Press Release
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Swinburne University of Technology and IIT Hyderabad launched the joint doctoral program in a new format

The joint doctoral program is expected to commence in July 2021 with an enrolment of 10 PhD students.

Swinburne University of Technology (SUT) and IIT Hyderabad (IITH) are engaged in a Joint Doctoral Program (JDP) from 2017. The Joint Doctoral Program has enrolled 48 students since 2017, with 1 student graduated and 2 more students completing this year. From this year, IITH and SUT have devised a new JDP, for bright and motivated students to work on frontier areas of science, technology & design, by which the students become JDP students from the day of their registering for PhD. The students admitted to the JDP will have an opportunity to spend up to one year at SUT, Australia supported by Swinburne University Postgraduate Research Awards (SUPRAS) scholarship from SUT. This association is aimed at developing successful academic and research collaborations in the areas of common interest and complementary capabilities. It seeks to harness the synergy at both institutions to propel excellent research.

Duration: 4 Years
Eligibility:
- BE/BTech in the relevant branches of science/engineering with a CGPA of 8.5 (in a 10-point scale) or equivalent as per the GOI norms. The applicants should have a valid GATE score. The GATE score may be waived for students from IITs and NITs.
- MDes/MSc/MTech in the relevant branch of design/science/engineering with a CGPA of 8.5 (in a 10-point scale) or equivalent as per the GOI norms.

Financial assistance:
The students admitted to the JDP will receive a fellowship as per the Ministry of Education norms while at IIT Hyderabad. Besides, students will receive a top-up scholarship (150 AUD) from SUT while they are at IIT Hyderabad. While at SUT, they will receive a scholarship identical to the Swinburne University Postgraduate Research Awards (SUPRA) from SUT for up to 12 months.

Voicing her pleasure at IITH and SUT at New JDP, Prof. Pascale Quester, Vice-Chancellor & President, SUT said, *Over the last 100 years, Swinburne has excelled in innovation in learning, research and the way we approach our business. At Swinburne, we aim to be a leading university in science, technology, and innovation, with a real impact that transforms industries, lives and communities. It was a wonderful experience working with IITH in past and I am confident this partnership will produce the innovations and technology of global standard.*

Enumerating the merits of the program with SUT, Prof. B. S. Murty, Director, IIT Hyderabad said, *IITH shares a special and successful partnership with SUT. This agreement aims at creating a global ecosystem of academic and research to bring the best of the two pioneer institutes of the world and deliver the new age technology for the betterment of society at large. This will also promote global learning, fosters understanding among groups from diverse backgrounds and perspectives, and develops globally minded individuals.*

The program was launched with a virtual signing of the new agreement by Prof. Pascale Quester (Vice-Chancellor & President, SUT) and Prof. B. S. Murty (Director, IITH), in the presence of Dr Andrew J. Smith (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Global & Community Engagement (Interim), SUT) and Prof. Pinaki Prasad Bhattacharjee (Dean, International and Alumni Relations, IITH) along with other officials from both the institutions.

Further details about the application process and eligibility criteria can be obtained from https://www.iith.ac.in/iar/IITH-SUT/

Swinburne University of Technology

Swinburne University of Technology (often simply called Swinburne) is an Australian public university based in Melbourne, Victoria. It was founded in 1908 as the Eastern Suburbs Technical College by George Swinburne in order to serve those without access to further education in Melbourne's eastern suburbs. Its main campus is located in Hawthorn, a suburb of Melbourne which is located **7.5** km from the Melbourne central business district. In addition to its main Hawthorn campus, Swinburne has campuses in the Melbourne metropolitan area at Wantirna and Croydon. Swinburne also has a campus in Sarawak, Malaysia. In 2016, Swinburne was ranked as the **61**st top university in the world under **50** years old by Times Higher Education in their top **150** universities under **50** years old ranking. Swinburne is ranked **269** in the 2020 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) and **372** in the 2020 QS World University Ranking. It is also ranked **32**nd in the world for art and design in the 2016 QS World University Rankings, making it one of the top art and design schools in Australia and the world. Click here for SUT Website: https://www.swinburne.edu.au/

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 About IIT Hyderabad

Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH) is one of the six new Indian Institutes of Technology established by the Government of India in 2008. In a short span of **12** years, the institute built on an imposing **578**-acre campus and has been ranked among the top **10** institutes for four consecutive years in the NIRF released by the Ministry of Education, GoI. IITH was also ranked under Top **#20** in the recent edition ARIIA on indicators related to 'Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development' among students and faculties. IIT Hyderabad has **237** full-time faculty, **3,397** students of whom **20** per cent are women, nearly **200** state-of-the-art laboratories and five research and entrepreneurship centres. The Institute has a strong research focus with more than Rs. **500** crore of sanctioned research funding while PhD scholars account for about **30%** of total student strength. IITH students and faculty are at the forefront of innovation with more than **5500** research publications and **164** patent disclosures, **300** sponsored/ consultancy projects and **50** industry & academic collaborations. To know more, please visit: https://www.iith.ac.in/

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