Preamble:
This agreement between Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, henceforth referred to as IITD and @X, henceforth referred to as Sponsor, is initially for a period of 3 years starting July 2023, with regard to students supported for the M.Tech./MS(R) programme titled "VLSI Design, Tools and Technology (VDTT)" at IIT Delhi.

Sponsorship:
@X may sponsor one or more candidates each year starting from May 2019 for the M.Tech/MS(R) programme in VLSI Design, Tools and Technology. The students would be selected from regular applicants fulfilling the academic requirements with appropriate GATE score who apply for admission to the full time programme. The assignment of the selected candidates to @X will be carried out by IITD. Alternatively, along with the regular applicants, @X may sponsor one or more of their employees, who have the requisite minimum academic qualifications and work experience as laid out by IITD. In both the cases, the applicants will have to clear the VDTT selection process. Hereafter, the selected candidates will be referred to as students.

1. @X would pay a sponsorship fee of Rs.1,90,000/- for each student per semester for each of four semesters of the full time programme. The sponsor would be responsible for payment of any government taxes or levies that may be applicable. No breakup of the sponsorship fee shall be provided by IITD or VDTT.
2. The sponsorship fee shall be inclusive of the monthly stipend Rs.12400/- per month per student as prescribed by VDTT for the period of stay at IIT Delhi. It will also include a contingency grant for the selected student not an employee of @X and for the period of stay at IITD campus.
3. The sponsorship fee shall also include any top up payable to the student. Any top-up shall normally be paid at the end of an academic year. The terms and conditions for payment of any top-up shall be decided by the VDTT programme at IIT Delhi.
4. The sponsorship fee would be due to IITD by the first day of registration of each semester. The fee could be paid for more than one semester at a time. The fee would be payable in the event a student registers for the semester. No refund or adjustment of the fee would be possible once a student registers for a semester.

5. Students will be expected to spend the summer at the end of their first year at the sponsor’s site. It is also expected that subsequent to their summer internship period, the sponsor may offer them placement options.

6. Students would be expected to spend at least one semester in addition to the summer, at the sponsor’s site for completion of their major project. The sponsor is expected to take care of arrangements with regard to stay and any other expenses during this period. Any stipend paid to the student during this time would be payable by the sponsor.

7. The sponsor would indicate to the VDTT co-ordinator and to the Head, Training and Placement cell, IITD in case they have made any offer to sponsored students. Normally, students who have been offered a job would need to reject such an offer in order to be eligible for on campus placements. The rules of the T&P Cell, IITD would apply in this regard.

8. The students have to pay their boarding and lodging expenses, as well as the tuition fee. It is expected that the top-up would help offset expenses in comparison with students of other programmes.

9. While registered for the M. Tech. programme, students would be governed by applicable rules and regulations of IITD. This includes termination of registration or termination of stipend, where applicable, due to non-compliance with the minimum academic performance and attendance requirement as laid out in the rules.

**Project:**

It is expected that @X sponsored M.Tech/MS(R) students would do part of their major projects/thesis at a location designated by the sponsor. The projects would be decided by mutual consent between @X and IITD faculty associated with the programme. The projects would be jointly supervised by @X ’s employee (located at site) with a minimum of a M.Tech/ME or equivalent degree, and a faculty member associated with the VDTT M. Tech programme from IITD. The project would be carried out over two semesters: the first at IITD and the second at the sponsor’s site. Changes to this arrangement may be carried out in special circumstances based on
mutual discussion and permission of the Dean (Academic) as required. All expenses incurred for travelling and stay for the purpose of evaluation or discussion of the M. Tech project will be the responsibility of @X. In case the project involves usage of proprietary information, a non-disclosure agreement will be signed for individual projects with the concerned student(s) and IITD faculty member(s).

Discontinuity:
In case a student leaves the programme on his/her own volition or is unable to continue in the programme due to his/her failure to meet the academic performance and attendance requirements of IITD, IITD bears no responsibility for the same. In case the student is already an employee of @X and leaves @X while being a student of the M. Tech programme in VDTT, @X may inform IIT Delhi for any further action in this regard to be taken as per rules and regulations of IIT Delhi.

Receipt:
IITD would prepare and submit a receipt for any funds received from @X.

Intellectual Property Rights:
Intellectual property rights (IPR) on work carried out as part of @X sponsored M. Tech. projects would be jointly shared by @X and IITD. Publications and patent proposals (based on the M.Tech/MS(R). projects) originating from either party should be reviewed and approved (with any agreed modifications) within 3 months of submission for review. @X and IITD would each nominate a person to be a member of the review committee. In case no response is received from the review committee within 3 months, the party submitting the proposal for publications and/or patent would be free to proceed with publication and/or patenting. In the event of @X wishing to have total ownership of a patent, IITD will transfer the total ownership of patent to @X, retaining the status of inventor, against a one-time financial settlement. The exact magnitude of the settlement will be decided on a case to case basis. A committee consisting of the coordinator of the M. Tech (VDTT) programme and representatives of @X and IITD will decide on the financial settlement to be made. IPR on other specific sponsored projects and consultancies from @X are not covered by this agreement.
However, it is understood that any presentations made by the student and the thesis submitted by the student stands approved by the academic deadlines for such presentations or submissions. It would be assumed that once a thesis is signed by both the faculty supervisor at IIT Delhi and the supervisor at @X, it has met necessary approvals for being placed in the public domain.

**Arbitration:**

In case of any dispute in the interpretation of the above clauses or on issues not covered by this agreement, Director IITD in consultation with a nominee of @X would be the final arbitrator.

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