

## **Announcement for Application for Joint Doctoral Degree Program (JDP) between IIT Kharagpur and the University of Alberta, Canada.**

IIT Kharagpur (IITKGP) and the University of Alberta (UAlberta), Canada have signed the Joint Doctoral Program Agreement in January 2020.

As part of this partnership, collaborating faculty members from the UAlberta and IITKGP will identify research projects for the joint degree students as part of their doctoral studies. The thesis will be evaluated by each Institute according to its own rules. As per the agreement, the student will be required to spend a period of 6 – 12 months in the host institution during the course of his/her doctoral studies. The student will get a degree certificate from the home institution ONLY; however, the parchment will acknowledge the joint nature of the work.

The program will be open for enrolment starting in early 2021. As part of the first announcement, the following points may be noted:

- a. There is no eligibility cut-off criterion for GPA. However, decisions pertaining to a candidate will be mutually decided by competent authorities both at the Home as well as the Host Institute.
- b. Senior Research Scholars at IITKGP may apply although it is desirable that they are in their first or second year of Doctoral Studies.
- c. UAlberta and IITKGP will nominally receive 2 doctoral students from the other Institute to spend 6-12 months.
- d. IITKGP students going to UAlberta will have tuition and most fees waived but will need to pay for UPass (Edmonton transit pass) and UAlberta Health Insurance Plan (UAHIP).
- e. UAlberta will pay CAD 20,000 per year to the visiting student from IITKGP (amount will be prorated for stays of lesser duration) towards non-instructional fees, living expenses including food and accommodation, health insurance, local transportation, and other miscellaneous/incidental expenses.
- f. UAlberta students coming to IITKGP will have the tuition fees waived. In addition, IITKGP will pay a stipend at prevailing JRF/SRF rates to the visiting students from UAlberta to cover non-instructional fees, on-campus accommodation, food, health insurance, and miscellaneous expenses.
- g. No additional funding will be provided for travel, visa, or related expenses.
- h. It is expected that the planned work at the host institute will be completed in 1 visit. The host professor would only be eligible to receive funding for one research stay for a given student; any additional trips to UAlberta would need to be fully covered by the student or the home professor.

Please visit the following links for more information:

<https://www.ualberta.ca/graduate-studies/prospective-students/apply-for-admission/shared-credential-applications.html>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/coronavirus-covid19/students.html>

<https://twitter.com/nadiry Patel/status/1329441170834010116>

Please contact the Office of International Relations, IITKGP for specific JDP Agreement related queries.

Link - <https://international.iitkgp.ac.in/oir>