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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 8 of “Samvaad Overseas”, under the esteemed guidance of our honourable Director, Dr. Govind N. Kulkarni.

Through Samvaad Overseas, we aim 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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International Education Fair: Connecting PCCOE with Global Universities

The International Relations Cell, PCCOE, in collaboration with IDP Education, successfully hosted the International Education Fair 2026 on 7th August 2026.

THE INTERACTION

The event commenced with a traditional Saraswati Pooja and ceremonial lamp lighting, symbolizing the pursuit of knowledge and wisdom. Following the inaugural welcome address and the felicitation of the university representatives, the fair was officially opened for student interaction.

The fair provided a dynamic platform for students to interact directly with delegates from prestigious universities across the United Kingdom, United States of America, Canada, and Australia. Students actively visited the designated university desks to engage in personalized, one-to-one discussions regarding their academic interests, preferred courses, and study-abroad plans.



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OBJECTIVES & STUDENT BENEFITS

The fair was designed to bridge the gap between students and international academic pathways.

- **Direct Guidance:** Students engaged in personalized, one-to-one discussions regarding their specific academic interests, eligibility, and career goals.
- **Application Readiness:** Representatives provided clarity on admission procedures, necessary documentation, and university-specific requirements.
- **Financial Planning:** A major focus was creating awareness about international scholarships, financial aid, and funding opportunities.

STUDY DESTINATIONS EXPLORED

The fair featured leading institutions from four prominent international study destinations:

- **United Kingdom:** SP Jain London School of Management, Oxford Brookes University, University of Portsmouth, Swansea University, Manchester Metropolitan University, Leeds Beckett University, and University of Exeter.
- **United States:** Rochester Institute of Technology, Wright State University, Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, and Illinois Institute of Technology.
- **Canada:** University of Windsor.
- **Australia:** James Cook University, Macquarie International University, and University of Sydney.

THE KEY TAKEAWAY

- Participants became significantly more aware of international higher education and scholarship opportunities.
- The event encouraged students to think beyond conventional academic pathways and consider global opportunities.
- Students gained greater confidence in exploring and preparing for higher education opportunities abroad.

EXPLORE GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES. SHAPE A BRIGHTER TOMORROW.

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International Alumni Series 2026

The International Relations Cell at PCCOE successfully organized a month long International Alumni Series in August 2026. Conducted entirely online, this interactive seven-session initiative was designed to bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world global opportunities by connecting current students with our thriving international alumni network.



Duration:
August 2026



Mode:
Online

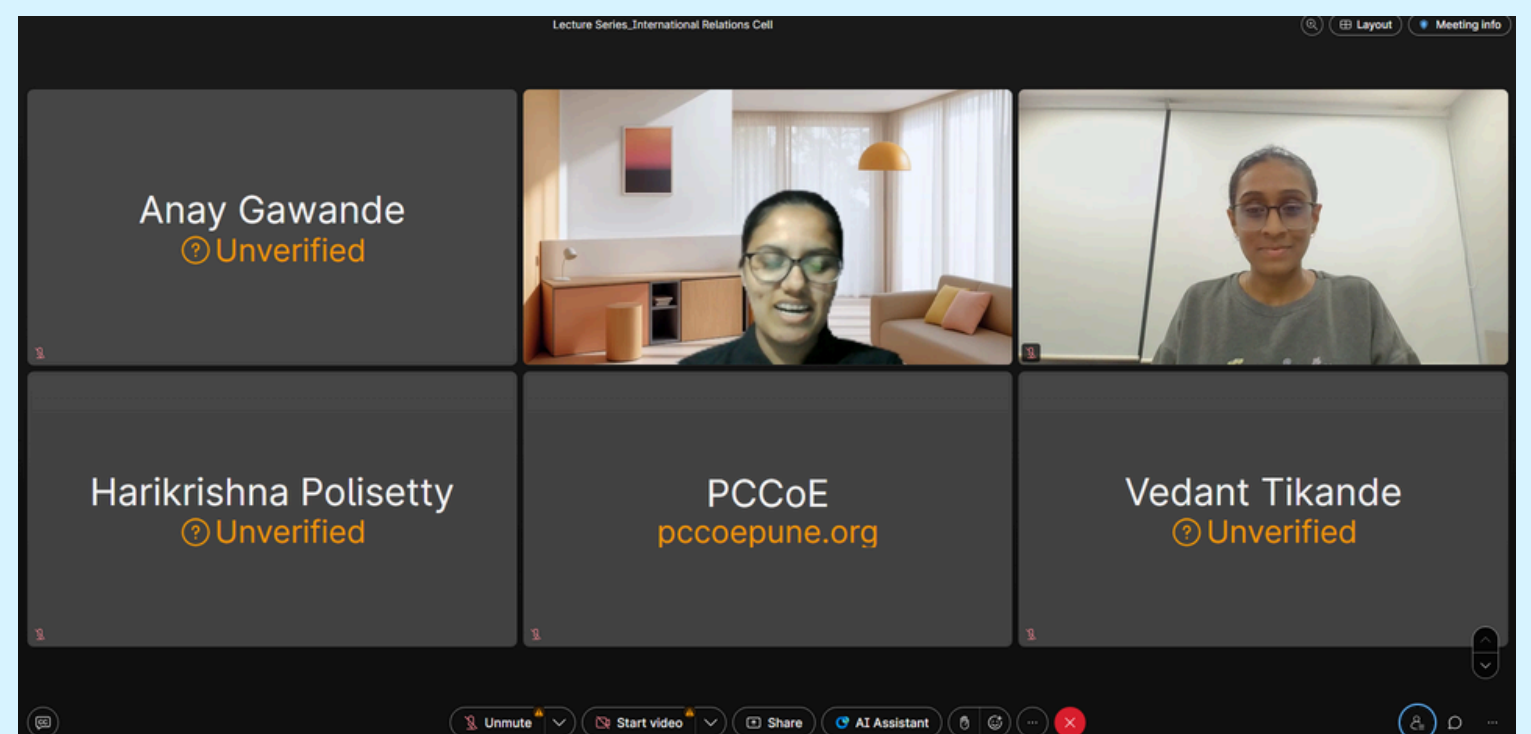
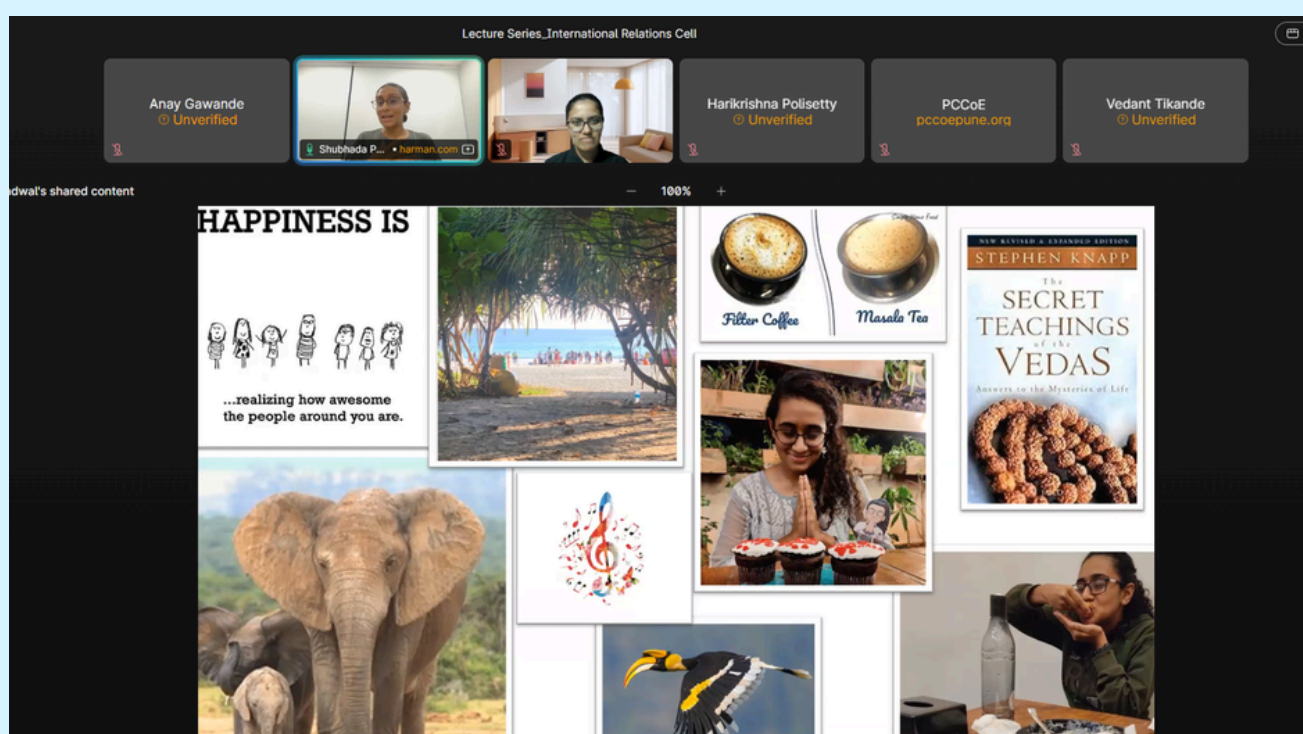


Participation:
185

BRIDGING THE GAP: KEY THEMES

The series provided students with first-hand insights into global academic and professional environments, helping them look beyond temporary industry trends. The interactive discussions focused on:

- Unconventional Pathways: Exploring interdisciplinary careers, game design, and roles beyond traditional engineering.
- Emerging Technologies: Deep dives into Artificial Intelligence (AI), Extended Reality (XR), Virtual Reality (VR), and AI-enabled smart glasses.
- Higher Education: Practical guidance on pursuing Master's, PhD, and research opportunities at international universities.
- Leadership & Culture: Understanding international workplace expectations, communication, adaptability, and long-term professional growth.



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International Alumni Series 2026

OUR GLOBAL ALUMNI NETWORK

The series featured distinguished PCCOE alumni and professionals with extensive academic and professional experience in Germany and the United States

LESSONS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Hosted by: Ms. Shubhadha Padwal
Customer Excellence Specialist, Germany

**INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS (XR, AI
SMARTGLASSES)**

Hosted by: Mr. Ajinkya Waghulde
XR UX Research, San Francisco Bay Area,
USA

**BUILDING LEADERSHIP &
PROFESSIONAL GROWTH**

Hosted by: Mr. Piyush Khater
Manager, Battery Structures, Rivian
Automotive, USA

**EMBRACING UNCONVENTIONAL
CAREER PATHS**

Hosted by: Ms. Rhuta Joshi
Senior Software Engineer - XR, Autodesk, USA

**MASTER'S, PHD, AND RESEARCH
OPPORTUNITIES**

Hosted by: Ms. Nupur Kulkarni
AI Research Engineer, NEC Laboratories,
Germany

**WORKPLACE EXCELLENCE AND
CAREER REFLECTIONS**

Hosted by: Mr. Suyog Kadam
AI Expert, Conrad Electronics SE, Germany

**EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT IN
GERMANY**

Hosted by: Mr. Rushabh Mehta
Head Application Process, ST Engineering,
Germany

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES, LIMITLESS OPPORTUNITIES.

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Academic Interaction with Al-Mansour University College, Iraq

On 13 August 2026, Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering (PCCOE) had the distinct privilege of welcoming Prof. Bushra Saadoon Mohammed Alnoori from the Department of English at Al-Mansour University College, Iraq.



During the visit, Prof. Alnoori interacted with the Office of International Relations at PCCOE to discuss opportunities for strengthening international academic cooperation. The interaction focused on exploring potential areas of collaboration between PCCOE and Al-Mansour University College, fostering academic exchange, and building mutually beneficial institutional partnerships.

KEY AREAS OF DISCUSSION

Joint Academic Initiatives: Developing shared academic programs and learning opportunities.

Student & Faculty Exchange: Facilitating mutual interaction and cross-cultural knowledge sharing.

Flagship Engagements: Exploring participation in PCCOE's international platforms like the Samvaad newsletter and Indradhanu hackathon.

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Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS (UTP) Delegation Visit

In the backdrop of the ICCUBEA 2026 conference, Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering (PCCOE) hosted a distinguished delegation from Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS (UTP), Malaysia, for a week-long academic engagement from 20th to 26th August 2026.

WHAT IT MEANS FOR OUR CAMPUS

GLOBAL INTERNSHIPS

Ph.D. pathways and internship opportunities in emerging technologies.

JOINT RESEARCH

Collaborate on funded projects, battery tech, and computational science.

ACADEMIC EXCHANGE

Faculty development, curriculum building, and knowledge sharing.

STUDENT INNOVATION

Cross-border team collaborations, joint hackathons, and technical club engagements.

ACADEMIC & RESEARCH SYNERGIES

The interaction brought together senior PCCOE representatives and UTP delegates to outline concrete areas for future collaboration. Key highlights included:

- Global Internships & Ph.D. Pathways: Promoting international research exposure, student internships, doctoral studies, and academic mobility opportunities.
- Jointly Funded Projects: Encouraging collaborative research initiatives, interdisciplinary projects, and joint academic endeavours.
- Curriculum Development: Strengthening curriculum design through academic knowledge exchange, multidisciplinary learning, and innovative educational practices.
- Universal Human Values: Promoting value-based education, ethical learning, and holistic development through international academic collaboration.

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UTP – PCCOE COLLABORATION



STUDENT CLUB ENGAGEMENTS

Beyond formal boardroom discussions, the UTP delegation's visit prioritized flexible, discussion-oriented interactions directly with PCCOE students and faculty coordinators.

- Delegates visited various technical and innovation-oriented student organizations, including the Motor Sports Club.
- These informal interactions allowed students to present their ongoing research and emerging technology projects.
- The exchange of ideas successfully identified new possibilities for joint workshops, hackathons, and long-term cross-border collaboration between student teams.



LOOKING AHEAD

The productive visit concluded with the UTP delegation being felicitated by the Director of PCCOE. The interactions during the week, including dedicated UTP sessions at the ICCUBEA-2026 conference, successfully laid the groundwork for dynamic, long-term institutional collaboration.

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Strategic Visions: Indradhanu 2026 National Advisory Board Meeting

On 29 August 2026, Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering (PCCoE) hosted the first National Advisory Board meeting for the Indradhanu: International Grand Challenge 2026. The meeting brought together distinguished experts from industry, academia, research, and climate technology to provide strategic guidance for the upcoming international grand challenge, Indradhanu 2026-27.



The advisory board focused on several strategic areas to elevate the competition:

Real-World Impact

Problem statements must maintain a strong "AI for Climate Change" focus, align with national priorities, and offer measurable, practical outcomes.

Responsible AI Use

Participants may utilize AI development tools, provided their use is transparently disclosed and teams can demonstrate a clear technical understanding of their solutions

Structured Evaluation

The board proposed a transparent scoring framework: PPT/Idea Presentation (30%), Prototype Video (30%), and the Grand Finale Hackathon (40%).

Sustainable Execution

A standout initiative was discussed to position Indradhanu as a sustainable, carbon-neutral event by developing a measurable carbon-reduction framework.

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Strategic Visions: Indradhanu 2026 National Advisory Board Meeting

NATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD

Dr. Prasad Modak :- Managing Director, Environmental Management Centre Pvt. Ltd.
Director, Ekonnnect Knowledge Foundation

Ms. Vinita Mahajan :- AI & Data Engineering Lead, Mizuho

Mr. Murali Krishnan :- Senior Director & Lead ER&D AI COE

Dr. Shailesh Deshpande :- Principal Scientist, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)

STRATEGIC AREAS

Hackathon Framework Models

The board discussed two potential models for the Grand Finale: an "Innovation-to-Impact" model for enhancing existing prototypes, and an "Idea-to-Industry Challenge" model where teams solve real-world challenges provided by industry partners.

Participant Preparation & Mentorship

To adequately prepare shortlisted teams, the board recommended providing a dedicated climate-awareness resource repository and conducting a pre-Hackathon boot camp covering climate technology and AI applications.

Industry Engagement & IPR

The board strongly recommended deeper involvement from industry and government to contribute problem statements and mentorship, alongside establishing mechanisms for IPR protection and the incubation of promising solutions.

Expert Panel Discussions

To enrich the Grand Finale, the board suggested organizing an expert panel discussion covering critical topics such as Climate Technology, Data Centres and Environmental Impact, and Climate Policy.

Highlights

The Advisory Board brought together experts from academia, industry, research, and climate technology to provide strategic guidance for Indradhanu 2026. Discussions focused on AI for Climate Change, practical Hackathon solutions, responsible AI, industry collaboration, sustainability, and IPR support. The meeting emphasized developing innovative, scalable and measurable solutions to real-world climate challenges.

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Student Spotlight: Embarking on a Global Career in Japan

We are incredibly proud of our students who recently secured placements at Hayashi Industries through JETRO, Japan. This milestone is a testament to PCCOE's commitment to bridging the gap between our students and international industry expectations.



Vinit Sanjay Potfode

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Being selected by Hayashi Industries, Japan is a truly delightful and proud moment in my academic and professional journey. My years at Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering have given me a strong foundation in Mechanical Engineering, while my academic projects, technical learning, and practical experiences have helped me develop confidence, discipline, and a problem-solving mindset.

The selection process was a valuable learning experience that challenged me to bring out my technical knowledge, communication skills, and passion for engineering. I am deeply grateful to my college, faculty members, and everyone who supported me throughout this journey. This opportunity motivates me to continuously learn, embrace new challenges, and build a successful international career while contributing meaningfully to Hayashi Industries in Japan.

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Prachi Ramteke

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I am deeply grateful to Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering , my faculty members, and the International Relations Cell for providing me with the opportunity to participate in the recruitment process for Hayashi Industries through JETRO, Japan. The selection process comprised two rounds. The first round assessed my Japanese language communication skills along with basic technical knowledge, while the second round involved an HR interaction focusing on my academic and professional background, career aspirations, interest in working in Japan, and the subsequent stages of the recruitment process.

The next stage requires me to further strengthen my Japanese language proficiency and obtain the necessary certification, which will contribute towards the Certificate of Eligibility (COE) and subsequent visa process. This experience has significantly enhanced my confidence, communication abilities, and understanding of the professional and cultural expectations associated with working in Japan.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the International Relations Cell and my faculty members for their consistent guidance, encouragement, and efforts in facilitating this valuable international career opportunity. I look forward to continuing this journey with dedication and making the most of the opportunity provided by PCCOE.

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Shalom Abhyankar

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I am Shalom Abhyankar, a graduate of the Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering department at PCCOE. I am grateful to have received the opportunity to begin my professional career at Brexa Technology in Japan through the opportunity provided by International Relations Cell. My journey towards this opportunity began in my first year, when Japanese was introduced as a course offered by the college. I decided to take up the course and gradually developed an interest in the language and Japanese culture. I also actively participated in various Japanese language and cultural activities organized by the college, which further strengthened my interest in pursuing a career in Japan.

In my third year, I was presented with an opportunity through the International Relations (IR) Cell of PCCOE. The IR Cell played an important role in guiding and supporting me throughout the selection process and preparing me for the journey ahead. As part of the program, I was given the opportunity to travel to Bangalore for six months of technical and Japanese language training. This experience helped me strengthen my technical skills, improve my communication abilities, and gain a better understanding of the professional environment I would be working in. Alongside the training, I was also able to work on and complete my B. Tech project, allowing me to fulfil my academic requirements while gaining valuable practical experience. The entire journey was more than just a placement opportunity; it was a learning experience that helped me grow both personally and professionally. Moving to a new city for training, adapting to a different environment, and balancing technical learning with language training taught me the importance of discipline, consistency, and adaptability. The continuous support from the college gave me the confidence to take on these challenges and make the most of the opportunities provided to me.

I sincerely thank PCCOE, the International Relations Cell, and everyone who supported me throughout this journey. I am proud to have been given this opportunity and look forward to beginning my professional career in Japan and making the most of the skills and experiences I have gained. I hope my journey can also encourage my juniors to take advantage of the opportunities provided by the college, stay consistent in their efforts, and never hesitate to boldly chase their goals. He is selected in Brexa, Japan and now working in Japan.

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CELEBRATING OUR GLOBAL SCHOLARS



These inspiring journeys culminate in a proud moment for the entire PCCOE family. Pictured above are our three successful scholars being felicitated by Hon. Director Dr. Govind N. Kulkarni, Dr. Roshani Raut (Dean, International Relations) and the dedicated faculty team who guided them from campus training to their global placements. By seamlessly integrating technical excellence with Japanese language proficiency, the IR Cell strives to prepare students not just for jobs, but for thriving international careers. We applaud their hard work and wish them the very best as they embark on this exciting new chapter in Japan!

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FULLY FUNDED INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

KAUST, SAUDI ARABIA

King Abdullah University of Science and Technology

We are pleased to share an exciting opportunity for undergraduate students to undertake a fully funded internship at King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), Saudi Arabia.

The internship offers students an opportunity to gain international research experience, academic exposure and insight into a leading research environment while working in an internationally diverse academic community.

INTERNSHIP BENEFITS

Selected interns will receive support covering the following:

- USD 1,000 monthly stipend
- Private room accommodation
- Round-trip airfare
- Visa fee
- Health insurance
- Social and cultural activities
- Access to common university resources

ELIGIBILITY

The opportunity is
open to:
Third-Year and Final-
Year Undergraduate
Students

APPLICATION DETAILS

Students who meet the eligibility criteria and are interested in this opportunity are encouraged to explore the internship details and application requirements.

KAUST Internship Information:

admissions.kaust.edu.sa/study/internships

For further details and application guidelines, if required, students may contact the Office of International Relations.

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FULLY FUNDED MASTER'S OPPORTUNITIES IN EUROPE

A Gateway to World-Class International Education

Students aspiring to pursue a Master's degree abroad can explore the **Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters** (EMJM) 2027 intake, one of the European Union's flagship international scholarship opportunities. Funded through the Erasmus+ programme, Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters bring together leading universities and institutions from different countries to offer high-quality, internationally integrated Master's programmes.

For the 2027 intake, **37 new Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters** were selected in the latest call. These programmes are expected to open applications in **Autumn 2026**, with studies commencing in September 2027. The newly selected programmes cover emerging and interdisciplinary areas including Artificial Intelligence, Medical Image Analysis, Semiconductor Technology, Sustainable Engineering, Data and AI, Environmental Studies, and Advanced Microscopy.

WHAT DOES THE SCHOLARSHIP OFFER?

Erasmus Mundus scholarships are highly competitive and are awarded to outstanding students from around the world. Depending on the programme, the scholarship provides financial support towards:

TUITION & PARTICIPATION COSTS

TRAVEL EXPENSES

VISA-RELATED EXPENSES

INSTALLATION COSTS

LIVING EXPENSES
€1,400 PER MONTH*

PLANNING FOR THE JOURNEY

One of the distinctive features of Erasmus Mundus is its international mobility component. Students normally study at two or more universities in different countries as part of the same Master's programme. The programmes are delivered by international consortia of higher education institutions and may include study, research, internships, thesis preparation and other academic activities.

Students may graduate with either a joint degree or multiple degrees, depending on the structure of the selected programme.

UNIVERSITY 1

UNIVERSITY 2

UNIVERSITY 3

MASTER'S DEGREE

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WHO CAN APPLY?

Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters are open to students from across the world, including applicants from India. Applicants generally need to:

- Hold a Bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification; or
- Be in the final year of their Bachelor's programme and graduate before the Master's programme begins.
- Meet the specific academic and other eligibility requirements of the selected Master's programme.

Important: Eligibility, required documents and selection criteria vary from one programme to another.



HOW TO APPLY



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CSIR-DAAD 2026

CALL FOR BILATERAL EXCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS AND ACADEMICS

The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), India, and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Germany, have announced a call for proposals for the bilateral exchange of scientists and academics.

OBJECTIVE

To strengthen academic and scientific collaboration through research visits and knowledge exchange between India and Germany.

ELIGIBILITY

University teachers, experienced academics, and scientists (generally holding a doctoral degree and affiliated with a university or research institution).

KEY REQUIREMENT

Applicants should establish contact with a suitable host institution or research partner in Germany before applying.

Faculty members and researchers interested in this opportunity are encouraged to review the official call document and initiate discussions with potential partners.

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