



# Collaboration with Foreign Universities

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The University Grants Commission (UGC) has notified, on the 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2016, the UGC (Promotion and Maintenance of Standards of Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2016 regarding collaboration between Indian Higher Educational Institutions and Foreign Higher Educational Institutions leading to the award of a degree. The regulations are available at <http://www.egazette.nic.in/WriteReadData/2016/170684.pdf>. As per these regulations, Indian Universities and Colleges having the highest grade of accreditation/threshold accreditation, and conforming to other eligibility conditions as laid down in the regulations, can apply online to the UGC for starting twining arrangement with Foreign Educational Institutions (FEI) having the prescribed quality.

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has set norms for regulating collaboration and twinning program between Indian and Foreign University/Institutions in the field of Technical Education Research and Training with an objective to safeguard the interest of student community in India and ensure uniform maintenance of Norms & Standards as prescribed by various statutory bodies. These norms are available at <http://www.aicte-india.org/downloads/Final%20Approval%20Process%20Handbook%202017-18.pdf>.

This information was given by the Minister of State (HRD), Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey today in a written reply to a Rajya Sabha question.

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