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Date: 15.04.2024

Subj: Request from student for approval to join the Joint Doctoral Degree Programme between IIT Kharagpur and University of Melbourne

Shubham Verma (Roll 21RT91R03), Ph.D student from Rubber Technology Center (RTC) has put forward an application to join the IITKGP-Curtin University Joint Doctoral Degree Programme in April 2024. Shubham had joined the IITKGP Ph.D Programme in 2021. He had missed the formal call for application into the MIPA programme at IITKGP, when the call was released January 2023 and had applied directly to university of Melbourne. Melbourne had accepted his application. It much later came to the notice of the OAA&IR that Shubham had not applied into the IITKGP JDP programme.

Shubham Verma was requested to put forward a formal application into the IITKGP-Melbourne JDP, which he has now completed. Shubham has submitted a written request, to allow him to join the JDP along with all necessary documents. His application includes the following documents:

1. Consent Letter
2. Cover Letter
3. Prerequisite form with enclosed documents
4. No Objection Certificate from faculty mentor and HoD
5. Request letter for joining the JDP
6. Letter of support from home supervisor
7. Letter of support from host supervisor
8. Transcripts
9. English language requirement waiver form
10. DSc's recommendation form
11. Registration Seminar Certificate
12. Individual Graduate Record Agreement form

The IITKGP JDP Evaluation Committee is requested to review this delayed application and provide comments regarding approval or otherwise.

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⊗ As UOM has accepted the application, the scholar may be allowed to join the JDP if he meets the IITKGP requirements. *[Signature]* 23.04.24

To,

Date: 18th March, 2024

The Associate Dean

Alumni Affairs and International Relations

IIT Kharagpur, West-Bengal-721302, India.

RE: Application for the Joint Doctoral Program under MIPA program.


Dear Sir,


I am Shubham Verma (Roll no. 21RT91R03), presently pursuing PhD under the supervision of Prof. Nikhil K. Singha at Rubber Technology Centre (RTC), IIT Kharagpur since August, 2021. I obtained a CGPA of 9.0/10 in my PhD course work and completed my comprehensive viva-voce exam and registration seminar on 16th September, 2022 and 15th May, 2023. I am creating this application to express my interest for applying to the Joint Doctoral Program (JDP) with University of Melbourne (UoM) under Melbourne India Postgraduate Academy (MIPA) program. The following list of the necessary documents required for the JDP application are enclosed within this application:


1. Consent letter
2. Cover letter
3. Prerequisite form along with enclosed documents
4. No Objection Certificate (NOC)
5. Request letter for Joining JDP program
6. Letter of Support from Home Supervisor(s)
7. Letter of Support from Host Supervisor
8. Transcripts of Records
9. English Language Requirement Waiver form
10. DSC recommendation form
11. Registration Seminar Certificate
12. Individual Graduate Record Agreement form

Through

Thanking you


Prof. Nikhil K. Singha
(Supervisor)


Prof. Kinsuk Naskar
(Chairperson, RTC, IIT Kharagpur)


Shubham Verma



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To,
The Associate Dean
Alumni Affairs and International Relations
IIT Kharagpur, West- Bengal-721302, India.

Dated: 13th March, 2024

RE: Expressing support for the application for the joint PhD MIPA program.

Dear Sir,

I am Shubham Verma (Roll: 21RT91R03), currently pursuing a PhD under the supervision of Prof. Nikhil Kumar Singha at Rubber Technology Centre (RTC), IIT Kharagpur. I have successfully completed my comprehensive viva-voce on **16th September, 2022** and presented my registration seminar on **15th May, 2023**. I am interested in applying for the Joint Doctoral Program (JDP) with University of Melbourne (UoM) under Melbourne India Post-Graduate (MIPA) program. In October, 2022, I started communicating with Prof. Greg Qiao and Prof. M. Ashokkumar at the University of Melbourne via e-mail to express my interest in exploring the possibility of a collaborative supervision within the MIPA program. I was motivated to reach out to them as one of the SRF from our centre had applied and conducted his research study at UoM in the same program. Prof. Greg Qiao, a Professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering and an Associate Dean at UoM reviewed my resume and research experiences and expressed his interest to supervise me in the MIPA program. He pursued the matter further at UoM and advised me to apply for the January-June 2023 commencement period. I started my MIPA application process thereafter as per guidance received from graduate research team at UoM. After successfully submitting my online application, as forwarded by my supervisor and Head at RTC, I have been granted a scholarship offer letter and Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) from the host university. My enrolment date at UoM has been updated on 16th September, 2022 as per having a conversation with International Research Training Group at UoM. Following a discussion with my supervisors, the tentative dates from 2nd May, 2024 to 01st May, 2026 are fixed for carrying out my research study at UoM. Meanwhile, I missed the formal call of application for the MIPA program which came in January, 2023. Infact, I was unaware of the formal procedure for initiating the application at home institute and did not know about the updated rules and regulations and applied directly to the host university. I have spoken with my supervisors on the matter and they have instructed to promptly contact the International Office of Relations, IIT Kharagpur about the issue.

This MIPA joint PhD program is significant to me for my future academic prospects. In fact, I have already started some research work at the advice of Prof. Greg Qiao who already visited our institute early this year to attend a SPARC workshop. I deeply regret for not contacting International Office of Relations at IIT Kharagpur previously about my JDP application. I request you to please consider the issue and permit me to participate in the joint PhD MIPA program so that I can follow-up the necessary documentations in the time frame of approaching my start date of joining at UoM. I will appreciate if you please consider my case and help me in pursuing my research work at UoM which will be immensely beneficial for my PhD work.

Forwarded by

Thanking You,



Prof. Nikhil K. Singha
(Supervisor)



Prof. Soumyadip Choudhury
(Joint Supervisor)



Prof. Kinsuk Naskar
(Chairperson, RTC,
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