

IIT Interprofessional Project Course Collaboration Letter Agreement

Date

Name

Title

Organization

Address

Dear _____

We are pleased that _____ ("Organization") has agreed to sponsor an education collaboration offered under the auspices of the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) Interprofessional Projects (IPRO) Program ("Collaboration"). This letter agreement sets out the terms and conditions governing Organization's sponsorship of and participation in the Collaboration. The general purpose of the Collaboration is the exploration of open-ended problems by multidisciplinary teams of IIT undergraduate students through a semester-long assignment to undertake work relating to one or more specified topics. Since the Collaboration is a required academic course for which grades are given and credit is received, the education requirements and components of the Collaboration will be established by IIT and student performance will be evaluated solely by IIT faculty responsible for the Collaboration.

1. Sponsorship. We offer this Collaboration in order to:
 - Provide an interdisciplinary education opportunity for our students;
 - Expose students to a contemporary open-ended project experience in the context of emerging trends in the workplace;
 - Push the students' boundaries of scientific and creative thinking through exploration and research; and
 - Engage workplace organizations in furthering IIT's education mission.

The Organization agrees to sponsor the Collaboration in the amount of \$_____ **per semester** payable on or before the first day of class of each semester. IIT's standard request associated with a one-team Collaboration is \$10,000 per semester, with accommodations made on a case-by-case basis. Other multi-team course platforms include the user-centered design IPRO workshop and the multi-IPRO team themed cluster and are valued differently than a one-team collaboration. A receipt and gift acknowledgement will be sent to designated representative of Organization.

2. Collaboration Topic. The general purpose of the Collaboration will be as noted above, and its specific topic or topics will be developed by IIT faculty responsible for the Collaboration. Organization will be asked to provide the faculty with input concerning the specific topic or topics to maximize the "hands on" experience of the students; however, it is understood that the educational components of the Collaboration will at all times be decided by the faculty at their discretion. The Collaboration's specific topic or topics will be described through a project brief prepared by the faculty. The Collaboration will be offered in the _____ (select one: fall/spring/summer) **semester of 20**_____.

3. Organization Input. In order to provide the students with a practical education experience, Organization will participate in the Collaboration in coordination with the responsible IIT faculty member(s) who welcome Organization's contribution of information, analyses and perspectives on the Collaboration topics.

4. Ownership of Ideas Created in the Course. Organization acknowledges that (i) pursuant to IIT policy, students retain all rights in their work, and (ii) ownership of faculty work is governed by the IIT Faculty Handbook. Accordingly, the Organization's sponsorship of the Collaboration does not grant nor is it intended to grant any rights or interest in the Collaboration or its work product. In any other respect, the Collaboration's exploration of general concepts and ideas may be used by IIT and its faculty members, students and staff and Organization and its employees as each deems appropriate.

5. Limitation on Representations, Warranties and Liabilities. IIT and Organization agree to cooperate reasonably to provide a Collaboration that meets the purposes set forth herein. However, Organization acknowledges that (i) the primary purpose of the Collaboration is to support the students' education experience, and (ii) students who enroll to participate in the Collaboration are not serving as working professionals, and (iii) their work product will not have been thoroughly developed and tested to industry standards and is thus provided "as-is." Neither IIT nor its faculty, students or staff make any representations or warranties of any kind regarding the ideas or results associated with the Collaboration, and each hereby disclaims any representations or warranties that would otherwise be implied by law, including, without limitation, any warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose and/or non-infringement. Organization acknowledges that no such representation or warranty has been made and that Organization's use of any ideas, results, deliverables or other information derived from the Collaboration shall be at its sole risk. Further, if any of the issues described herein represent irreconcilable concerns to Organization, it may be in Organization's best interest to sponsor an internship or graduate research project and not the Collaboration.

6. Confidentiality. In the interest of maintaining an open intellectual environment and a free flow of ideas, and in furtherance of the educational purpose of the Collaboration, IPRO team students may not sign nondisclosure or confidentiality agreements, especially as it is understood that students working on the Collaboration are required to present their work publically and to upload such work to the IIT Interprofessional Projects Program website. Further, to facilitate the educational

experience of and career opportunities for the students, they are encouraged to incorporate work created through the Collaboration in their portfolios. Accordingly, IIT and Organization agree that the Collaboration will not call for the material integration of Organization's confidential or proprietary information into any works created through the Collaboration.

7. Standard Terms and Conditions. This letter agreement constitutes the entire agreement between IIT and Organization with respect to the Collaboration, and it supersedes all previous oral or written communication and proposals related to the Collaboration. No modification to this letter agreement, nor any waiver of any rights, will be effective unless agreed to in writing by each of the parties hereto. Neither party may assign this letter agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. This letter agreement will not be binding upon the parties until executed by each of them.

8. Recognition. IIT's general policy is to recognize all sponsorship of and gifts to the Interprofessional Projects Program by printing the names of sponsors/contributors and indicating the amount and nature of their sponsorship/gifts in university publications, including, without limitation, its annual report, honor roll of donors, website, brochures, announcements and IPRO Day Program Guide and signage. By checking the appropriate box below, Organization agrees to its name and gift being recognized by IIT as described above:

- ☐ Yes, please list Organization name as follows:
☐ No, please list Organization gift anonymously.

The following designated representatives of Organization and IIT hereby acknowledge that the terms of this letter agreement have been reviewed and understood and are determined to be acceptable.

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Signature:
Date:

Signature:
Date:

Please return two signed original agreements to the above IIT representative. One fully-executed agreement will be returned to Organization representative.