

INFORMATION BROCHURE

PhD ADMISSION 2023-2024 (AUTUMN SEMESTER)



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GENERAL

1.0 Important Guidelines for Ph.D. Application

Applications are invited from motivated Indian citizens for admission to the PhD Programme [Regular, Sponsored, Working Professionals and Individual Fellowship (i.e. CSIR/ UGC/ DBT/ ICMR/ INSPIRE etc.)] in the following disciplines of Engineering, Technology and Science. Admission of reserved-category candidates will be done as per the Government of India notification at par with IITs.

- Bioscience
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Computer Sciences and Engineering
- Earth Sciences
- Electrical Engineering
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Petroleum Engineering

Candidates should read carefully the eligibility criteria as available in the Information Brochure before applying for the programme. Since all the applications will be screened/shortlisted on the basis of data submitted by the candidates in the “online application portal”, the candidates must satisfy themselves of the suitability for the programme to which they are applying. If at any stage, it is found that candidates have furnished false or wrong data/ information, their candidature/admission will be rejected/cancelled.

Application once submitted successfully cannot be altered under any circumstances. Further, no request with respect to making changes in any data/particulars entered by the candidate in the Application will be entertained. Therefore, please check all data/information before you send the application form.

Applicants are required to apply through the online application portal only.

2.0 Important dates

Commencement of application form submission	15th April, 2023
Last Date of the application submission	31st May, 2023
Date of Test & Interviews (for short listed candidates)	01st June to 15th June, 2023
Declaration of list of selected candidates	30th June, 2023
Date of admission to the Ph.D. program for selected candidates	17th July, 2023

3.0 Instructions to fill Application form

- Candidate needs to deposit the Application Fee (Non-Refundable) as per the details below:

GN/EWS/OBC-NCL Male candidates	Rs 300/-
GN/EWS/OBC-NCL Female candidates	Rs 150/-
SC/ST candidates	Rs 150/-
PwD candidates	Rs 150/-

- Application Fee payment will be accepted online (NetBanking/ Credit Card/ Debit Card)
- In case you are desirous of being considered for admission in more than one "specialization", you should apply separately by paying a separate Application Fee.

3.1 Stepwise guidelines for filling Online Application Form

Go to https://erp.iipe.ac.in/IIPEApp/index?admiss_ch=02

STEP-I : Fill in the ONLINE application form

Register with Your Email Id and Login. FILL in the appropriate data. Please note that you have to upload your testimonials wherever it is required to validate your information along with your digital photograph and signature.

STEP-II : Make PAYMENT and SUBMIT Application

Payment of application fee has to be made through online payment gateway only.

STEP-III : Take PRINT

After final submission of your online application, you will be able to generate your online application print with your specific details/data. This application print may be retained with you for future requirements.

Please note that you NEED NOT SEND the application by post. Your application will be considered on the basis of your final submission through online. You can check submission, shortlisting, selection and other application related status from Application Status menu. You should remember your login id and password for the same.

In case you are desirous of being considered for admission in more than one "specialization", you should apply separately.

THE INSTITUTE

Indian Institute of Petroleum and Energy (IIPE), Visakhapatnam, a domain-specific Institute at par with IITs and IIMs, is established by the Government of India under the aegis of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) in the year 2016. The Indian Institute of Petroleum and Energy Act, 2017 (No.3 of 2018) enacted by the Parliament and declared the Institute as an 'Institution of National Importance'.

IIPE is a research focussed Institute with an emphasis on the emerging areas in the energy sectors, namely Shale Gas, Coal Bed Methane, Gas Hydrates, Conventional Energy Sources, Renewable Energy Sources, Storage, and downstream activities of oil & gas. The academic and research activities of IIPE derive strength from Institute's proximity to sector-related activities such as projects at the KG Basin, Vishakha Refinery, and the planned Petrochemical Complex at Kakinada. The Institute also enjoys a strong relationship with the industry regarding teaching, research, and students' training & placement. A primary goal of research at IIPE has been to meet the country's fossil fuel and renewable energy demands. However, given its position as an energy institute, IIPE also has a great responsibility to contribute toward achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, i.e., ensuring access to affordable, reliable, and sustainable modern-day energy for all. The Institute has also embarked on an ambitious path to be the country's energy hub.

The Institute also aims to produce skilled manpower to meet the quantitative and qualitative gap in Petroleum & Energy sectors and to boost the research activities needed for growth of these sectors by nurturing and promoting the quality and excellence in education and research in various areas of petroleum and energy through the programs leading to the award of the Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral degrees.

The Institute has academic alliances with many IITs and specific domain international Institutions such as Texas A&M University and Petroleum Research School of Norway in the areas of research & consultancy, faculty exchange programs, student exchange programs, summer internships, and joint research programs. The Institute has established alliances with industries for research and consultancy, program development, guest lectures, internships, and placements.



Ph.D. PROGRAMME

1. Programme

The Institute provides facilities for research leading to the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D). The award of the Ph.D. degree is made on the basis of the satisfactory performance of a registered candidate in

- Prescribed course work, comprehensive examination & seminar.
- Publication of original research work in reputed journals/conferences or award of patents/technology transfer etc.
- The thesis submitted by the candidate and a final viva voce. The thesis shall be the report of research work characterized by either discovery of new facts or a new interpretation of known facts and theory, or an independent design and development, or development of new instrument/technology.

2. Research Areas

Areas of research available in the different fields are listed on website at https://iipe.ac.in/research_areas_faculties. IIPE is also engaged in interdisciplinary work with research groups.

3. Eligibility Criteria for Admission

3.1. Minimum qualifying degree required for seeking admission to the Ph.D. program

- An applicant must have a Master's Degree (M.Tech/ MS/ ME/ M.Sc) in Engineering/ Technology or a degree equivalent to any of the above in relevant subject after qualifying GATE with consistent First Class/ division or a minimum 60% marks or a minimum 6.5 CGPA on a 10 point scale (55% or 6.0 CGPA for ST/SC).

OR

- An applicant must have a Bachelor Degree (B.Tech/ BE) in Engineering/ Technology or a degree equivalent to any of the above in relevant subject with consistent First Class/ division or a minimum 60% marks or a minimum 6.5 CGPA on a 10 point scale (55% or 6.0 CGPA for ST/SC).

OR

- An applicant must have a Master Degree (M.Sc/ M.Tech/ MS/ ME) in Science/ an allied area or a degree equivalent to any of the above in relevant subject with consistent First Class/ division or a minimum 60% marks or a minimum 6.5 CGPA on a 10 point scale (55% or 6.0 CGPA for ST/SC).

3.2 Additional Requirements for different Admission category

3.2.1 Regular with Institute Research Assistantship

- A valid GATE or UGC or CSIR-NET or NBHM score is required for the award of Institute Research Assistantship.
- Candidates with a master's degree in Engineering or Technology after qualifying GATE is also eligible for Institute Research Assistantship.
- Eligibility Criteria for vacancy under Institute Assistantship in the following disciplines

Sl No	Discipline	Eligibility Criteria sought
1	Biology	MSc/MTech/BTech in any branch of Life Sciences with Valid GATE Score/ MSc in Chemistry with Valid GATE Score
2	Chemistry	MSc/MTech in Chemistry with Valid GATE Score
3	Mathematics	MSc/MTech in Mathematics, BTech in Math and Computation, BTech/MTech in CSE with valid GATE Score
4	Chemical Engineering	i) Master's degree in Chemical Engg or any other discipline of Engg. or Technology or equivalent. (e.g. Environmental, Energy, Polymer, Electrical, Control systems, Artificial Intelligence etc.) with or without GATE score ii) Science/ Mathematics postgraduates with exceptional merit in the appropriate field. (iii) B.Tech/ B.E in Chemical Engg, allied disciplines (eg. petroleum, petrochemical, pharmaceutical, environmental, polymer, biochemical, biotechnology, electrochemical, electrical, instrumentation) and other disciplines of engineering & technology with exceptional merit.
5	Computer Science and Engineering	B.E/B.Tech in CSE with a valid GATE Score (CS) or M.E/M.Tech with a valid GATE Score (CS)
6	Earth Sciences	M.Sc./ M.Tech in Mathematics, Geology and Geophysics
7	Electrical Engineering	1. B.E/B.Tech in EEE with valid gate score in EE 2. B.E/B.Tech in EEE with M.E/M.Tech (Electrical engineering related streams) with valid gate score in Electrical Engineering (EE)

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Sl No	Discipline	Eligibility Criteria sought
8	Mechanical Engineering	B.E/B.Tech WITH VALID GATE Score or M.E/M.Tech (Only thermal, fluid, energy and related streams)
9	Petroleum Engineering	i) M. Tech. in Petroleum, Chemical, Petrochemical, CSE, Mechanical, Civil (ii) M.Sc. in Chemistry, Mathematics, Geology and Geophysics (iii) B. Tech. in Petroleum Engg

- A person who is in employment and is applying for Institute Assistantship and selected for admission, he/she must resign and produce the acceptance of resignation by the employer at the time of joining or produce a document that he/she is not receiving any salary from his/her employer along with proper document of sanctioned leave.
- The Institute Research Assistantship shall be awarded for a maximum period of 5 years. At present the amounts are as follows:
Rs. 31,000/- pm for first 2 years
Rs. 35,000/- pm for next 3 years
Contingencies amount: Rs. 30,000/- Per annum
- No Research Student shall be permitted to receive any other emoluments, salary, stipend or any other scholarship/assistantship during the tenure of Institute Research Assistantship.

3.2.2 Individual Fellowship (CSIR/UGC/DBT/ICAR/INSPIRE etc.)

- All candidates applying for the Individual Fellowship category must have a valid award letter with fellowship issued by the respective funding agency (i.e. CSIR/UGC/DST/DBT/ICMR etc.) along with the eligibility criterion as mentioned in 3.1.
- Candidates having provisional Individual Fellowship award letter must give an undertaking that “In case of cancelation/withdrawal of Provisional award of fellowship by the funding agency, the admission at IIPE Visakhapatnam will be canceled from the date of joining the Ph.D program and there is no liability on the part of IIPE in this regard”.

3.2.3 PhD through Project

- Candidates who possess the prescribed qualifications as mentioned in the eligibility criteria as mentioned in 3.1 and are working on a sponsored project in the Institute shall be eligible for admission to the Ph.D. program under the project category.

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- An intending candidate must submit his/her application in prescribed form for admission through Principal Investigator, Head of the Department and Dean (Research and Development) with suitable endorsement.
- The minimum remaining period of the project as well as tenure of the project employee should be at least 01 years from the date of joining the Ph.D. program.

3.2.4 Sponsored candidates (External) in Engineering and Sciences

- Persons with First Class in Graduation and are in service in any of the following establishments with minimum of three (3) years job experience shall be eligible for admission to the Ph.D. program as sponsored candidates (External).
 - Public Sector Undertaking (PSU)
 - Petroleum & Natural Gas, Coal, Earth Sciences, Chemical & Fertilizer, Defence or other ministries of the Government of India or any other government organizations
 - Established industrial R&D organizations.
 - Autonomous bodies and National Laboratories.
 - Reputed industries as may be recognized by the Institute
- These candidates must have a Supervisor (internal) from the Institute (IIPE) and an external supervisor (optional) from their parent organization where they will be doing the research work.
- The competence of these candidates will be assessed along with the regular candidates.
- After joining, the rules and regulations as specified by the Institution (IIPE) for regular candidates with regard to academic performance will remain applicable for candidates under this category also.
- The candidate should submit a Sponsorship Certificate (Format available on website) from the organization, in which s/he is employed, at the time of application giving an undertaking that s/he would be released from the normal duties to fulfil the course-work requirement. The certificate should also provide details of facilities relevant to the research programme and available to the candidate.
- The candidate has to complete the course-work immediately after joining the programme within a period of one to two semesters. Depending on the student's background and the programme requirements, an additional semester may be needed to complete the coursework.
- After fulfilling the course-work at the Institute, these candidates will be allowed to register for Ph.D.
- The selected candidates will have a Doctoral Scrutiny Committee (DSC) as per the existing regulations.

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- The candidate will have to submit a yearly progress report and appear for seminars every year after his/her registration. In addition, the candidate will have to appear for a comprehensive examination (viva voce only) before registration seminar.
- The minimum duration of Ph.D program for such candidates is 3 years and the maximum tenure is 8 years from the date of enrolment.
- The tuition fee for sponsored category (External) will be ₹ 25000.00 per semester.
- Persons working in colleges/universities are not eligible under this category and rather apply under QIP category.
- There is no provision of any financial assistance for sponsored candidates.

3.2.4.1 Course work requirement for Sponsored Candidate (External)

- The coursework will be a minimum of 20 credit points (for candidates with Bachelor's degree) and 16 credit points (for candidates with Master's degree) with due consideration to special requirements if any.
- DSC may recommend relevant courses of MOOCS/NPTEL/GIAN/virtual classrooms/interactive exercises and active learning programs offered only by IIPE/IIT/IISc/IIM/IISER/AIIMS besides the available courses in the Institute.
- For ongoing MOOCS courses, the grade assigned at the end of the course will be directly transferred to the student's coursework. For all other courses, a faculty member having expertise in that subject will set the question paper and evaluate the performance of the student.
- Self-study courses with standard format (Students need to submit weekly or bi-weekly assignments via email to the course coordinator) will be mandatory to ensure progress and rigor. The candidate will have to appear for only the end semester examinations, preferably during the regular examination period of IIPE Visakhapatnam. For self-study courses, the consent of the course coordinator must be obtained before registration.
- At the end of the online & contact courses listed above, the student should submit the course completion certificate(s) with grades/marks for record in his/her course work.
- Submission of semester progress report through seminar and presentation will be compulsory.
- The candidate shall have to spend at least one week per semester at IIPE, Visakhapatnam interacting with his supervisor that may include working in the laboratory.

3.2.3 QIP (Quality Improvement Program) category

- Candidates fulfilling the eligibility criteria as mentioned in 3.1 (Without GATE/ CSIR-NET/ UGC/ NBHM) and a minimum of three (3) years teaching experience as full-time regular/permanent teachers of AICTE/UGC-approved Degree level Institutions are eligible to apply.
- An intending sponsored candidate under QIP category must submit his/her application in the prescribed form along with No objection certificate (Format available on website) for admission through his/her employer, who will forward the same to the Institute with suitable endorsement.
- They are expected to be released for fulltime course work and research at the Institute for a minimum period of three (3) years.
- The candidate has to complete the coursework immediately after joining the program within a period of one to two semesters. Depending on the student's background and the program requirements, an additional semester may be needed to complete the coursework. After fulfilling the coursework at the Institute, these candidates will be allowed to register for Ph.D.
- A sponsored candidate under QIP Category selected for admission shall be required, at the time of joining the Institute, to produce certificate in the prescribed form from the employers to the effect: (i) that he/she has been officially released from his duties for purpose of joining the program and has been granted leave for the required period; (ii) that his services shall be retained with the employer.
- There is no provision for any financial assistance for QIP candidates.

3.3 Degrees from IITs/IISc/IIPE/RGIPT/NITs

B.Tech degree, Dual Degree (B.Tech & M.Tech), 5 year Integrated MSc degree, 2 year MSc degree (admitted through JAM) holders having final CGPA ≥ 8.0 on a 10.0 point scale or 75% (7.0 CGPA or 65% for SC/ST) from Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Indian Institute of Petroleum and Energy (IIPE), Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum and Technology (RGIPT) and National Institute of Technology (NIT) may be considered for direct admission in Ph.D programme with Institute Research Assistantship

3.4 Special Notes

- Department may fix additional admission criteria without compromising the eligibility criteria mentioned here.
- Mere fulfillment of eligibility criteria does not give guarantee for admission to the PhD program.
- Any document will be considered as valid if that is valid on or after the date of admission.

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- The decision of IIPE regarding the determination of equivalent degree is final and binding to all applicants.

4.0 Special Notes

The admission of a candidate to the Ph.D. program is recommended by the Institute Academic Committee (IAC) on the basis of

- i. Overall Academic Performance
- ii. Written/Computer Test or Interview or both

5.0 Payment of fees and deposits

Every Research Scholar shall be required to pay at the time of joining the following items of fees, at rates as in force for the time being.

Onetime fee at the time of Admission:

- **Refundable:** Institution Caution Money, *Hostel Caution Money, and Library Caution Money.
- **Non-Refundable:** *Hostel Admission, Student Welfare fund, **Training & Placement fee (Not applicable to QIP and sponsored), Statutory Fee, Alumni Subscription, and Modernisation Fee.

Annual Fee:

- Medical Insurance premium and Student Brotherhood fund.

Semester Fee (per semester):

- ***Tuition fee, Registration Fee, Examination Fee, Student Amenities, Internet connectivity, Laboratory Fee, Electricity and Water Charges and Institute Development Fund.

* Applicable to scholar opted for Hostel facility.

*** 100% tuition fee waiver for SC/ST/PwD students.

Note: The above fees are subject to revision from time to time. Detail about the fee structure can be seen on our website.

6.0 Enrolment and course work

A candidate is required to enroll for the Ph.D. program to carry out research work under a supervisor from amongst the faculty of the Institute. A Research Scholar, including a Faculty member, enrolled in Ph.D. program, must have a Supervisor, though he/she may be from an exceptionally good academic background having research exposure.

All candidates enrolled for the Ph.D. program are required to complete the coursework as prescribed below:

- English for Technical Writing (Compulsory for all except sponsored candidate)

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- A set of subjects to be recommended by the DSC considering the student's skill requirements for the research work to be undertaken by the student and his (or her) academic background to have a credit loading as under.

i. For students admitted on the basis of M.Tech. or equivalent degree:

Lower Limit: 10, Upper Limit: 20

ii. For students admitted on the basis on M.Tech. or equivalent degree:

Lower Limit: 20, Upper Limit: 40

iii. For students admitted on the basis of B.Tech., M.Sc. or equivalent degree:

Lower Limit: 20, Upper Limit: 40

Candidates assigned course work must obtain, in the 7-scale grading system, a grade not lower than 'C' in each of the subjects. If the grade obtained by a candidate in any subject is below 'C', the candidate is required to repeat that subject and clear it with a grade not lower than 'C'. If the candidate fails to clear the coursework within 1 year of enrolment, the DSC may review the performance of the student and recommend a change of coursework. In addition to the assigned coursework requirement, a candidate is also required to show, before he/she submits the synopsis, proficiency in one of the interdisciplinary subjects.

7.0 Registration

- A candidate is required to give a seminar talk on the topic of his research within three years of enrolment or within one year of completion of the course work as the case may be. The seminar talk will be delivered to an open audience with members of the D.S.C. and IAC present. If the seminar is satisfactory the candidate will be allowed to register for the degree. However, if the DSC and IAC are not satisfied by the seminar talk, the candidate will be required to deliver another talk with suitable modification or improvement within the next 3 months. The registration seminar should normally be held within three (3) calendar years of enrolment of a student. If the candidate fails to clear the registration seminar even on the second attempt the enrolment shall be canceled and the student shall be asked to leave.
- Registration of a candidate for the Ph.D. degree shall be effective, normally, from the date of enrolment and shall remain valid for a period of 08 (eight) years. The registration of a candidate may be deferred by the DSC and DAC on account of unsatisfactory progress. A candidate will be required to submit the thesis before the expiry of the registration period. In the event of a candidate failing to submit his thesis within the period, the registration shall lapse automatically.

8.0 Seminar and Synopsys of Research Work

Prior to submission of the thesis the candidate will submit the synopsis of the thesis and present a seminar to an open audience in which besides others the D.S.C. and D.A.C. (PG&R) members will be present. The seminar lecture will test the candidate's depth of knowledge and progress in his/her research. The candidate shall be allowed to submit his/her thesis for the Ph.D. degree only when the D.S.C. is satisfied about the work. If the D.S.C. is not satisfied with the quality of the work or the general preparation of the candidate, the candidate will have to appear again for the seminar within a maximum period of six months. The thesis must be submitted within one month after the D.S.C. approves the submission on the basis of this seminar.

9.0 Thesis and Defence

On successful completion of the seminar the DSC will recommend to the Senate a panel of ten experts, from India and/or abroad, to examine the thesis (not more than 5 persons in the list shall be from India). The thesis shall be forwarded to two experts from the panel who shall submit report separately on the thesis and forward their recommendation to the Registry. Once the reports of the examiners have been accepted as satisfactory the candidate will have to defend his/her thesis before a viva voce board consisting of all DSC members and the Indian 'external' examiner.

10.0 Award of Degree

A student who has completed satisfactorily all prescribed requirements and has cleared all fees and dues payable to the Institute and the Hostels shall be eligible for the award of Ph. D. degree of the Institute by the Board of Governors on the recommendation of the Senate. The degree shall be awarded at the annual convocation for the academic session in which the student completes the requirements satisfactorily.

Appendix – I**No Objection-Cum-Sponsorship Certificate For QIP Candidate**

(To be typed on the letterhead of the Sponsoring Institute/ Department/ Organization)

This is to certify that Shri/Smt./Miss. _____
working as _____ in the Department
_____ since _____. He /She intends
to apply for PhD. Programme under the QIP category at IIPE Vishakhapatnam. The
Institute/ Department/ Organization does not have any objection to his/her applying for
the programme. The application of Shri/Smt./Miss. _____
would be considered as per rules of IIPE for Sponsorship under QIP Category along with
leave for minimum period of three years, if he/she selected, for the Ph.D. Programme.

Date:

Place:

**Signature/Endorsement of the Head of the
Institution/Organization/Department (Office Seal)**

Appendix – II**Sponsorship Certificate for Ph.D. Candidate (External)**

(To be typed on letterhead of the Institute/ Department/ Organization)

Name of the sponsoring organization : _____

Address: _____

Present Designation of the applicant: _____

Present status of the applicant: _____ (Permanent/Quasi permanent/Temporary)

Division where research work is proposed to be done: _____

Name of supervisor from the sponsoring organization: _____

(Please enclose the Biodata of supervisor as given in Annexure-IV)

Details of facilities relevant to the research problem which will be made available to the candidate by the organization (Please attach the list of available facilities relevant to the research problem in a separate sheet) .

If Shri/Smt./Miss. _____ is registered for the doctorate degree, I agree to act as his/ her research Co supervisor along with the research Supervisor from IIPE Visakhapatnam.

Signature of proposed Co-supervisor

If Shri/Smt./Miss. _____ is admitted to the Ph.D. programme, we shall allow him/ her to undergo the Doctoral programme of studies at IIPE Visakhapatnam.

Further, if Shri/Smt./Miss. _____ is admitted to the Ph.D. programme, we shall fully relieve him/her from normal duties to complete the course work requirement (and qualifier examination, if applicable) at IIPE Visakhapatnam.

During the period of Doctoral programme, the candidate will be permitted to carry out his / her research work at our laboratories/organization and will be given the required facilities.

We also give our consent to _____ of our organization to be the Co supervisor (external) of the Ph.D. thesis, along with a faculty member of IIPE Visakhapatnam as the Supervisor.

Date:

Place:

**Signature/Endorsement of Head of the
Institution/Organization/Department (Office Seal)**

Appendix – III**Particulars of Co-supervisor for Sponsored candidate (External)**

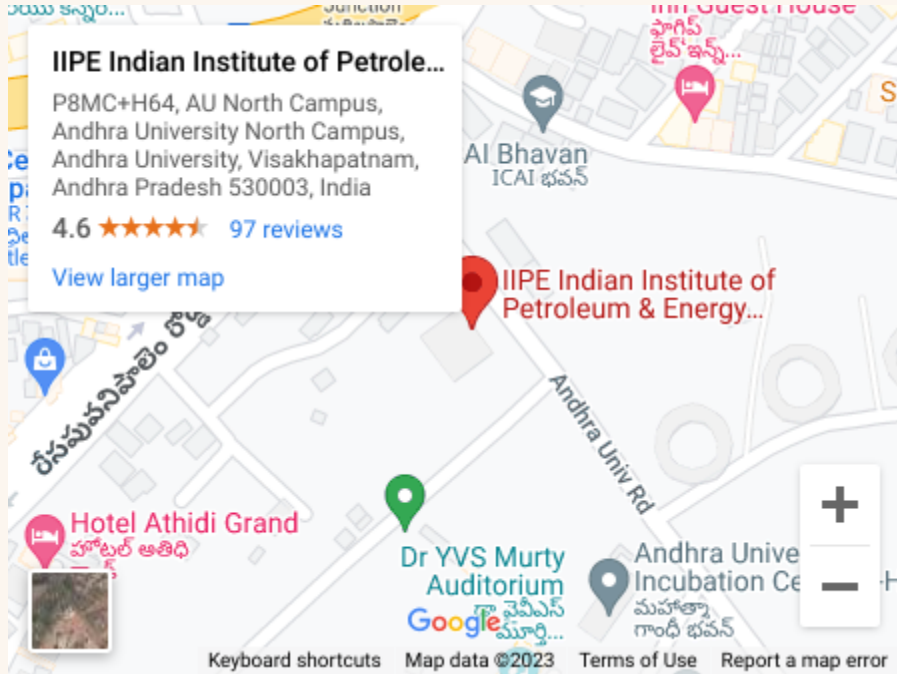
In addition to being in a position to ensure technical and logistic support to the PhD scholar in his/her research work in the organization, the Co- supervisor must have a minimum academic qualification of a Master's degree in Engineering/Management or Ph.D. in Science/Humanities & Social Sciences and adequate professional experience in the relevant field. The Co- supervisor should not himself/herself be a scholar working for any higher degree of any university. He/She will be an invitee to the DSC meetings at IIPE Visakhapatnam.

1. Name of proposed Co-supervisor:
2. Designation of Co-supervisor:
3. Department/ Division:
4. Academic qualifications of Co-supervisor:
5. Membership (if any) in Professional societies for Co-supervisor:
6. Publications (if any):

Signature of proposed Co-supervisor

Date:

Place:



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