



## **International Joint Project – An Innovative Initiative in the Academic Program as part of the Long Term Quality Improvement Plan to Bridge the Gap between Academics and Global Industry**

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Education prepares the individual to connect - and live in harmony - with the environment around him. Globalization has changed the size, nature and quality of that environment. The challenge for higher education, therefore, is to reform, create and develop systems that prepare the individual to work in a borderless economy and live in a global society. In other words, our educational institutions need to produce global citizens. So, it's very important to bridge the gap between academics and global industry in whatever way possible. It is therefore incumbent on educational institutions to find initiatives as a part of long term quality improvement. This paper focuses on one of the important initiatives called International-Joint-project to be embedded as a part of the requirement for course completion so that it not only helps to minimize the gap between academics and global industry but also helps in different aspects of academics such as internationalizing the curriculum, strengthen the respective university on a global platform, promote international joint research, enable academicians to address cross-geographic industry problems e.t.c. Our paper proposes a road map and a structure to integrate International Joint project initiative illustrating the objectives, implementation part, Key performance indicators, action steps finally listing its main tasks and activities with limitations and risk factors.