not guaranteed.

Both Institutions will inform each other on the rate of the tuition and fees on a yearly basis, with the GIT tuition and fee rates being available on-line each year (typically no later than May) for the following academic year: <http://www.bursar.gatech.edu>.

1.2. Graduate Level Education: Master of Science GIT and Diplôme de Master Université Lille 1

This section concerns *students enrolled at GIT in the Master of Science also wishing to pursue the Diplôme de Master from Université Lille 1.*

Admissions: Upon advisement by GTL, students enrolled in the graduate program at GTL may apply to Université Lille 1 to pursue the Master degree in one of the specialization proposed at Université Lille 1. Based upon published Université Lille 1 admissions policies, rules, and regulations, Université Lille 1 shall admit, as graduate students, students who are enrolled in the graduate program at GIT or GTL. Students are eligible to receive the Master from Université Lille 1 and the Master of Science degree from GIT, upon completion of graduation criteria of both Institutions.

Program Structure: Students spend the Fall and Spring semesters at GIT and/or GTL, the following Fall, Spring and Summer semesters at Université Lille 1.

Transfer of Credits:

GIT, GTL Students are allowed to transfer credits taken at Université Lille 1 toward the degree requirements of the Master of Science in accordance with the GIT Transfer Credit and academic unit rules, which are subject to rules of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

GIT, GTL students are also allowed to transfer credits taken at GIT, GTL toward the degree requirements of the Master from Université Lille 1 in accordance with the Université Lille 1 Transfer Credit and academic unit rules.

Tuition and Fees: Each student participating in this program will pay the following tuition and fees:

- Resident or Non-resident rate while studying on the Atlanta campus (GIT)
- Reduced Non-Resident rate while studying on the Lorraine campus (GTL)
- Université Lille 1 rate while studying on the Université Lille 1 campus. GIT will not charge tuition and fees when the student is studying at Université Lille 1.

Both Institutions will try to secure funds (corporate sponsors, assistantships, fellowships) for students participating in the program, but such funding is not guaranteed.

1.3. Miscellaneous

Students will be provided advisement and guidance through the appropriate Administrative Offices of Université Lille 1 and GTL/GIT regarding their application. They will also be provided all necessary information and documents regarding immigration, insurance, and housing by the GTL office. Students are responsible for providing all information requested for immigration purposes and for completing and submitting required forms by the appropriate deadlines.

Each Institution will notify all students who are regularly enrolled in its Institution of the requirements for the students to purchase personal insurance (at a minimum this is likely to include health, evacuation, and repatriation coverage) during their travel and their stay at the hosting Institution.

Students are responsible for all costs necessary for participation in and completion of the program, including but not limited to transportation, insurance, and housing. Official documentation showing sufficient funds to complete study outside of the home country may be required by immigration authorities.

2. RESEARCH

Université Lille 1, GIT, and GTL recognize the importance of research interactions and wish to promote meaningful, long lasting collaborations in strategic areas of research that benefit all parties. It is in that spirit that students who have completed the dual degree *Master degree* from Université Lille 1 and Master of Science of GIT will be encouraged to continue their studies in the Doctoral Program at GIT and/or at Université Lille 1.

The administrative and financial framework of such admissions of students pursuing doctoral studies will be addressed on a case-by-case basis, upon conditions that are mutually agreeable to each organization. Each organization is also committed to favor the participation of the other organizations, when desired by the other parties, for all externally funded research contracts for which complementary technical expertise is available, unless otherwise prohibited by law or by the terms of the solicitation or contract.

Each of these common externally funded actions will be subject to a pre-approved agreement between all parties involved that will determine the conditions on a case-by-case basis.

Joint research projects may be explored by appropriate faculty members with the approval of the Institutions according to the established procedures at each institution. Specific arrangements will be agreed upon for each activity under appropriate written agreements. Each agreement will in particular, include the financial terms of the concerned research collaboration and the rules of ownership and exploitation of the results.

3. FACULTY AND RESEARCHERS EXCHANGES

GIT and Université Lille 1 confirm that the regular exchange of faculty members and researchers is an important element to strengthen their relationship. Toward this goal, Université Lille 1 faculty members may be invited to teach and/or participate in specific research programs at GIT or GTL when practical and in the interest of all parties. Likewise, GIT faculty members may be invited on a regular basis to teach and/or participate in specific research programs at Université Lille 1 when practical and in the interest of all parties.

These exchanges shall be subject to policies and regulations regarding leave, short-time missions, assignment, and sabbatical, of each Institution and applicable immigration laws. The administrative and financial framework of such faculty and researcher exchanges shall be determined on a case-by-case basis in a separate written agreement.

4. EXPORT CONTROL

The Organizations agree that the performance of this agreement, including any research projects by graduate students either at Université Lille 1, GIT, or at GTL and including any teaching by faculty and/or graduate students is subject to Georgia Tech's compliance with the U.S. Export laws, including but not limited to the Export Administration Regulations and the International Traffic in Arms Regulations. As such, Georgia Tech's performance of research pursuant to any educational program or specific research agreement must comply with such regulations and may require an export license prior to the initiation of such project and/or transfer of data. Further, the Organizations agree that students and faculty participating in this program, and any activity related thereto, may not include persons listed as denied or otherwise restricted under laws and regulations of the U.S. Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of Commerce, Department of State, or other U.S. government agency or persons who are nationals of countries with such designations.

5. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this agreement may be proposed in the future to increase the number of joint efforts and to enhance the common means implemented together in a spirit of reciprocity and efficiency. These amendments must be accepted and signed by the three Organizations before they become effective.

6. SACSCOC DISCLAIMER

Georgia Tech (GT) is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and School Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award bachelors, masters, and Ph.D. degrees. Université Lille 1 is not accredited by SACSCOC and the accreditation of GT does not extend to or include Université Lille 1 or its students. Further, although GT agrees to accept certain course work from Université Lille 1

to be applied toward an award from GT, that course work may not be accepted by other colleges or universities in transfer, even if it appears on a transcript from GT. The decision to accept course work in transfer from any institution is made by the institution considering the acceptance of credit or course work.

7. STARTING DATE, STATUS, AND CANCELLATION

This agreement will be effective as of the date of the last signature by the authorized representatives of Université Lille 1, GIT and GTL.

Université Lille 1, GIT and GTL also agree to hold periodic meetings alternatively in France or in the United States of America, in order to assess the status of the current programs and to organize, if necessary, new activities.

Each signer may cancel this agreement upon ninety days written notice. In such an event, the obligations of Université Lille 1, GIT and GTL towards students who are already in the programs will be carried out under the conditions of the present agreement.

8. CONDITIONS

This agreement is subject to the policies and procedures of the Georgia Institute of Technology and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, as well as the regulations and policies of the authorities governing Université Lille 1, as well as the rules and regulations of the General Assembly of Georgia Tech Lorraine.

This agreement is valid for a period of five years from the signature date.

The two Parties shall attempt to settle amicably any disagreement relating to the interpretation or the fulfillment of this agreement. In the event of failure to settle the matter, the legal dispute shall be referred to the competent court.

On this date:

Georgia Institute of Technology Yves Berthelot Vice-Provost for International Initiatives	Université Lille 1 Philippe Rollet President
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GT Legal Approval _____

APPENDIX 1

PROGRAM COORDINATORS

The program coordinators have been defined for the considered duration. They may be changed by mutual consent of both Institution.

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