

**Office of International Relations
Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur
Kharagpur – 721 302**

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Sub: Response to Observations on 1324/2021/OIR

Ref: University of Manchester (UK) - IIT Kharagpur (India) Dual Award PhD Programme – Additional Support for Partial Scholarship Awardees

Observations by Internal Audit

1. **Observation:** No supporting documents with email communication/any offer/MoU agreement letter, etc. from University of Manchester are found in the file

Response: The following documents are enclosed

- a. Copy of signed Collaboration Agreement for the Jointly Awarded Ph.D. Dual Degree between the two universities.
- b. Email from Prof. David Polya (Faculty of Science and Engineering Associate Dean for Internationalisation, University of Manchester) dt. July 9, 2021 explaining the nature of scholarships and support involved in the two types of scholarships

2. **Observation:** What kind of other sources of avenue, are to be explored by the students, needs the Institute permission, not cleared in the instant case.

Response: The following sources/avenues of funding may be explored by the students to meet the living costs in Manchester.

- Are these meant for such students?*
- a. Internal funding schemes within IIT Kharagpur like Shri Gopal Rajgarhia International Programme, Guru Kripa Foundation International Programme, Institute financial support to Dual Degree students in lieu of non-SAARC conferences (OO# Estt/52/2019 dt. Jan 24, 2019) or other/similar/equivalent schemes that may come up in future.
 - b. Similar schemes from University of Manchester, if available and eligible. ?
 - c. Supplementary funding from projects of supervisors in both Institutes/universities ?
 - d. Student travel support from government and private agencies in both countries including, but not limited to, CSIR, DST-SERB, UKIERI, etc. ??

Before applying for any such source of funding, the student will be required to inform and take approval from Dean (Outreach), IIT Kharagpur and FSE Associate Dean for Internationalisation, University of Manchester.

Observations 3, 4, 5 of Internal Audit are not relevant.

Observations by Registrar

1. **Observation:** MoU between University of Manchester and IIT Kharagpur

Response: I believe the request was for the Collaboration Agreement for the Jointly Awarded Ph.D. Dual Degree between the two universities (since MoU has little bearing on this topic). A

copy of the signed agreement is attached herewith. Clause 8 covers the Financial Contributions of both parties.

2. **Observation:** During that period students will be considered as student of IIT Kharagpur or not

Response: The students of this Dual Award Ph.D. Programme will be enrolled as students of both IIT Kharagpur and University of Manchester throughout the course of their Ph.D.

Therefore, the students will be considered as students of IIT Kharagpur during their stay in Manchester (and vice versa).

3. **Observation:** When all the students will come to IIT Kharagpur, University of Manchester will continue their scholarship or not

Response: The scholarship of these students is partial and covers full tuition waiver only during their stay at the University of Manchester. Therefore, when the students come to IIT Kharagpur and are registered here, the matter of tuition waiver from University of Manchester becomes ^{all} ~~does not~~ ^{into picture} irrelevant:

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Associate Dean, IR & Ranking

Dean, Outreach

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Pl. discuss: the funding to the two students will not be sponsored by Manchester?

Dean (ON)
Ass. Dea (IR & R)

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Asso. Dean (IR)