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## **Case Western Reserve University and Indian Institute of Technology Bombay Establish a Framework to Collaborate *Memorandum of Understanding Sets a Goal of Advancing Academics and Research Projects of Mutual Interest***

CLEVELAND – Case Western Reserve University and The Indian Institute of Technology Bombay have reached a memorandum of understanding designed to build on the academic and research strengths of both institutions.

The agreement is effective for five years and can be extended. It encourages collaboration in research and education in areas of mutual interest, recognizing the global nature of modern business, industrial needs and social issues, including a need for international cooperation.

The Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB) was established in 1958 by an act of parliament, and it is one of the seven higher Institutes of technology in India. With a campus in Powai, a northern suburb of Mumbai, IITB is recognized as one of India's centers of academic excellence. Online information about IITB is available at <http://www.iitb.ac.in/>.

"We have established a partnership between Case Western Reserve and a pre-eminent university in one of the world's fastest growing economies," said Mark E. Coticchia, Case Western Reserve's vice president for research & technology management. "This increases the breadth of opportunities we provide to students and faculty here."

Along with academics and various research fields, areas of mutual interest are expected to include technology transfer activities.

"Through this partnership, our students can become stronger global citizens, and our already accomplished faculty can collaborate with some of the most notable academic minds in the world. We're very excited by the opportunities this partnership will bring," Coticchia said.

The memorandum of understanding is designed as a framework for enhancing collaboration. The two institutions expect to develop scholarly exchanges and, as feasible, submission of research proposals. Interested faculty of either institution may initiate a joint research project.

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Case Western Reserve University, one of the country's leading research institutions, offers a unique combination of forward-thinking educational opportunities in an inspiring cultural setting. We provide learning from leading-edge experts in a collaborative, hands-on environment. Our nationally recognized programs include arts and sciences, dental medicine, engineering, law, management, medicine, nursing and social work.

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