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**Kind Attention: Chairman, RPEC**

Dear sir:

**Sub: University of Manchester (UK) - IIT Kharagpur (India) Dual Award PhD Programme – Process of Selection**

This is to inform you that the Dual Award Ph.D. programme between IIT Kharagpur and University of Manchester has been launched in 2021. This is a unique partnership where starting from defining the doctoral project, selection and admission of the student, to supervision, thesis work and evaluation, and finally award of the degree, everything is jointly administered. The first batch of students under this programme is expected to be admitted in Autumn/Fall 2021.

The following application process has been formulated by the two universities based on the agreement.


1. Applications will be invited from applicants across the world for a list of approved projects. For Indian residents, the programme is open to graduates (B.Tech./M.Tech./M.Sc.) of all IITs and IISc with a minimum CGPA of 7.5 on a scale of 10. For residents of other countries, it is open to graduates of Institutes/Universities within QS WUR of 500 (based on latest rankings released by QS).
2. Selection of applicants will follow a 2-stage process:
  - a. The supervisors from both Institutes will evaluate the applications and recommend the top 1-2 candidates for their individual projects. The internal selection process for international students in the respective department/centre/school at IIT Kharagpur should be followed. The recommended applications should be forwarded by the HoD/HoC/HoS for further consideration.
  - b. The Joint Programme Board of the Dual Award Programme will further evaluate the recommended candidates and decide on the final awards based on the merit of both the candidate and the project, and availability of scholarships for that academic year.

You are requested to kindly place the above for necessary approvals.

Yours sincerely,

  
Dean, Outreach

  
Associate Dean, IR & Ranking

  
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