

Indian Institute of information Technology Allahabad

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Ordinance for Joint PhD Program at IIIT Allahabad

1. **Name** – Ordinance for Joint Ph.D. Degree Program.
2. **Background** – IIIT Allahabad intends to put in place an opportunity for Joint Ph.D degree program in collaboration with other National / International Institutions having similar/higher reputation to open the benefits of dual institutional experience while utilizing the infrastructure at both the partnering institutions for students of either or both of them, who so willfully decide to utilize of the opportunity. This shall be at no additional cost to IIIT Allahabad. The present Ordinance would therefore lay the broad contours for the offer of such Joint Ph.D. Degree Program at IIIT Allahabad.
3. **Definition** – The Joint Ph.D. Degree program of IIIT Allahabad shall refer to program, which is jointly offered by two institutions, one of whom shall essentially be IIIT Allahabad. The two institutions involved shall be mutually referred to as the Partnering Institutions, with more or less Equal rights and privileges. Accordingly therefore, upon the completion of the Joint Ph.D. degree program requirements, the enrolled Scholar shall be eligible to get one Single Degree, in a joint Convocation, bearing the Names and Logos of both the partnering Institutions and duly signed by the Persons Competent to do so in their respective Institutions.
4. **The above shall be subject to :**
 - a) **Preferring of an agreement/Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** being initially signed between the two Partnering Institutions, to the effect of committing themselves to Jointly offer Ph.D. Degree to the Scholars enrolled under this provision, as per this Ordinance. Once signed, the Agreement/MOU shall be effective necessarily till the completion of the successful award of the Joint Ph.D. Degree to the last Scholar enrolled under the Agreement/MOU. In case student specific Agreement/MOUs are required to be signed, under the Institutional Agreement/MOU, they shall be signed by the respective Supervisor(s) or in absence such other persons as may be delegated by the two institutions mutually.
 - b) **Agreeing upon the Supervisor Identification modality** - All such persons, who are so entitled under the rules of the respective Partnering Institutions, shall be duly entitled to act as Supervisor(s). Their shall be one supervisor each from the two partnering Institutions, with both having equal rights and privileges. In case the work so demands that any additional person should be also engaged in active supervision, s/he shall then be classed as a co-supervisor. Number of co-supervisors shall not exceed two, either from one Institution or both the partnering institutions put together. The Number of Supervisors and co-supervisors put together shall in no case exceed a total of Four. The thesis credit, if required to be calculated, shall also be so divided that the sum total of credit of one Ph.D produced shall also be one only. In respect of any enrolled scholar, the competent authority of both the partnering institutions, (the Chairman Senate of IIIT Allahabad in case of IIIT A), shall fix the supervisor and intimate to all concerned, within a period of three months of the date of enrollment of the scholar, into the program.
 - c) **Agreeing upon the Number of Seats Available under the Joint Ph.D. Degree Program** - Each of the partnering institutions shall, during the period 1st January to 31st March each year, come out with the number of seats they jointly wish to make available under this Joint Ph.D. degree program, alongwith the privileges that they would offer to the enrolled Scholars, like Stipend / Fellowship, etc. Also it shall be spelled out then that out of the seats available, how many each shall be distributed among the two partnering institutions. The numbers may vary from year to year.
 - d) **Agreeing upon the policy for Admission of Students and Academic Plan** – After clarity on the number of seats available being in place, each of the partnering institutions shall be free to undertake the admissions process as per their institutional norms. The student selections may take place round the year. After having selected the candidates, the lists shall be shared among the partnering institutions. subsequently, within the next ninety days, the Scholar specific detailed program and calendar of events, for the initial three years shall then be prepared jointly by the Supervisors from the partnering institutions and made known to the

respective authorities of both the Institutions (Dean (Academics and Research) in case of IIIT Allahabad).

(Provided further that – (1) The selections made by each of the Institution on the approved seats under the program, shall be binding upon the other partnering institution. (2) At the time of deciding the three year schedule, the periods that would be spent by the Scholar at each of the partnering institution, should also be indicated.(3) Both the partnering institutions shall be mutually obliged to respect the Scores / Grades / Assessment(s) / Evaluation(s) awarded by each other. (4)There should be complete clarity on as to who is going to bear the financial liabilities, in each and every respect. On its part IIIT Allahabad shall stand indemnified of any financial liabilities that have not been *apriori* agreed upon by it).

e) Mutually Agreeing upon the Rules applicable on the Enrolled Student – In all academic matters, the enrolled Scholar under this Joint Ph.D. degree program, shall be governed by the Ordinances / Rules of the institution who is initially selecting the Scholar. The partnering institution shall assist the other institution in getting them met, through the Scholar. For General Conduct / Discipline / Hostel and Mess Rules, the Scholar shall be governed by the rules of the Institution / Law of the land, where s/he is physically present.

f) Both the institutions agreeing to put in place a Redressal mechanism, to iron out the difficulties that may arise during the studentship of a candidate or in between the two partnering institutions.

g) Provided further, that if the partnering Institution abroad is situated in a country that requires prior permission from the Gol, the same shall be requested for and any MOU Signed by the Institute only after the due clearance.

8. Other Generalities for Enrolled Scholars –

a. Candidates selected into the program by IIITA, shall first be required to register themselves as Ph.D. Scholars at IIIT Allahabad. This shall make them eligible for all the approved Stipend etc. and privileges, irrespective of the fact that whether subsequently, s/he is in India or abroad.

b. All privileges extended by Gol approved agencies like GATE, CSIR-JRF/SRF, etc agencies, shall be extendable only when there are no prior pending academic / financial dues upon the Scholar.

c. Generally, IIIT Allahabad would offer Hostel facility to all its enrolled Scholars. The same would also be extended to the Scholars enrolled under this Joint Ph.D. Degree Program, for the periods they are here on campus, on prevailing institutional rates. Scholars from partnering institutions will also be provided suitable available on campus accommodation facility when they are at IIIT-A campus.

d. Under the Joint Ph.D. Program, in order to avail the Scholarship / Fellowship from the partnering institution abroad, if it is required that the Scholar also register with them parallelly and independently, the expenses on the same shall be required to be met by the respective Scholar himself/the supervisor of the partnering institutions. This may then be in addition to the full time registration at IIIT Allahabad, which also has to be borne by the candidate himself.

d. In case the Scholar is enrolled by the partnering institution and s/he visits IIIT Allahabad to meet the part academic objectives, the scholar shall be liable to pay for the courses, based upon the number of credits s/he is enrolled for at IIIT Allahabad.

e. In cases where the partnering institution other than IIITA, confirms to pay only monthly Stipend, while the student is on their campus , BUT doesn't commit for VISA, Travel fare, Insurance expenses, then to meet the partial expenses on account of VISA, Travel fare, Insurance, etc, IIITA may support the student by a sum equivalent to six months stipend. This support can be requested for by the Scholar, only when a Scholar will visit to the partnering institution abroad for joint Ph.D. work, for a minimum period of six months.

10. Date of this Ordinance taking effect – From the date the Ordinance is approved, provided further that the Chairman Senate shall be free to extend the benefits herein, to any already existing agreement/MOU.
