

Advertisement for Leadership Position at the IIT Kanpur-La Trobe University Research Academy

The IIT Kanpur-La Trobe University Research Academy is a joint research centre that will bring the two organizations' research capabilities together to build a critical mass of resources, researchers and research effort, with a strong focus on industry engagement.

The objectives of the Academy include, but are not limited to, collaboration in research, planning, implementation and evaluation of complex Smart City Development projects across a broad range of themes including transport; health and wellbeing; urban planning; energy, waste and water; infrastructure and technology; security; cultural and community engagement. The Research Academy will improve institutional research outcomes, including joint research publications, and increase opportunities to attract joint research funding from Government and Industry, along with training and development of PhD students and staff.

IITK-La Trobe Research Academy announces the following position:

Academic Program Director (IITK)

- A full-time fixed-term research-only appointment at IIT Kanpur, at the level of Associate Professor or Professor, based at the IIT Kanpur campus in India
- Reporting to the Director, Research Academy
- Appointed by agreement of the Research Academy Steering Committee

Key Responsibilities

- Provide leadership of the research training activities of the Academy pursuant to the terms of the Joint Degree Program Agreement and the policy requirements of both parties.
- Working with the Academic Program Director (LTU) and graduate research offices of both parties, manage the recruitment and selection of candidates, and all aspects of candidature management of Students enrolled in the Academy.
- Working with the La Trobe Graduate Research School, facilitate the provision of supervisor and student training and development through its Research Education and Development program.
- Conduct and lead innovative and high impact research at an internationally distinguished level and produce high quality publications resulting from that research.
- Lead proposals to attract external research funding for both parties from national competitive grant schemes, government, industry and non-profit sectors.

- Actively develop and promote the profile of the Research Academy, through representation, engagement and the development of strong linkages with government, industry and non-profit sectors relevant to the Academy's activities.
- Undertake other duties commensurate with the classification and scope of the position as required by the Director, Research Academy, Steering Committee and Doctoral Advisory Committee.
- Effective supervision, mentorship and development of Students enrolled in the Joint Doctoral Degree Program.

Key Selection Criteria (Essential)

- Significant research and research administration experience and having previously held an Associate or Full Professor position in a research active institution
- Strong experience in supervision of higher degree research students and demonstrable knowledge of related processes and systems
- Experience in higher education leadership roles at a department or broader faculty/university level
- Ability to engage and negotiate effectively and persuasively with peers, senior administration officials and a wide range of internal and external stakeholders
- Demonstrated track record in building a strong research culture in research groups (centres/departments/schools etc) and guiding graduate researchers to achieve successful research outcomes and timely completion of research degrees

Key Selection Criteria (Desirable)

- Established national profile in research or research administration

About IIT Kanpur:

Established in 1959, IIT Kanpur is one of the most prestigious institutes in the country. With the best research infrastructure and state-of-the-art facilities, it encourages students to innovate using technology and approach education with a problem-solving attitude. It was set up with a vision to create, disseminate and translate knowledge in science, engineering and allied disciplines that will best serve the society and the recognition that the institute has garnered as a major centre of learning in Engineering, Science and several Inter-disciplinary Areas is a testament to the success of this vision.

About La Trobe University:

La Trobe University is a public research university in Melbourne, Australia established in 1964 and offering undergraduate and postgraduate courses across a comprehensive range of disciplines. La Trobe University's founding mission was and still is to serve the community for the purposes of higher education – for the educational, economic, social and cultural benefit of

local and wider Australian and international communities. It has a proud history of undertaking research to address pressing societal needs, and training its graduates to meet industry needs in a changing world. La Trobe is ranked 242 in the QS World University Rankings. The university is a leader in several fields including biological, agricultural and veterinary sciences, sport science, nutrition, nursing and psychology.

How to Apply:

Please send nominations to doir@iitk.ac.in by 15 November 2023.

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