



Joint PhD Program

UQ-IITD Academy of Research

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

Program snapshot

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

- ✓ a generous **scholarship and additional project development award support**
- ✓ access to world-class **facilities and resources** and exposure to a new research ecosystem, network and environment
- ✓ global expertise via **dual supervision** between UQ and IITD as well as possible industry input
- ✓ upon successful completion of the program, you will be offered a **jointly awarded Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)** from both UQ and IITD



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Program information

Student types

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

Indian nationals and international applicants (with citizenship other than Australia), will be considered for admission as i-students. i-students will spend their first year of study at IITD before completing one year (or more) at UQ. They would then complete the remainder of their studies at IITD.

Australian domestic students will be considered for admission as q-students. a-students will spend their first year of study at UQ before completing one year (or more) at IITD. They would then complete the remainder of their studies at UQ.

Life at UQIDAR

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

UQ has a reputation built on research, boasts state of the art facilities and is located in Brisbane, one of Australia's most liveable cities offering a safe, friendly and multicultural environment.

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

More information about UQIDAR including the study environment, living costs, and support services can be found at

uqidar.org/future-students/life-at-uqidar

Scholarships

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

Scholarships for i-students

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

- [at IITD] a monthly stipend of Rs 41000* in year 1 and Rs 45000* in years 3 and 4;
- [at UQ] an annual stipend of AUD \$32,192* in year 2;
- a relocation grant of AUD \$5,200* to support Delhi-Brisbane-Delhi travel; and
- overseas student health cover (single policy) for stay in Brisbane in year 2.

Students will be required to pay the IITD tuition fee for the duration of their study. The UQ tuition fee is waived for students but they would be required to pay the Student Services and Amenities Fee of AUD \$324 for the year spent at the UQ campus.

Scholarships for q-students

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

- an annual stipend of AUD \$32,192*;
- a relocation grant of AUD \$2,500* to support Brisbane-Delhi-Brisbane travel; and
- UQ travel insurance for up to 12 months in Delhi.

Students will be required to pay the IITD tuition fee for the year of study at IITD. Students will be required to pay the Student Services and Amenities Fee of AUD \$324* for years spent at the UQ campus.

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

*Please note amounts are based on 2023 scholarship rates. Scholarships are subject to change.

uqidar.org/scholarships

How to apply

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

1 Find a research project

To apply you will need to apply for an available project. Projects are advertised on our website when applications open. You can apply for up to two projects in each application round.

uqidar.org/our-projects

2 Check your eligibility

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

uqidar.org/apply

3 Prepare your documentation

Documents required include an academic CV, academic transcripts, award certificates, evidence of meeting the English language proficiency requirements, contact details of two academic referees, scanned copies of all competitive entrance tests including JEE, GATE, UGC-NET, CSIR, ICAR, ICMR, DST-INSPIRE, GRE etc. Some schools and institutes have additional requirements.

4 Apply online

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

uqidar.org/apply



Our PhD program

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

Expected duration

4 years maximum (full-time)

Assessment

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

2023 application rounds

Round 1

14 Feb - 15 Mar 2023	Expressions of Interest (EOI) open
20 Mar - 15 Apr 2023	Advisor shortlisting
13-20 May 2023	Interviews and exam (UQIDAR)
2 June 2023	Offers sent
July 2023	Cohort commences

Round 2

1 Sep - 3 Oct 2023	Expressions of Interest (EOI) open
6-30 Oct 2023	Advisor shortlisting
10-25 Nov 2023	Interviews and exam (UQIDAR)
8 Dec 2023	Offers sent
Late Dec 2023	Cohort commences

Eligibility criteria

Applicants must meet the following requirements for consideration for entry into the joint PhD program, noting that since this is a competitive program the standards for admission may be higher than the minimum.

Minimum qualifications for i-students

Qualifying degree	Minimum marks/grades for eligibility*	Scores in public examinations
Master's degree in engineering/technology	a. CGPA of 6.50 on a 10.00 point scale b. Aggregate percentage of 65% c. First Class (wherever awarded)	No requirement. However, a high score in GATE, UGC-NET, CSIR, ICAR, ICMR, DST-INSPIRE will be given due consideration.
Bachelor's degree in engineering/technology	a. CGPA of 8.00 on a 10.00 point scale b. Aggregate percentage of 80% c. First Class (wherever awarded)	No requirement for candidates from CFTI's. For others a High score in GATE, UGC-NET, CSIR, ICAR, ICMR, DST-INSPIRE.
Master's degree in sciences	a. CGPA of 6.50 on a 10.00 point scale b. Aggregate percentage of 65% c. First Class (wherever awarded)	High score in GATE, UGC-NET, CSIR, ICAR, ICMR, DST-INSPIRE.
Master's degree in arts or humanities	a. CGPA of 6.50 on a 10.00 point scale b. Aggregate percentage of 65% c. First Class (wherever awarded)	High score in UGC-NET.

*primary method of evaluation

Exceptions to public examinations

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

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

Degree equivalency

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

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

A four-year bachelor's degree in Sciences, Arts or Humanities will be considered at par with a four years Bachelor's degree in Engineering / Technology, for purposes of comparison. For Arts and Humanities disciplines, an M. Phil. degree will be considered to be on par with a master's degree in Engineering/Technology (and hence will have only a minimum marks/grades requirement with no additional requirement for public examinations.

International i-students

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

English language proficiency

English language proficiency requirements also apply:
<https://uqidar.org/apply/apply-to-uqidar-i-students/>

Minimum qualifications for q-students

- A research master's degree, or
- A coursework master's degree and an overall GPA (grade point average) equivalent to 5.65 on the 7-point UQ scale, which should include a relevant research component, or
- A postgraduate degree of at least one year full-time equivalent with an overall GPA (grade point average) equivalent to 5.0 on the 7-point UQ scale, together with demonstrated research

experience equivalent to honours IIA will be considered for PhD entry on a case by case basis; or

- A bachelor's degree plus at least two years of documented relevant research experience, including research publications; or
- A bachelor's degree with at least honours class IIA or equivalent from approved universities, which includes a relevant research component;