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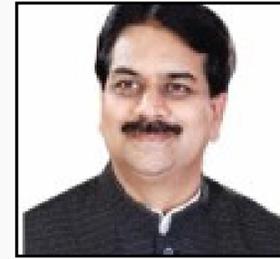
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### Samvaad Overseas Editorial

It is with great pleasure that the Dean International Relations Office and the Students International Relations Cell at PCCOE present to you volume 2, issue 10 of "Samvaad-Overseas", under the esteemed guidance of our honourable Director, Dr. Govind N. Kulkarni.

In "Samvaad-Overseas" our aim is to highlight PCCOE's global engagement endeavours, partnerships with universities or organisations worldwide, collaborative initiatives, academic exchanges, and research engagements that enhance cross-border knowledge sharing.

This newsletter showcases academic and research exchange opportunities, highlights international conferences, guest visits, and celebrates faculty and student achievements on the global stage. It also covers key events that enhance our institute's global presence and foster international collaboration. We hope Samvaad-Overseas is both informative and inspiring as we strengthen global ties. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

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## Know Japan 2025

International Relations and Japan Facilitation Center Co-hosted by Consulate General of Japan in Mumbai, organised 4<sup>th</sup> edition of The 'Know Japan-2024' event, at PCET's Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering (PCCOE), Pune. The event was held on the 10th and 11th October 2025 .

The first day of Know Japan 2025 commenced with great enthusiasm at PCCOE, marking a vibrant beginning to the two-day international event that celebrated Indo-Japanese collaboration, education, culture, and career opportunities. The event witnessed 324 registrations from various educational institutions and industries across Maharashtra, reflecting the growing interest in Japanese education, technology, and culture.



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The inaugural session began with a warm cultural touch as two students of the MDM Japanese course performed a graceful Japanese dance, beautifully symbolizing the spirit of friendship between India and Japan. Throughout both days, first-year students of the Japanese Language Course at PCCOE enthralled the audience with a group performance of a Japanese song, creating an atmosphere of cultural unity and appreciation.

Dr. Roshani Raut, Dean, International Relations, PCCOE, delivered the Welcome Address, warmly greeting all distinguished guests and participants and highlighting PCCOE's strong ties with Japan through the Japan Facilitation Centre. Dr. Govind N. Kulkarni, Director, PCCOE, in his Address, emphasized the importance of cultural understanding and global exposure in the engineering education ecosystem.

### **Session I: Innovating STEM Education – Insights from Japan and India**

**Speaker:** Mr. Renya Kikuchi, Chairman, SCCIP Co. Ltd., Japan. Mr. Kikuchi shared valuable insights into Japan's approach to STEM education, focusing on innovation, creativity, and experiential learning. He drew parallels with Indian education and stressed the need for global collaboration in technology-driven learning.



### **Session II: Building Successful Careers in Japan**

**Speaker:** Dr. Hari Damle, Founder Member, JALTAP. Dr. Damle presented an inspiring talk on career-building strategies for Indian students aspiring to work in Japan. He discussed language learning, workplace ethics, and cross-cultural adaptability as key success factors.



### **Session III: Bridging India and Japan – Driving Careers, Innovation, and Global Business**

**Speaker:** Mr. Anand Shiralkar, CEO, DG FutureTech India Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Shiralkar highlighted Indo-Japanese collaboration in the technology sector. He shared his company's journey in establishing business relationships between the two nations, illustrating how innovation can transcend cultural boundaries.



### **Session IV: Engineering Across Cultures – Lessons from Japan**

**Speaker:** Mr. Rupesh Metkar, Chief Engineer, Sutra Systems India Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Metkar spoke about professional ethics, punctuality, and precision as hallmarks of Japanese engineering culture. His presentation offered practical insights for students aiming to work in international environments.



### **Session V: Are You Japan Ready?**

**Speaker:** Mr. Sanjay Khorate, Senior HR Leader, NTT DATA Inc., Pune. This interactive session focused on workplace readiness, interview skills, and the adaptability required to work in Japanese corporate culture.



### **Session VI: Placement Opportunities in Japanese Industries**

**Speaker:** Mr. Hiro Ishida, Managing Director, Mosaique Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore. Mr. Ishida detailed the growing employment opportunities for Indian engineers in Japan and discussed expectations from Japanese employers.



### **Session VII: Internships and Placement Opportunities in Japan**

**Speakers:** Mr. Sameer Laghate (Director) and Ms. Swati Bhagwat (Partner), Proceed Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Pune. The final session of the day explored practical pathways for internships, skill-building, and placements in Japanese organizations.



Before the conclusion of Day 1, the first-year Japanese course students' group song performance delighted the audience, spreading joy and cultural warmth.

The second day of Know Japan 2025 took a cultural turn, focusing on Japan's rich heritage, aesthetics, and creative traditions. The day provided students and faculty with hands-on experiences through interactive sessions and live demonstrations.

### **Session I: Guidance on MEXT Scholarship in Japan**

**Speaker:** Ms. Hamuro Megumi, Consul, Culture and Information Section, Consulate-General of Japan, Mumbai. Ms. Megumi provided comprehensive guidance on the prestigious MEXT Scholarship, outlining eligibility, application procedures, and life in Japan for international students.



### **Session II: Exploring Engineering and IT Career Opportunities in Japan**

**Speaker:** Mr. Abhijit Ghanekar, Partner, Aaruya Global Consulting LLP, Pune. Mr. Ghanekar highlighted the demand for skilled engineers and IT professionals in Japan, encouraging students to upskill themselves and learn the Japanese language for better integration.



### **Session IV: Presentation and Interaction on Bonsai**

**Speaker:** Dr. Sujata Bhat, President, Bonsai Study Group, Indo-Japanese Association, Mumbai

Dr. Bhat spoke about the philosophy and technique behind Bonsai creation, linking it to mindfulness, patience, and appreciation of nature. Her interaction session invited student curiosity and participation.



### **Session V: Presentation on Origami**

**Speaker:** Mrs. Swati Dharmadhikari, Freelancer and Head, Origami Centre, PCMC, Pune. Mrs. Dharmadhikari conducted an engaging origami session where students learned paper-folding techniques to create intricate shapes, symbolizing creativity and focus.



### Session III: Presentation and Demonstration on Ikebana

**Speaker:**The representatives of Ikenobo Ikebana, Pune Chapter in an elegant session introduced participants to Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arrangement, emphasizing balance, harmony, and simplicity. A live demonstration captivated the audience.

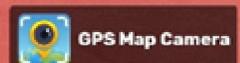


**By:** Dr. Sandeep Patil, Associate Dean, International Relations, PCCOE. Dr. Patil extended heartfelt gratitude to all speakers, guests, faculty coordinators, and student volunteers for making the event a grand success. He also appreciated the Consulate General of Japan for their continued support and collaboration.

#### Demonstration and Display: Ikebana and Origami Stalls

The event concluded with a vibrant display of Ikebana and Origami artworks. The exhibits drew admiration for their beauty and creativity.

The first-year Japanese course students presented a melodious group song in Japanese, marking a graceful end to the two-day event. The program concluded at 3:30 PM, celebrating the success of Know Japan 2025 – an initiative that beautifully combined education, career guidance, and cultural immersion.



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## **Bridging Cultures: A Session on Business Japanese Culture**

The Japan Facilitation Centre recently hosted a specialized session titled “Business Japanese Culture”, conducted by Ms. Poonam Rawal from Mitsubishi Electric, Pune. The session was organized for engineering students currently pursuing the Japanese language, aiming to provide them with valuable insights into the nuances of Japanese business etiquette, communication styles, and workplace culture.

Ms. Rawal, drawing from her extensive professional experience of working with Japanese clients and colleagues, shared thought-provoking perspectives on the values that define Japanese corporate environments. She emphasized the importance of punctuality, respect, humility, teamwork, and the art of formal greetings (aisatsu) – all of which form the foundation of professional interactions in Japan.

The session also delved into practical aspects of workplace conduct, including meeting etiquette, bowing customs, the exchange of business cards (meishi-kōkan), and the use of polite language (keigo) in professional communication. These cultural practices, Ms. Rawal explained, reflect the deep-rooted sense of discipline and mutual respect that characterize Japanese society.

Students participated with great enthusiasm, engaging Ms. Rawal in meaningful discussions on cross-cultural communication and professional expectations in Japanese workplaces. Their questions reflected a growing curiosity and appreciation for how language learning goes hand-in-hand with understanding cultural contexts.

In conclusion, the session proved to be both informative and inspiring, offering students a broader perspective on how mastering the Japanese language can open doors to global career opportunities. It highlighted the significance of cultural awareness as an essential complement to linguistic proficiency, motivating students to pursue excellence in both.



## **My Journey in Germany: From a Classroom Dream to a Career in AI**

### **“My Journey in Germany: From a Classroom Dream to a Career in AI”**

Back in 2017, as I walked out of PCCoE's campus gates, I carried not only my Mechanical Engineering degree, but also a dream: to study and work in Germany, a country I had always admired for its technology, accuracy, and discipline.

During my final year at PCCOE, I worked on my bachelor's thesis with Wilo Mather & Platt Pumps, a company with strong German roots. That interaction introduced me to German engineering standards, which are structured, efficient, and dependable. It was there that my interest in Germany flourished.

After graduation, I spent two and a half years at L&T Technology Services in Mumbai, Vadodara as a Data Analyst. My tenure there fostered my personal and professional development. I had the opportunity to collaborate with multinational clients and understand how technology and data can be used to translate ideas into innovation. However, the aspiration to move to Germany persisted within me.

So, while working full-time, I began learning the German language. Many times, after long work days, I sat down with my books to practice grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation. It was difficult to balance my job and study, but each new word gave me optimism that I was getting closer to my dream.

Finally, in March 2020, I headed to Germany to study my MBA and engineering at Hochschule Hof. Those two years were filled with challenges, learning opportunities, and great memories. I was also offered a scholarship, which increased my desire and allowed me to concentrate even more on my academics.

Throughout my academic path, I had the opportunity to collaborate with prominent companies such as Bosch.io and Volocopter, where I discovered how real-world technology meets creativity. After finishing my studies in March 2022, I started my professional career with Shopware, a rapidly expanding e-commerce company in Germany. Today, I am proud to be a Project Manager in AI and Automation at Conrad Electronics, one of the major B2B e-commerce companies, where I work on projects that mix artificial intelligence with business productivity.

Looking back, I can say one thing for certain: knowing German altered everything. It benefited my integration into the culture, networking, and establishing a successful career here. Even the best possibilities may seem far without language.

Over time, I noticed that many outstanding Indian students had the same desire as I did, but they often struggled to find the suitable mentor. That's when I decided to establish The GermanAura Consultancy Services LLP, an institute where students can get honest guidance and affordable German language training (A1-B1). We established this mission in order to guide students in a more practical, honest, and supportive manner – because I believe that every ambition deserves to be embraced.

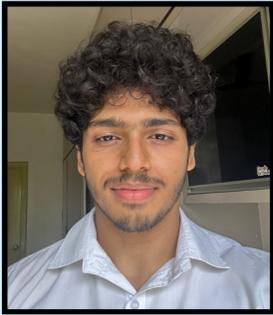
So, whether you've ever considered studying, working, or starting a new life in Germany, take the first step with us. It is totally achievable; I have fulfilled that dream and am now assisting others in living theirs as well. Let's make your German dream come true with GermanAura!

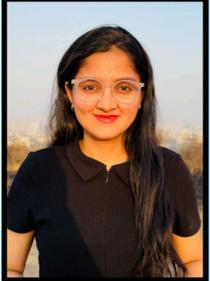
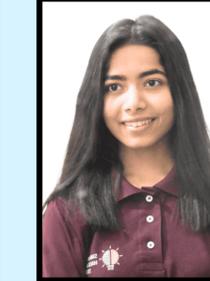
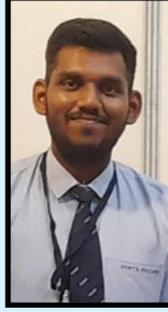
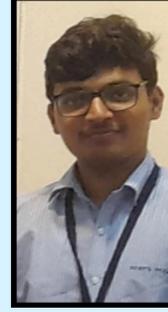


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**PCCOE Students Bag Prestigious La Trobe Research Grants for 2025-26**

Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering (PCCOE) proudly congratulates its students for securing the La Trobe University Research Grants for the academic year 2025-26. The recognition comes as a testament to their innovative thinking, research excellence, and dedication to solving real-world challenges through technology and creativity. Guided by their mentors, the student teams showcased outstanding interdisciplinary collaboration and scientific insight. This remarkable achievement not only brings international recognition to PCCOE but also reinforces the institute's commitment to fostering global academic partnerships and promoting a culture of research-driven innovation.

Group	Team Members	
<p><b>Group:</b> Evitable404  <b>Department:</b> Computer Engineering - RL  <b>Mentor:</b> Ms. Rucha A. Shinde, Dr. Rachana Patil  <b>Amount:</b> 400 AUD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anshul Wagh</li> <li>• Piyush Parab</li> <li>• Omkar Kudke</li> </ul>	  
<p><b>Group:</b> Dynamic Dialers  <b>Department:</b> CSE (AI &amp; ML)  <b>Mentor:</b> Dr. Anuradha Thakare  <b>Amount:</b> 250 AUD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soham Mhatre</li> <li>• Omkar Khoche</li> <li>• Manthan Barhate</li> <li>• Hari Padalwar</li> </ul>	  
<p><b>Group:</b> SafeLane - Smart Safety Sign Boards  <b>Department:</b> IT  <b>Mentor:</b> Dr. Maya Bembde  <b>Amount:</b> 600 AUD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kshitija Ahire</li> <li>• Piyusha Kate</li> </ul>	   
<p><b>Group:</b> Hydrosafe  <b>Department:</b> IT  <b>Mentor:</b> Dr. Jayshree Katti  <b>Amount:</b> 350 AUD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sarvesh Gadkari</li> <li>• Pooja Sadgir</li> <li>• Siddhi Solapurkar</li> </ul>	  

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<p><b>Group:</b> HarvestSecure AI <b>Department:</b> IT <b>Mentor:</b> Mrs. Sphurthi Deshmukh <b>Amount:</b> 500 AUD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shruti Jadhav</li> <li>• Gaurav Biradar</li> <li>• Harshvardhan Borude</li> </ul>	   
<p><b>Group:</b> AI-based Smart Food Tracking and Management System <b>Department:</b> IT <b>Mentor:</b> Dr. Harsha Bhute <b>Amount:</b> 460 AUD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abhinandan Ashtekar</li> <li>• Sushil Bang</li> <li>• Sushant Bhoite</li> </ul>	   
<p><b>Group:</b> Team IgniteX <b>Department:</b> Computer Engineering <b>Mentor:</b> Dr. Aparna Joshi <b>Amount:</b> 400 AUD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payal Pawar</li> <li>• Mayuri Risawade</li> <li>• Aishwarya Marathe</li> </ul>	  
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## AI Internship Alert – Delft, Netherlands

Artificial Intelligence is no longer a distant concept confined to research papers—it's a rapidly evolving force transforming industries and redefining the way we interact with technology. At the heart of this transformation lies a new generation of innovators who are blending intelligence with imagination. One such opportunity to be part of this revolution comes from SmartAvatar B.V., a forward-thinking deep-tech startup based in Delft, Netherlands, which is offering an intensive six-month AI internship for ambitious students ready to make a real-world impact.

### What the Internship Offers

Unlike traditional internships limited to observation or simulation, the SmartAvatar program immerses participants in hands-on development and experimentation. Interns will collaborate directly with experienced engineers, data scientists, and international mentors to solve complex challenges in applied AI.

Participants will gain exposure to real projects involving:

- **Edge AI with NVIDIA Jetson:** Developing optimized machine learning models for real-time processing on edge devices.
- **Cloud-Native Private AI:** Building scalable, privacy-preserving AI infrastructures on cloud-native platforms.
- **AI Code Generation Tools:** Creating tools that accelerate software development through AI-assisted coding.
- **Hybrid AI Systems:** Integrating Machine Learning algorithms with advanced Large Language Models for intelligent decision-making.

### Why This Internship Matters

In today's competitive AI landscape, the ability to design, deploy, and scale intelligent systems is a highly sought-after skill. The SmartAvatar internship is more than an academic exercise—it is a launchpad for future AI professionals. Participants will engage in research-driven innovation while contributing to projects that have real commercial and societal value.

### Application Process

Interested applicants are encouraged to visit <https://smartavatar.nl/careers> to learn more about the program and its requirements.

To apply, submit your CV and a motivation letter detailing your interests, technical background, and career aspirations to [sne.alam@smartavatar.nl](mailto:sne.alam@smartavatar.nl).

This opportunity is not just about gaining experience—it's about shaping the future of AI.

## UNFCCC-UNU Fellowship Programme

### An Exceptional Opportunity for Emerging Climate Leaders from Developing Countries

Climate change is one of the defining challenges of our time, and addressing it requires collaboration across disciplines, institutions, and borders. Recognizing the need to empower the next generation of climate professionals, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the United Nations University (UNU) have jointly launched the UNFCCC-UNU Early Career Climate Fellowship Programme.

#### About the Programme

The UNFCCC-UNU Fellowship Programme is designed to bridge the gap between science, policy, and practice. It enables early-career professionals to actively engage with climate-related policy development, contribute to analytical research, and participate in the coordination of international climate initiatives.

#### Programme Details

- Duration: 12-24 months
- Location: Bonn, Germany
- Host Institutions: UNFCCC Secretariat & United Nations University

#### Eligibility Criteria

The fellowship seeks highly motivated early-career professionals who demonstrate both technical competence and a strong commitment to climate action. Applicants should meet the following criteria:

- A Master's degree in a climate-related discipline such as environmental science, policy, economics, law, engineering, or social sciences.
- Up to three years of professional experience in a relevant area.
- A demonstrated interest in international climate policy, climate negotiations, or applied climate research.

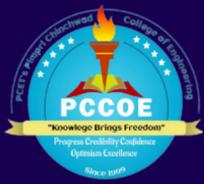
Applicants from developing countries are especially encouraged to apply, as the programme aims to strengthen global equity and representation in climate leadership.

By the end of the fellowship, participants emerge not only as skilled researchers and policy advisors but also as future climate leaders equipped to shape the course of environmental sustainability in their home countries and beyond.

#### How to Apply

Interested candidates can find detailed information about the fellowship and the application process at:

<https://unu.edu/vie/our-work/partnerships-and-outreach/unfccc-unu-early-career-climate-fellowship-programme>



## **Applications Open – Raman–Charpak Fellowships 2025**

The Indo-French Centre for the Promotion of Advanced Research (IFCPAR/CEFIPRA) has opened applications for the esteemed Raman–Charpak Fellowship Programme, a flagship initiative dedicated to strengthening scientific partnerships between India and France.

Named after two Nobel Laureates – Sir C.V. Raman (India) and Prof. Georges Charpak (France) – the fellowship embodies the spirit of innovation, discovery, and international academic exchange. It enables exceptional Ph.D. scholars from India to conduct high-quality research in recognized French institutions, collaborating with global experts in their respective fields.

Through this program, fellows gain:

- Access to cutting-edge laboratories and technologies
- Exposure to new research methodologies and interdisciplinary approaches
- Cultural exchange fostering a global scientific outlook
- Opportunities to build long-term collaborative networks

### **Eligible Research Fields**

#### **Atmospheric, Earth & Environmental Sciences**

- Materials Sciences
- Physical Sciences
- Chemical Sciences
- Engineering Sciences
- Biological, Life & Medical Sciences
- Agricultural Sciences
- Mathematical & Computational Sciences

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Open to 2nd or 3rd year Ph.D. scholars
- Research area must align with the eligible disciplines
- Strong academic and research background encouraged

### **Application Deadline**

**10th December 2025**

The Raman–Charpak Fellowship stands as an excellent launchpad for young researchers aspiring to contribute to impactful scientific advancements while experiencing the enriching academic culture of France.

**Step into the world of international research – broaden your expertise, grow as a global scientist, and take your Ph.D. journey to new heights!**

## **Make Our Planet Great Again (MOPGA) Fellowship 2026**

As the global community faces unprecedented environmental challenges, fostering international scientific collaboration has never been more crucial. To empower researchers dedicated to sustainability and climate solutions, the Make Our Planet Great Again (MOPGA) Fellowship 2026 invites applications from early-career scientists around the world to conduct research stays in France.

### **About the Fellowship**

The MOPGA Visiting Fellowship Program is designed to attract outstanding early-career researchers who wish to contribute to France's scientific efforts addressing major environmental and climate-related challenges.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

The MOPGA Fellowship is open to candidates who meet the following requirements:

- Applicants must not hold French citizenship.
- Candidates must hold a doctoral degree obtained within the last five years, i.e., thesis defense between December 2020 and December 2025.
- Applicants must not have resided in France for more than 90 days between September 12, 2025, and December 12, 2025.

### **Research Focus**

Fellows are encouraged to propose projects aligned with the core themes of the MOPGA initiative, including but not limited to:

- Climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Earth system science and environmental monitoring
- Sustainable energy systems
- Biodiversity conservation and ecosystem resilience
- Agricultural transformation and food security
- Environmental policy, governance, and sustainability transitions

The selected fellows will collaborate with French host laboratories and research centers to pursue projects that combine scientific rigor with real-world impact.

### **Application Process**

Interested researchers must submit their applications online via the official portal:

<https://campusfrance.smapply.io/prog/mopga-2026/>

## Call for Applications 2026 – France Excellence Eiffel Scholarship Program

France continues to affirm its position as a global leader in higher education, science, and innovation through one of its most prestigious scholarship initiatives – the France Excellence Eiffel Scholarship Program 2026. Designed by the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, this program aims to attract the best international students to pursue Master's and Doctoral studies at leading French institutions.

### About the Program

The France Excellence Eiffel Scholarship supports outstanding international students who aspire to contribute to scientific advancement, global innovation, and cross-cultural dialogue. The program not only provides financial support but also serves as a bridge between talented individuals and France's renowned research and academic ecosystem.

The Eiffel Scholarship is offered at two levels:

- Master's level, for students seeking advanced education in French higher education institutions.
- Doctoral level, for candidates pursuing research and innovation through joint supervision or co-tutelle programs.

### Fields of Study

The program covers a broad range of disciplines, divided into two major fields:

#### 1. Science and Technology

- Biology and Health
- Ecological Transition

#### 2. Humanities and Social Sciences

- History, French Language and Civilization
- Law and Political Science

### Eligibility and Application Process

Applications for the 2026 intake are now open. However, candidates cannot apply directly to the Eiffel Scholarship program. It is therefore essential for interested students to reach out early to their prospective universities to express interest and begin the application process.

### More Information

For detailed information on eligibility, benefits, and application timelines, visit:

<https://www.campusfrance.org/en/france-excellence-eiffel-scholarship-program>



## **call for Erasmus Mundus International Master in Global Markets, Local Creativities**

In today's rapidly changing world, understanding the relationship between global economic forces and local cultural dynamics is more vital than ever. The Erasmus Mundus International Master in Global Markets, Local Creativities (GLOCAL), coordinated by the University of Glasgow, offers students an unparalleled opportunity to explore these intersections through an interdisciplinary and international lens.

Funded by the European Union's Erasmus+ Programme, GLOCAL brings together world-leading universities and scholars to train the next generation of professionals capable of navigating globalization, economic transformation, and cultural creativity across diverse contexts.

### **About the Programme**

The GLOCAL Master's programme examines how globalization and local identity interact to shape modern societies, markets, and institutions. It combines elements of economic history, business, cultural studies, and social sciences, offering a broad yet specialized understanding of how creativity and commerce connect in a globalized world.

### **What's on Offer**

Selected candidates under the Erasmus Mundus Scholarship receive comprehensive financial support, which includes:

- Full coverage of tuition fees
- Health insurance for the duration of the programme
- Optional contribution toward travel and installation costs
- A monthly subsistence allowance to support living expenses

This generous funding package ensures that talented students from all backgrounds can participate in the program without financial barriers.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

The Erasmus Mundus GLOCAL program is open to applicants of all nationalities who demonstrate academic excellence, motivation, and a strong interest in globalization, economic history, and cultural studies.

### **Application Deadline: 8 January 2026**

Early application is highly encouraged due to the program's competitive selection process and limited scholarship availability.

### **How to Apply**

For detailed information about the program structure, partner universities, and application requirements, visit:

<https://globallocal-erasmusmundus.eu/erasmus-mundus-scholarship/>

## Eiffel Excellence Scholarship Programme 2026 – Study in France

### Empowering Global Talent Through Academic Excellence and Innovation

France continues to stand at the forefront of global education and research, and the Eiffel Excellence Scholarship Programme 2026 reaffirms this commitment by inviting outstanding international students to pursue Master's and Doctoral degrees at the country's leading higher education institutions.

### About the Programme

The Eiffel Scholarship was established to support highly motivated students who demonstrate exceptional academic potential and a vision for contributing to sustainable development and international collaboration.

### Who Can Apply

The programme is open to international students of all nationalities, except French citizens, who meet the following criteria:

- **Master's Level:** Candidates up to 29 years old from developing countries, for study durations between 12 and 36 months.
- **PhD Level:** Candidates up to 35 years old from developing or industrialised countries, for study durations between 12 and 36 months.

### Scholarship Benefits

The Eiffel Excellence Scholarship offers comprehensive financial support, enabling recipients to focus on their studies and research without financial constraints.

- **Master's Level:** €1,200 monthly stipend, plus direct coverage of academic services.
- **PhD Level:** €2,100 monthly stipend, plus direct coverage of academic services.
- **Additional Benefits:** Registration fee waivers, international travel, health insurance, housing assistance, and other allowances to ensure a smooth academic experience in France.

This generous package not only ensures academic support but also reflects France's dedication to fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment for international scholars.

### Application Timeline

**Application Deadline: 8 January 2026**

### More Information:

Visit the official announcement at:

<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/worldwide/lac/news/france-eiffel-scholarships-phd-and-masters-degrees-2026>

## Postdoctoral Opportunities at Harvard University 2025–26

Harvard University has opened applications for its Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme, inviting scholars from around the world to contribute to the evolving landscape of Artificial Intelligence (AI). This prestigious fellowship focuses on advancing AI research and understanding its broader impact on humanity, society, and knowledge systems.

The program encourages a multidisciplinary approach, connecting technical innovation with humanistic, ethical, and societal insights. Fellows will have the opportunity to work alongside Harvard's leading experts to explore how AI influences human life, communication, creativity, and decision-making.

### Research Areas Include

- Agentic AI – exploring autonomous, goal-oriented AI systems
- Language Model Interpretability – decoding how AI understands and generates language
- Benchmarking Beyond Intelligence – creating new metrics to assess AI performance
- AI and the Human Experience – understanding AI's role in creativity, ethics, and society
- Bridging the AI Triad – integrating technological, social, and philosophical dimensions of AI

### Expected Outcomes

Fellows are expected to deliver at least one major public contribution that advances scholarly or public dialogue on AI. These may include:

- Research papers or white papers
- Novel algorithms or open-source tools
- Design prototypes or datasets
- Essays, blogs, policy briefs, or podcasts
- Talks, workshops, or other public engagement activities

### Aim of the Fellowship

The fellowship aims to push the boundaries of AI research, nurturing ideas that blend scientific rigor with ethical responsibility. It envisions AI not just as a technological tool but as a transformative force that must be guided by human values and societal needs.

**Application Deadline: 5th December 2025**

Apply at: <https://cyber.harvard.edu/page/open-call-fellowship-applications-2026-and-2026-2027>

This fellowship represents a remarkable opportunity for researchers to influence the global conversation on AI, bridging disciplines and shaping a future where technology and humanity evolve together.



## **ETH Zürich Excellence Scholarship & Opportunity Programme (ESOP) – 2026 Intake**

### **Empowering Global Talent for Academic and Research Excellence in Switzerland**

ETH Zürich, one of the world's leading universities in science, technology, and engineering, is now inviting applications for the Excellence Scholarship & Opportunity Programme (ESOP) for the 2026 intake. This prestigious scholarship aims to attract the brightest international students to pursue a Master's degree at one of Europe's foremost institutions for innovation and research.

### **About the Programme**

The Excellence Scholarship & Opportunity Programme (ESOP) is designed to support academically outstanding and highly motivated students who have demonstrated exceptional potential in their undergraduate studies and possess a clear vision for independent, innovative research.

### **Scholarship Benefits**

The ESOP provides generous financial support, allowing students to focus entirely on their studies and research. Benefits include:

- CHF 12,000 per semester to cover living and study expenses
- Full tuition fee waiver for the entire duration of the Master's program
- Funding for the standard duration of the degree (typically 3–4 semesters)

### **Eligibility Criteria**

To qualify for the ESOP, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Hold a Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) from a recognized institution
- Be applying to ETH Zürich for the first time at the Master's level
- Submit a well-structured pre-proposal for the Master's thesis, demonstrating clarity of research interest and academic vision

### **Application Process**

Interested applicants should carefully review the official requirements and apply through ETH Zürich's scholarship portal.

Detailed information, eligibility guidelines, and application instructions are available at:

<https://ethz.ch/students/en/studies/financial/scholarships/excellencescholarship.html>

## Ongoing Events

### Indradhanu : International Grand Challenge



**THEME : AI FOR CLIMATE CHANGE**

Co-Organisers



1st PRIZE	2nd PRIZE	3rd PRIZE
₹ 1,00,000/- & Trophy	₹ 60,000/- & Trophy	₹ 40,000/- & Trophy

- First two winning teams will be awarded a two week mentorship program at PCCOE
- Two special category Awards (₹ 20,000 each)
- No registration fees
- Participation Certificates to all eligible teams
- Deadline for Registration and first round is 10th September '25.

Scan to Register!



For more details:- <https://pccoe-igc.vercel.app/>

The Indradhanu International Grand Challenge 2025, received huge response with more than 1000+ registrations. This grand challenge themed “AI for Climate Change”, is organised by Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering (PCCoE)

The challenge offers attractive prizes – ₹1,00,000 for the 1st place, ₹60,000 for 2nd, and ₹40,000 for 3rd – along with trophies and special category awards. Winning teams will also earn a two-week mentorship program at PCCoE, providing them with expert guidance to refine their projects.

Through International Grand Challenge 2025, PCCoE continues to empower young innovators.

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