



Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur  
Office of International Relations

Ref. No.: 1370/2021/OIR

Sep 27, 2021

To:  
The Director  
IIT Kharagpur

Dear sir:

**Sub: Approval for return of students under the Dual Award Ph.D. Programme with Univ. of Manchester**

This is to inform you that we have received a request from 4 students enrolled under the Dual Award Ph.D. programme with University of Manchester to return to IIT Kharagpur campus for conducting their research work. These students are

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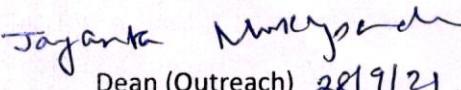
Sl. #	Name of student	Department	IITKGP Supervisor
1.	Mr. Sumanta Laha	Mechanical Engineering	Prof. P.K. Das
2.	Mr. Aniruddha Das	Chemistry	Prof. Ganesh Venkataraman
3.	Ms. Juhi Srivastava	Metallurgical and Materials Engineering	Prof. Sumantra Mandal
4.	Mr. Shubhra Kamal Nandi	Metallurgical and Materials Engineering	Prof. Siddhartha Roy

The Dual Award Ph.D. programme between IIT Kharagpur and University of Manchester is a time-bound programme that is required to be completed in 4 years. Apart from completing their coursework, these students are also expected to make reasonable progress on their Ph.D. research during their first year at IIT Kharagpur before moving to Manchester for their second year. All these students are involved in experimental work for which they need to access the lab facilities on our campus. They have all received two doses of vaccines.

In light of the above, we would request you kindly approve the return of students, listed above, to IIT Kharagpur campus so that they can start working in the experimental labs of our Institute.

The above is placed for your kind consideration and approval

  
Associate Dean (IR & Ranking)

  
Dean (Outreach)

P.S.: The fifth student under this programme, Ms. Anjali Jayakumar (IIT KGP supervisor – Prof. Chandra Sekhar Tiwary) has already received approval from Dean, SA to return to campus on 04-Oct-2021.

Enclosed: Email request from the students

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Dear (SA)*

*(A) Approved as requested  
29/9/2021*

**Regarding campus return | IIT Kharagpur\_University of Manchester Joint Doctoral Program****From :** Shubhra Kamal Nandi <shubhra.kamal@kgpian.iitkgp.ac.in>

Thu, Sep 23, 2021 08:00 PM

**Subject :** Regarding campus return | IIT Kharagpur\_University of Manchester Joint Doctoral Program**To :** deanor@adm.iitkgp.ac.in, adeanir@adm.iitkgp.ac.in, jay@cse.iitkgp.ac.in, anandaroop@mech.iitkgp.ac.in**Cc :** siddhartha@metal.iitkgp.ac.in, pkd@mech.iitkgp.ac.in, sumanta laha <sumanta.laha@kgpian.iitkgp.ac.in>, Juhi Srivastava <juhi2303@kgpian.iitkgp.ac.in>, sumantra mandal <sumantra.mandal@metal.iitkgp.ac.in>, aniruddha123@kgpian.iitkgp.ac.in, ganesh v <ganesh.v@chem.iitkgp.ac.in>, koushiki@adm.iitkgp.ac.in

Respected Sir,

Hope this email finds you well.

We are the research scholars selected for the IIT Kharagpur – University of Manchester Joint Doctoral Program.

- (1) Sumanta Laha (Mechanical Engineering)
- (2) Aniruddha Das (Chemistry)
- (3) Juhi Srivastava (Metallurgical and Materials Engineering)
- (4) Shubhra Kamal Nandi (Metallurgical and Materials Engineering)

We are currently doing the coursework and in discussion about the project with our respective supervisors, but very much worried about the **limited time (2021-2025)** we have for the completion of our Ph.D., given the situation.

- The work is mostly experimental, which would require us to get acquainted with the equipment, lab environment and it would be helpful if we can get an early head start.
- Along with coursework, we believe we must manage time to start introductory work, which would eventually help us in accumulating reasonable amount of content before our departure to the University of Manchester (**expected to be around August next year**)
- Apart from project work, we must go through courses, comprehensive exam, travel preparations (twice in 4years), and various other formalities and adjustments, which we fear would consume a good lot of time of the stipulated 4years.

Keeping the above points in mind, after thorough discussions with our respective supervisors, we realized that our return to campus is crucial now for the successful completion of the work, in the given timeframe. **With their consent (respective supervisors in CC), we kindly request your permission to stay inside the campus and access the laboratory abiding by the covid protocols and start our work.**

We are willing to provide the necessary undertaking from our supervisors and guardians whenever needed. **Added to that, all of us are doubly vaccinated right now.**

We will forever remain grateful if you kindly consider our situation and please let us know.

With best regards,

Sumanta Laha, Aniruddha Das, Juhi Srivastava, Shubhra Kamal Nandi