**University of Manchester (UoM) – Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore Joint Award PhD Programme**

**2025 Project Proposal Form**

Please complete it far as appropriate. If selected, this also forms the basis of a student’s study plan – so please do not complete cells marked [do not use]. Please do not modify cells for which an answer has already been inserted.

If insufficient space for answer, please provide at the end of the form. Not all fields require completion as indicated if not applicable.

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| **Research Student** | Full name | [do not use] |
| Email (II) | [do not use] |
| Email (UoM) | [do not use] |
| Email (other) | [do not use] |
| **Leading institution** (student selection will be led by the leading institution and student will generally start PhD at the leading institution) |  | |
| **IISc Bangalore Main Supervisor** | Name |  |
| Department |  |
| Email |  |
| **University of Manchester Main Supervisor** | Name |  |
| Department |  |
| Email |  |
| IISc Bangalore Co-supervisor 1 | Name | [not required but desirable] |
| Department | [not required but desirable] |
| Email | [not required but desirable] |
| IISc Bangalore Co-supervisor 2 | Name | [not required] |
| Department | [not required] |
| Email | [not required] |
| University of Manchester Co-supervisor 1 | Name |  |
| Department |  |
| Email |  |
| University of Manchester Co-supervisor 2 | Name | [not required] |
| Department | [not required] |
| Email | [not required] |
| **IISc Bangalore Advisor** | Name | (Chairperson DSC) |
| Department | [do not use] |
| Email | [do not use] |
| **University of Manchester Advisor** | Name | [do not use] |
| Department | [do not use] |
| Email | [do not use] |
| Partner Organisation 1 | Organisation | [not required if not applicable] |
| Contact name | [not required if not applicable] |
| Contact email | [not required if not applicable] |
| Partner Organisation 2 | Organisation | [not required if not applicable] |
| Contact name | [not required if not applicable] |
| Contact email | [not required if not applicable] |
| **Proposed area of research** |  |  |
| Length of project (maximum 4 years) |  | **4 years** |
| Estimated period required for literature review & project design |  | 6 – 9 months |

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| Summary of student researcher’s training needs |  | [do not use] |
| Frequency of meetings with main supervisor, whilst student hosted at their institution | IISc | [at least fortnightly] |
| UoM | [at least fortnightly] |
| Frequency of meetings with main supervisor when student hosted away from the institution | IISc | [at least monthly] |
| UoM | [at least monthly] |
| Planned visits of student to partner institution and brief outline planned activities  **[please modify as appropriate]** |  | **E.g.**  **Beginning year 1 – travel to IISc/UoM**  **Year 1 (IISc/UoM)**  Literature reviews / design of project / preliminary experiments. modelling / fieldwork  **End year 1 – travel to partner institution**  **Year 2 (UoM/IISc)**  Experiments / Modelling / Fieldwork  **Year 3 (UoM/IISc)**  Experiments / Modelling / Fieldwork  **End year 3 – travel to IISc/UoM**  **Year 4 (UoM/IISc)**  Write up thesis and publications / follow up career development opportunities |
| Confirmation that main supervisors at host institutions will jointly meet with student monthly throughout the PhD programme | IISc | Confirmed. |
| UoM | Confirmed. |
| Equipment access arrangements | IISc | [do not use] |
| UoM | [do not use] |
| Confirmation that the supervisory teams have collective access to the resources, other than tuition fees and living allowances, to enable the proposed PhD project to be executed. |  | [confirmation is required] |
| Confirmation that the UoM supervisor has submitted an [Export Controls Compliance Request](https://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/export-controls-info/resources/#d.en.901476) with the Regulatory Compliance team (as India is considered a key country), description of outcome and details of the export control licence (if applicable), and they must have conducted a compliance risk assessment for the project (e.g. ATAS clearance and export control clearance) and put mitigating measures in place. |  | [confirmation is required and ECC reference number] |
| Project title |  |  |
| More detailed outline (12-20 lines) of activities to be undertaken at each host institution (this will be expected to be updated during the programme) |  | Year 1  Year 2  Year 3  Year 4 |
| Short outline of project for advertising purposes (500 words max) |  |  |
| Arrangements of submission and review of annual reports | IISc | Annual reports will be submitted via standard IIScsystems and examined by IISc appointed examiners subject to ratification review by joint IISc-UoM Joint Award PhD Board |
|  | UoM | Annual reports will be submitted via the eProg system and examined by UoM appointed examiners subject to ratification review by joint IISc-UoM Joint Award PhD Board |
| Arrangements for management of progress | IISc | Progression will be monitored via standard IISc systems including whilst the student is hosted at UoM. Annual review by joint IISc-UoM Joint Award PhD Board or more frequently if indicated by supervisors, student or otherwise. |
|  | UoM | Progression will be monitored via eProg, including whilst the student is hosted at IISc. Annual review by joint IISc-UoM Joint Award PhD Board or more frequently if indicated by supervisors, student or otherwise. |
| Arrangements for writing, submission, and examination of final thesis |  | To facilitate writing up, (i) electronic as appropriate, other library facilities will be made available to the student at both IISc and UoM irrespective of where they are hosted; (ii) access to UoM office software will be made available subject to adequate internet access, VPN, and compliance with UoM IT policies, irrespective of the where the student is hosted.  IDENTICAL versions of the final thesis will be submitted as practicably as possible simultaneously to both IISc and UoM via standard systems (e.g. eProg at UoM).  External and internal examiners will be jointly agreed by the main supervisors and student.  As far as is practicable, the final viva will be conducted using video-link facilities to enable the simultaneous participation of examines from IISc, UoM, and elsewhere as appropriate and agreed.  The student will be provided in advance clear details of the examination process(es). |
| Confirmation that the supervisory team is available to discuss with, interview and rank candidates applying to their project by stipulated deadline. |  | [confirmation is required] |
| Extent of previous collaborations and discussions between IISc Bangalore and University of Manchester project supervisory teams |  |  |
| Summary of the strength of the joint supervisory team and its members (please provide links to relevant personal or research pages) |  |  |
| Highlight value added from the proposed IISc Bangalore / University of Manchester collaboration |  |  |
| Potential of project to address strategic priorities of the UK and/or India |  |  |
| Any further comments / information |  |  |

**Agreed / Confirmed**

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| **Role** | **Name** | **Date** | **Signed or Nature of Confirmation** |
| Main Supervisor (IISc) |  |  |  |
| Main Supervisor (UoM) |  |  |  |
| Student Researcher | [do not use] | [do not use] | [do not use] |

Dated emails will be accepted as evidence of confirmation rather than a scanned signature.