Joint PhD Program

UQ–IITD Research Academy

The University of Queensland (UQ), a top 50 global university, and the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IITD), an Institute of Eminence in India, have joined forces to create a joint PhD program that will support PhD scholars to deliver global impact.

Program snapshot

Through the UQ–IITD Research Academy joint PhD program, you can receive a scholarship to study at two world-leading, research-intensive institutions on multidisciplinary projects. By participating in the program you will gain:

✓ a generous **scholarship and additional project development award support**

✓ access to world-class **facilities and resources** and exposure to a new research ecosystem, network and environment

✓ global expertise via **dual supervision** between UQ and IITD as well as possible industry input

✓ a **jointly awarded Doctor of Philosophy** (PhD) from both UQ and IITD upon successful completion of the program.

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Indian Institute of Technology Delhi

UQ IITD Research Academy

IITD campus

Program information

Student types

There are 2 types of students: i-students and q-students.

Indian nationals and international applicants (with citizenship other than Australia) will be considered for admission as i-students. i-students will spend their first, third and fourth years of study at IITD, and their second year at UQ.

Australian domestic students will be considered for admission as q-students. q-students will spend their first, third and fourth years of study at UQ, and their second year at IITD.

Life at UQ-IITD

Students will have access to world-class facilities and research mentors at both institutions throughout their candidature.

UQ has a reputation built on research, boasts state-of-the-art facilities and is located in Brisbane, one of Australia's most liveable cities offering a safe, friendly and multicultural environment. More information on life at UQ can be found at **life.uq.edu.au**

Located in India's bustling and diverse capital city, IITD aims to foster imaginatively gifted leaders and to generate new knowledge by engaging in cutting-edge research. Find out more about student life, campus activities and social initiatives at **international.iitd.ac.in/life**

More information about UQ–IITD Research Academy including the study environment, living costs, and support services can be found at **uqidar.org/future-students/life-at-uqidar**

Scholarships

All successful UQ–IITD PhD applicants will be offered a scholarship for the duration of their candidature of up to 4 years (full-time study) to allow them to focus on their research.

Scholarships for i-students

Eligible i-students will be awarded a scholarship which includes:

- [at IITD] a monthly stipend of Rs 47000* in year 1 and Rs 52000* in years 3 and 4;

- [at UQ] an annual stipend of AUD $33,641* in year 2;

- a relocation grant of AUD $5,200* to support Delhi-Brisbane-Delhi travel; and

- overseas student health cover (single policy) for stay in Brisbane in year 2.

Students will be required to pay the **IITD tuition fee** for the duration of their study. The UQ tuition fee is waived for students, but they would be required to pay the Student Services and Amenities Fee of AUD $351 for the year spent at the UQ campus.

Scholarships for q-students

Eligible q-students will be awarded a scholarship which includes:

- an annual stipend of AUD $33,641*;

- a relocation grant of AUD $2,500* to support Brisbane-Delhi-Brisbane travel; and

- UQ travel insurance for up to 12 months in Delhi.

Students will be required to pay the IITD tuition fee for the year of study at IITD. Students will be required to pay the Student Services and Amenities Fee of AUD $351* for years spent at the UQ campus.

During their stay in either institution, students will also be eligible for all other benefits offered to full-time PhD students in either institution. In particular, at IITD students will receive an additional amount as House Rent Allowance if they do not stay in campus accommodation (hostel), as per the existing norms of IIT Delhi for PhD students.

*Please note amounts are based on 2024 scholarship rates. Scholarships are subject to change.

How to apply

We have made applying for the UQ–IITD joint PhD program as simple as possible. You can apply by following these steps:

1 ## Find a research project

Apply for an available project. Projects are advertised on our website when applications open. You can apply for up to 2 projects in each application round.

uqidar.org/our-projects

2 ## Check your eligibility

A summary of the entry requirements for the PhD program is available on our website.

uqidar.org/apply

3 ## Prepare your documentation

Documents required include an academic CV, academic transcripts, award certificates, evidence of meeting the English language proficiency requirements, contact details of 2 academic referees, scanned copies of all competitive entrance tests including JEE, GATE, UGC-NET, CSIR, ICAR, ICMR, DST-INSPIRE, GRE etc. Please check for any additional project requirements, as these may vary.

4 ## Apply online

All applicants must complete an online Expression of Interest (EOI) by the due date.

uqidar.org/apply
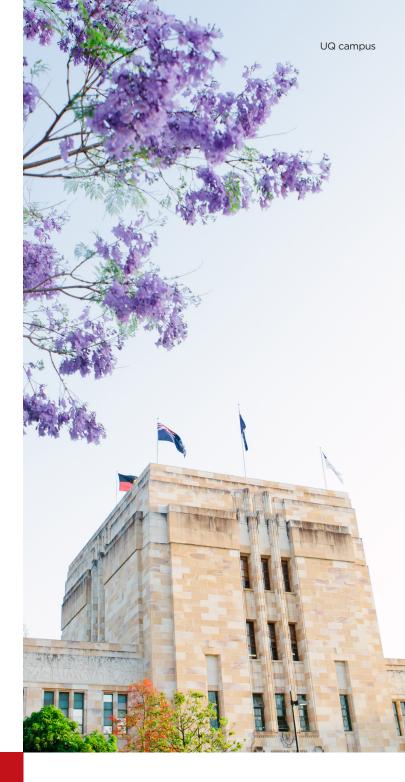
UQ campus

Our PhD program

A Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) is one of the highest degrees that can be awarded and is often a requirement for the majority of academic and research positions in a wide range of fields and industries. The aim of the PhD is to foster the development of independent research skills.

Expected duration

4 years maximum (full-time)

Assessment

A thesis of no more than 80,000 words, with the research representing a significant new contribution to the discipline.

2024 application rounds

Round 1

14 Feb-17 Mar	Expressions of Interest (EOI) open
20 Mar-15 Apr	Advisor shortlisting
11-16 May	Interviews and exam (UQ–IITD)
3 June	Offers sent
July	Cohort commences

Round 2

5 Sep-3 Oct	Expressions of Interest (EOI) open
8-30 Oct	Advisor shortlisting
14-21 Nov	Interviews and exam (UQ–IITD)
9 Dec	Offers sent
Late Dec	Cohort commences

Eligibility criteria

Applicants must meet the following minimum requirements of both UQ and IITD to be considered for entry into the joint PhD program. Please note that higher criteria may be applied when shortlisting applicants.

Minimum qualifications for IITD

All applicants must meet the academic requirements, English proficiency and research preparedness requirements for consideration for entry into the joint PhD program. As this is a competitive program, the standards for admission may be higher than the minimum qualifications. Visit the program website for more details: **uqidar.org/apply/apply-to-uqidar-i-students**

Exceptions to public examinations

While it is not a requirement that all candidates possess a valid GATE, GRE, NET, CSIR score (or scores of any competitive entrance test), it is expected that successful applicants will have a good score in any of these many exams in order to be competitive.

Candidates without a valid GATE score or CSIR/UGC/DBT award can be considered for admission to the joint PhD program if they have a minimum of 2 years of professional work experience in lieu of GATE score and if they meet all other eligibility requirements.

Degree equivalency

For purposes of comparison, it is understood that a bachelor's degree in engineering/technology is an eight-semester program with course components including basic sciences, engineering fundamentals, and specialisation in a chosen discipline.

For purposes of comparison, it is understood that a master's degree in engineering/technology is a four-semester program with specialisation in a chosen discipline, and a significant research component.

A four-year bachelor's degree in sciences, arts or humanities will be considered equivalent to a 4 years bachelor's degree in engineering/technology, for purposes of comparison. For arts and humanities disciplines, a master of philosophy degree will be considered to be equivalent to a master's degree in engineering/technology (and hence will have only a minimum marks/grades requirement with no additional requirement for public examinations.

International students

For students applying from countries other than India, a high score in any national examination (in the candidate's home country) or international examination (such as GRE) will be given due weightage, in lieu of the required public examinations. Candidates who have been awarded a CSIR/UGC/DBT Research fellowship (government fellowships) are encouraged to apply.

Minimum qualifications for UQ

- A research master's degree, or
- A coursework master's degree and an overall GPA (grade point average) equivalent to 5.65 on the 7-point UQ scale, which should include a relevant research component, or
- A postgraduate degree of at least one year (full-time equivalent) with an overall GPA (grade point average) equivalent to 5.0 on the 7-point UQ scale, together with demonstrated research experience equivalent to honours IIA will be considered for PhD entry on a case by case basis.; or
- A bachelor's degree plus at least 2 years of documented relevant research experience, including research publications; or
- A bachelor's degree with at least honours class IIA or equivalent from a recognised university, which includes a relevant research component.