

Guidelines for Applying to Existing Joint Degree Programs at IIT Kanpur

IIT Kanpur has several Joint Degree Program agreements with foreign universities. The complete list can be accessed here: www.iitk.ac.in/oir/iitk-students

Mentioned below is a brief overview of the JDP application process for IITK students. For details of a specific JDP agreement, please visit the website link mentioned above.

A link to the Senate approved document on JDPs is here:

https://www.iitk.ac.in/oir/data/mou/JOINT_DOCTORAL_DEGREE_PROGRAM-28-10-20.pdf

1. Students interested in joining a JDP first need to be accepted to the PhD program at the concerned department at IIT Kanpur and should be allotted a thesis supervisor.
2. The thesis supervisor will contact a faculty in the partner university (with which we have a JDP MoU) expressing interest in guiding a student jointly under the JDP program.
3. The interested student and faculty will then communicate their interest in participating in a JDP program to the OIR office at IIT Kanpur. The OIR office will contact the JDP coordinator at the partner university, sharing information about the joint student(s).
4. Once the student is selected to a JDP after due process of deliberations, the student will inform the SPGC Chair and the DOAA office about the selection in the JDP through the thesis supervisor at IIT Kanpur and the DPGC of the concerned department. The student will be enrolled as a full-time PhD student at the Partner Institution, with IIT Kanpur as the Home Institution.
5. The student will also apply for academic leave through the same channel (forwarded by thesis supervisor at IIT Kanpur and the DPGC of the concerned department) at least one semester in advance before student leaves for the partner institution.
6. The primary supervisor for the student will be from the Home Institution and co-supervisor from the Partner Institution.
7. Once a student is enrolled in a JDP program, all the academic requirements will be as mentioned in the MoU with the Partner Institution. It may please be noted that the MoU necessarily adheres to all the Senate approved guidelines.