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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 3, Issue 4 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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Introduction

Dr. Sandeep Patil, Associate Dean – International Relations, represented PCCOE at the Education Consultant Meet on 3rd April 2026 and the 8th Education Fair on 4th–5th April 2026 in Thimphu, Bhutan. This report highlights his participation in these events, which supported PCCOE's efforts to strengthen global outreach, international admissions, and academic collaborations.

The events brought together universities, educational consultants, policymakers, and aspiring students, providing a platform for networking, student engagement, and exploring future international partnerships. The visit also helped enhance PCCOE's visibility among prospective students and educational stakeholders in the region.

Objectives of the Visit

The visit holds strategic importance for PCCOE as Bhutan is an emerging region for international student recruitment with growing interest in global education. The interactions provided valuable insights into the educational landscape of Bhutan while strengthening PCCOE's global presence, credibility, and opportunities for long-term academic collaborations and international admissions.

- To promote PCCOE as a preferred destination for higher education among Bhutanese students.
- To establish and strengthen relationships with education consultants and agencies operating in Bhutan.
- To understand the aspirations, academic interests, and challenges of Bhutanese students seeking international education.
- To enhance PCCOE's visibility and reputation in the international academic community.

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Education Consultant Meet – 3rd April 2026

The Education Consultant Meet provided an opportunity to interact with leading education consultants and agencies. PCCOE's academic programs, infrastructure, placements, and international initiatives were presented in a structured manner. Discussions focused on admission processes, scholarships, and student support systems. There was notable interest in emerging engineering fields such as Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, and Robotics. The interaction also explored future collaboration opportunities and helped establish connections for long-term partnerships.



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8th Education Fair (4-5 April 2026)

The 8th Education Fair held in Thimphu witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, parents, and educators. The PCCOE stall attracted many visitors interested in undergraduate engineering programs. Counseling sessions addressed queries related to courses, career opportunities, campus life, and placements. Brochures and digital presentations were used to highlight PCCOE's strengths and achievements. The fair served as an effective platform for student interaction and institutional brand building.

Interaction with Students and Educational Authorities

Interactions with students and educational authorities provided valuable insights into Bhutan's higher education aspirations and potential collaboration opportunities. Students showed interest in academic flexibility, internships, and placement opportunities in India.

The visit to Thimphu for the Education Consultant Meet and the 8th Education Fair strengthened PCCOE's international networks and created opportunities for student recruitment and academic collaboration, supporting the institution's vision of global engagement. The interactions also helped in enhancing PCCOE's visibility and presence among Bhutanese students and educational stakeholders.



International Academic Opportunities

KAUST Postdoctoral Researcher Positions 2026 – Saudi Arabia

About the opportunity.

Applications are now open for 42 Postdoctoral Researcher, Research Scientist, and Research Specialist positions at King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), Saudi Arabia. These opportunities are available across multiple scientific and engineering disciplines and are open to applicants from all nationalities.

Most positions do not have a fixed deadline and will remain open until filled. The positions are fully funded and provide competitive salaries along with excellent research facilities and benefits.

Key Details:

- Degree Level: Postdoctoral / PhD Holders
- Host Country: Saudi Arabia
- Host Institution: King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST)
- Application Deadline: Open until filled
- Eligible Nationalities: All nationalities
- Application Fee: None

Eligibility Criteria:

Applicants must :

- Hold a PhD degree in a relevant discipline
- Demonstrate strong research capabilities and publication record

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- Possess excellent English communication skills
- Be capable of working independently and collaboratively
- Meet specific eligibility requirements depending on the selected position

Available Research Fields

The available positions span across multiple disciplines, including:

- Biological and Environmental Science and Engineering
- Computer Science and Electrical Engineering
- Chemistry and Chemical Engineering
- Earth Science and Engineering
- Material Science and Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Marine Science and Coral Reef Research
- Energy Storage and Batteries
- Solar Cells and Renewable Energy
- Artificial Intelligence, Computer Vision, and Machine Learning
- Cybersecurity and Hardware Acceleration
- Robotics and Autonomous Systems
- Applied Mathematics and Computational Science

Highlights:

- Fully funded research positions
- Advanced international research environment
- Access to world-class laboratories and facilities
- Opportunity to collaborate with global researchers
- Strong focus on innovation and interdisciplinary research

Call for International Academic Opportunities

Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowships 2027–28

About the Fellowship

Applications are now open for the Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowships 2027–28. These fellowships are designed for Indian scholars who are registered for a PhD at an Indian institution.

Selected scholars will have the opportunity to conduct research and audit non-degree courses at U.S. academic institutions. The fellowship also provides opportunities for practical work experience in relevant professional environments in the United States.

Objectives of the Fellowship

The fellowship aims to:

- Promote academic and research collaboration between India and the United States
- Support doctoral research in diverse disciplines
- Enhance international research exposure and professional development
- Encourage cross-cultural academic exchange

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be Indian citizens
- Be registered for a PhD at a recognized Indian institution
- Demonstrate strong academic and research potential
- Present a well-defined research proposal relevant to their doctoral work

Application Deadline: 1 July 2026

Official Website: <https://www.usief.org.in/fulbright-fellowships/fellowships-for-indian-citizen/fulbright-nehru-doctoral-research-fellowships/>

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John Thompson Scholarship – Dublin City University, Ireland

[About the Scholarship](#)

The John Thompson Scholarship at Dublin City University (DCU) Business School offers an excellent opportunity for students aspiring to pursue an MSc in Digital Marketing in Ireland. The scholarship was established in memory of John Thompson, one of Ireland's most influential newspaper executives, who significantly contributed to journalism and media development.

[Scholarship Benefits](#)

- Covers 100% tuition fees
- Open to both EU and non-EU students
- Awarded to one student annually
- Applicable for the full-time MSc in Digital Marketing program

[Eligibility Criteria](#)

Students from diverse academic backgrounds are encouraged to apply, including:

- Business
- Journalism
- Media
- Marketing
- Other related disciplines

[Important Details](#)

- Number of Scholarships: One per year
- Application Deadline: 30 July 2026

[Why Choose DCU?](#)

Dublin City University is known for:

- Strong industry collaboration
- Career-oriented learning
- Innovative teaching methodologies
- Excellent global networking opportunities

Call for International Academic Opportunities

Indo-German Industrial R&D Project Proposals 2026

About the Program

The Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC) has invited proposals for Industrial Research and Development (R&D) projects in collaboration between India and Germany.

The initiative focuses on strengthening bilateral scientific cooperation while promoting industry-driven innovation supported by academic institutions.

Focus Areas

The current call invites proposals in the following areas:

- Mobile Health and Telemedicine
- Integrated Water Resource Management

Objectives

The programme aims to:

- Promote industry-academia partnerships
- Encourage applied and translational research
- Develop scalable technological solutions
- Strengthen Indo-German scientific collaboration

Collaboration Requirement

Each proposal must include:

- At least one academic or scientific research institution from India and Germany
- At least one industry partner from India and Germany

Application Deadline: 31st May 2026

Official Website : https://www.igstc.org/home/projects_call_text



Call for International Internships

Internship Call: IndoUSrare Internship Program

The IndoUSrare Internship Program invites applications from students and early-career professionals who are passionate about contributing to research, innovation, and advocacy in the rare disease ecosystem.

This program offers a unique opportunity to gain structured learning and hands-on experience in the field of rare diseases. Interns will collaborate with experts from academia, healthcare, industry, and patient organizations, working on impactful projects in areas such as:

- Research and innovation
- Global collaboration
- Education and awareness
- Health policy and advocacy

Participants will develop practical skills and gain real-world exposure to the global healthcare ecosystem, enhancing both their academic and professional growth.

Program Highlights:

- Mentorship from domain experts
- Interdisciplinary project experience
- Exposure to global health initiatives
- Flexible remote/hybrid participation

If you are driven to make a meaningful impact in the rare disease space, this internship is an excellent platform to begin your journey.

[Apply Here](#)

<https://www.indousrare.org/indousrare-internship-program/>



Call for International Research Internships

Internship at Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI), Taiwan

The Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI), Taiwan, offers an excellent international internship opportunity for students interested in research, innovation, and emerging technologies. The program provides hands-on experience through industry-oriented projects while enabling participants to collaborate with researchers and interns from diverse cultural and academic backgrounds.

Why to apply?

- Monthly stipend and free accommodation
- Hands-on research and technology experience
- Global networking and skill development

Awardees get

- Each intern will receive a monthly stipend for daily expenses.
- The intern will be provided with free accommodation on campus.
- A great chance to work on research and technology projects.
- A chance to connect with interns from multiple countries.

Apply Here :

<https://itri.applytojob.com/apply>



Call for International Research Internships

Türkiye Scholarships - Sabancı University PURE Summer Research Program 2026

Sabancı University PURE Summer Research Program 2026, a prestigious international opportunity offered in collaboration with Türkiye Scholarships and Sabancı University.

This 7-week summer research program is designed for outstanding undergraduate students from around the world who are eager to gain hands-on research experience in an international academic environment.

Program Details:

- **Duration: 6th July - 20th August 2026**
- **Application Period: 14th April 2026 (16:00) - 28th April 2026 (23:59)**

Program Overview:

The PURE (Program for Undergraduate Research) initiative at Sabancı University offers students the opportunity to:

- **Work closely with faculty mentors on cutting-edge research projects**
- **Gain exposure to interdisciplinary research environments**
- **Experience academic life in Istanbul**

Benefits Package:

Selected participants will receive:

- **Monthly stipend of 13,000 TL**
- **Round-trip airfare and accommodation**
- **Tuition fee coverage and access to cultural activities**

Call for International Research Internships

Eligibility Criteria

- Strong academic performance required
- English proficiency is essential
- Open to outstanding undergraduate students from all disciplines

Application Highlights

- Applications must be submitted via the official PURE program portal
- Apply to up to 6 projects; selection will be for one only
- Early preparation is recommended due to high competition

Apply & Explore Projects

1. Program details & application:

<https://pure.sabanciuniv.edu/>



2. Available research projects:

https://pure.sabanciuniv.edu/1.6_user.php?termId=32



Call for Global Scholarships

Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship 2027

[A Complete Guide for International Applicants](#)

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) Scholarship is one of the most prestigious fully funded opportunities offered by the Japanese government. It enables international students to pursue higher education in Japan while promoting cultural exchange and global collaboration.

[What is the MEXT Scholarship?](#)

The MEXT Scholarship provides financial support for international students to study at Japanese universities across multiple levels:

- Undergraduate programs
- Research (Master's / PhD)
- Specialized and teacher training programs

The goal is not just academic development but also fostering mutual understanding between Japan and other countries.

Benefits of the MEXT Scholarship

Successful applicants receive:

- Full tuition fee waiver
- Monthly stipend (varies by level)

[Benefits of the MEXT Scholarship:](#)

Successful applicants receive:

- Full tuition fee waiver
- Monthly stipend (varies by level)
- Round-trip airfare (home country and Japan)

Call for Global Scholarships

- Preparatory Japanese language training (if required)

This makes it a fully funded scholarship, removing major financial barriers.

Application Pathways

There are two main routes to apply:

1. Embassy Recommendation (Most Popular)

- Apply through the Japanese Embassy/Consulate in your country
- Initial screening includes:
 - Document review
 - Written exams (Japanese/English)
 - Interview
- Shortlisted candidates are recommended to MEXT

Timeline: Applications usually open in April–May 2026 for the 2027 intake

1. University Recommendation

- Apply directly to a Japanese university
- The university nominates candidates to MEXT
- Typically requires prior contact with a supervisor/professor

Timeline: Deadlines vary (often November–January)

Eligibility Criteria (General)

While criteria vary by category, common requirements include:

- Citizenship of a country with diplomatic relations with Japan
- Strong academic record
- Relevant field of study
- Age limits (vary by program)
- Willingness to learn Japanese and adapt to Japanese culture

Call for Global Youth Programs

Fully Funded 6th Japan Youth Summit 2026

Applications are now open for the Fully Funded 6th Japan Youth Summit 2026, an international youth leadership event to be held at Meiji Gakuin University, Tokyo, Japan, from 28th June to 1st July 2026.

The summit will focus on the theme: “Next-Gen Technology for Inclusive Futures : Accessibility and Connectivity in the AI Era.”

This global platform brings together students and young professionals to discuss global challenges and explore AI-driven solutions for inclusive societies.

Key Highlights:

- Fully funded participation (travel, stay & program costs)
- Workshops, panels & networking with global experts
- International exposure on AI, sustainability & Japanese culture

Eligibility Criteria:

- Eligibility: Open to students, graduates, and young professionals (16–35 years) worldwide.
- Requirements: Interest in technology/AI, leadership or extracurricular involvement, and good English communication skills.
- Commitment: Must attend the summit for its full duration.

Important Dates:

- Application Deadline: 30th April 2026
- Event Dates: 28th June – 1st July 2026

Application Link :

<https://linktr.ee/japanyouthsummit>



Call for MIF Research Fellowships 2027

MIF Research Fellowships 2027: Fully Funded Postdoctoral Opportunity in Japan

The Matsumae International Foundation (MIF) has officially announced the Research Fellowships Program 2027, offering an excellent opportunity for international scholars to undertake advanced research in Japan. This fully funded postdoctoral fellowship supports a six-month research stay between June 2027 and March 2028, fostering global academic collaboration and cultural exchange.

Each year, approximately 15 fellowships are awarded to outstanding researchers from around the world, with the aim of strengthening international cooperation and promoting mutual understanding through scientific and academic engagement. The fellowship aims to promote international academic collaboration and strengthen global research partnerships.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Ph.D. degree holder
- Age 45 or below
- Non-Japanese national with full-time employment
- Invitation from a Japanese host institution
- Preference for science, engineering, medicine & agriculture fields
- Strong research profile and potential

Application Timeline

- Application Window: June 1st, 2026 – June 30th, 2026 (Japan Standard Time)



Call for International Academic Opportunities

Financial Support

The fellowship provides comprehensive financial coverage, including:

- A monthly stipend of ₹220,000 for living and research expenses
- A one-time arrival allowance of ₹120,000
- Round-trip international airfare (economy class)
- Overseas travel insurance, including medical and accident coverage
- Participation in an organized study tour to Hiroshima, offering insights into Japan's history and global peace initiatives

Why Apply?

The MIF Research Fellowship is a prestigious platform for postdoctoral researchers to:

- Collaborate with leading Japanese institutions
- Gain international research exposure
- Access advanced research facilities
- Contribute to innovative research projects
- Build a global academic network
- Enhance research and professional skills
- Strengthen future career prospects
- Promote international collaboration

Exchange knowledge with global researchers. Interested candidates are encouraged to review detailed guidelines and prepare their applications well in advance.

Call for International Academic Opportunities

Postdoctoral Researcher Positions 2026 at KAUST in Saudi Arabia

Applications are now open for numerous Postdoctoral Researcher, Research Scientist, and Research Specialist positions at King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) in Saudi Arabia. These positions are available across multiple scientific and engineering fields. They are open until filled (most have no fixed deadline), fully funded with competitive salaries and excellent benefits packages. Researchers from all nationalities can apply. There is no application fee.

Key Details:

- Degree Level: Postdoctoral / PhD holders
- Host Country: Saudi Arabia
- Host Institution: King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST)
- Application Deadline: Open until filled
- Open for: All nationalities
- Application Fee: None

Eligibility Criteria:

- You must hold a PhD degree in a relevant field (or be close to completion for some roles)
- Strong research track record with publications is usually required
- Excellent English communication skills
- Ability to work independently and in teams
- Specific requirements vary by individual position
- Most positions are open to candidates of any nationality



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Programs Available (Eligible Fields):

- **Biological and Environmental Science and Engineering**
- **Computer Science and Electrical Engineering**
- **Computer, Electrical and Mathematical Science and Engineering**
- **Chemistry and Chemical Engineering**
- **Earth Science and Engineering**
- **Material Science and Engineering**
- **Mechanical Engineering**
- **Marine Science and Coral Reef Research**
- **Energy Storage and Batteries**
- **Solar Cells and Renewable Energy**
- **Artificial Intelligence, Computer Vision, and Machine Learning**
- **Cybersecurity and Hardware Acceleration**
- **Geosciences and Reservoir Modeling**
- **Robotics and Autonomous Systems**
- **Applied Mathematics and Computational Science**

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