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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 5 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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PCCOE International Achievement Spotlight

1. Team IgniteX, PCCOE

Winners of Technology Infusion Grand Challenge 2025

- Organized by La Trobe University, Australia



Team Members:

(Final Year Computer Engineering)

- Ms Payal Pawar (Team Lead)
- Ms Mayuri Risawade
- Ms Aishwarya Marathe

Team Mentor: Dr Aparna Joshi

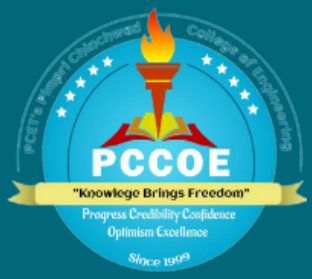
Project title: Multisensor Wearable for Skin Disease Detection

Grant amount received: 400 AUD

Award Benefit: Fully Funded Two-Week Mentorship Stay at La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia

Key Takeaways:

- Innovative solution with real-world impact
- Successful representation of PCCOE at an international event
- Inspiration for aspiring student innovator



PCCOE International Achievement Spotlight

From Idea to Innovation:

Team IgniteX—a group of final-year Computer Engineering students including Payal Pawar, Mayuri Risawade, and Aishwarya Marathe—won the Technology Infusion Grand Challenge (TIGC) 2025, hosted by La Trobe University, Australia. Guided by their mentor, Dr. Aparna Joshi, the team spent a year overcoming rigorous technical and competitive challenges to develop Derma Patch. This innovation is a multisensor wearable device that utilizes deep learning algorithms to detect skin diseases early, aiming to make dermatological healthcare more accessible in remote areas.

About the Achievement :

We are proud to announce that Team IgniteX from Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering (PCCOE) secured the Winner position at the Technology Infusion Grand Challenge 2025, organized by La Trobe University, Australia. The team demonstrated exceptional innovation, technical expertise, and problem-solving skills, developing impactful solutions to real-world challenges. Their outstanding performance earned them international recognition and a fully funded two-week mentorship program at La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia. This achievement reflects the dedication, creativity, and research excellence of Team IgniteX and highlights PCCOE's commitment to fostering innovation and global opportunities for its students. Congratulations to Team IgniteX for bringing international recognition to PCCOE and setting a benchmark for excellence in innovation and research.

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PCCOE International Achievement Spotlight

2. Team Drishtikon, PCCOE

Second Runner-Up at the Technology Infusion Grand Challenge 2025

- Organized by La Trobe University, Australia



Team Members: (Final Year Computer Engineering)

- Ms. Amruta Kothawade (Team Lead)
- Mr. Omkar Kulkarni
- Mr. Soham Joshi
- Darpan Neve
- Sakshi Jadhav

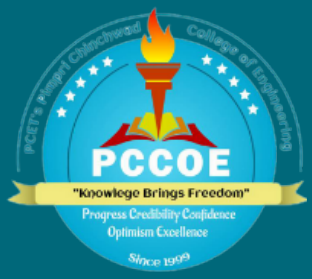
Team Mentor: Dr. Reena Kharat

Project title: An AI-powered assistive smart glasses system designed to improve mobility, safety, and independence for visually impaired individuals.

Grant amount received: 250 AUD

Key Takeaways:

- Secured Second Runner-Up position
- Represented PCCOE at an international innovation challenge
- Demonstrated excellence in technology and innovation



PCCOE International Achievement Spotlight

From Idea to Innovation:

Team Drishtikon—a group of final-year Computer Engineering students including Ms. Amruta Kothawade (Team Lead), Mr. Omkar Kulkarni, Mr. Soham Joshi, Darpan Neve and Sakshi Jadhav—secured second runner-up at the Technology Infusion Grand Challenge (TIGC) 2025, hosted by La Trobe University, Australia. Guided by their mentor, Dr. Reena Kharat. The project presents a clear and well-structured problem statement, addressing the important global issue of assistive technology for visually impaired individuals. The solution is impactful and demonstrates strong potential, with a well-explained prototype that highlights real-time object detection and navigation guidance. The overall presentation was engaging and effective.

About the Achievement :

Team Drishtikon from Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering (PCCOE) achieved the second runner-up spot at the Technology Infusion Grand Challenge 2025, hosted by La Trobe University, Australia. This international recognition highlights the team's outstanding innovation, technical skill, and dedication to solving real-world problems. The milestone reflects PCCOE's ongoing mission to nurture research excellence and provide global platforms for its students. Kudos to Team Drishtikon for setting a new benchmark in excellence and bringing pride to the institution.

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Call for Fully Funded Research Fellowships

Singapore Fully Funded Visiting Fellows Programme 2027

The Wang Gungwu Visiting Fellows Programme 2027 offers international researchers a unique opportunity to conduct advanced research in Singapore using world-class library and archival collections.

This fully funded programme allows fellows to contribute to ISEAS publications, present their research, and gain valuable academic and policy research experience in Singapore.

Fellowship Details:

- Program: Wang Gungwu Visiting Fellows Programme 2027
- Host: ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute
- Location: Singapore
- Duration: 2–6 months
- Program Type: Residential Research Fellowship

Program Benefits:

- Fixed monthly stipend with housing subsidy
- Round-trip economy airfare covered
- Access to office space and IT facilities
- Access to the ISEAS Library and research resources
- Opportunity to meet Professor Wang Gungwu
- Chance to publish research with ISEAS

How to Apply:

Apply online through the official FormSG application portal. Applicants must upload all required documents before the deadline. Referees should submit recommendation letters via email to development development@iseas.edu.sg

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Call for International Research Fellowships

Fully Funded Postdoctoral Opportunity in Japan: MIF Research Fellowships 2027

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.

Eligibility Criteria:

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Hold a Ph.D. (Doctor of Philosophy) degree at the time of application
- Be 45 years old or younger (born in or after 1981)
- Be a non-Japanese national with a full-time position in their home country
- Secure an invitation/acceptance from a host institution in Japan prior to application
- Preference is given to research fields such as natural sciences, engineering, medicine, and agriculture

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Call for International Research Internships

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

Application Timeline

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

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

- Collaborate with leading Japanese institutions
- Gain international research exposure
- Contribute to cutting-edge advancements in their field
- Experience Japan's rich culture and academic ecosystem

Interested candidates are encouraged to review detailed guidelines and prepare their applications well in advance.

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 nondegree 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-forindian-citizen/fulbright-nehru-doctoral-research-fellowships/>

Call for International Academic Opportunities

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

The fellowship aims to:

- 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

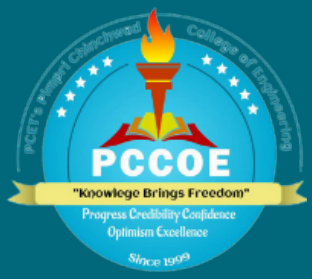
Important Details

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 methodologies teaching
- Excellent global networking opportunities



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>

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