

NTU Singapore, IIT-M to offer joint PhD programme

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Indian Institute of Technology-Madras, has joined hands with the Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore, to offer a joint PhD programme. Infosys co-founder Kris Gopalakrishnan, an alumnus of IIT-M, has agreed to sponsor five students annually to travel and stay at NTU (upto 18 months) as part of this programme.

R Nagarajan, Alumni Community Chair Professor, IIT-M, said in a press release, NTU is sending a faculty delegation for a Research Collaboration Workshop. A reciprocal workshop is planned at NTU in early 2019. Both institutions will attempt to get five PhD candidates for the joint programme during 2019.

Gopalakrishnan said, "I strongly believe in international collaboration in research so that diverse perspectives can be brought to solve global challenges. NTU and IIT-M are research leaders in many complementary areas and I am sure this collaboration will help advance research in both institutes."

BVR Chowdary, Senior Executive Director, President's Office, School of Materials Science and Engineering, NTU, said "the very fact that NTU has set up an office named NTU India Connect signifies the strong intent to collaborate with Indian institutes of higher learning. IIT-M is one of the first few NTU has chosen in view of the existing strong relations, which will now be strengthened."