

**University College London (UCL) - Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IITD)**  
**Joint Call for Collaborative Projects and Exchange Activities**

**Introduction**

University College London (UCL) and Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IITD) are contributing matching funds to support collaborative and interdisciplinary education and research initiatives, through a joint call for proposals, for the development of collaborative activities that will lead to impactful research outcomes.

This is similar to the Multi Institutional Faculty Interdisciplinary Projects (MFIRP) programme at IITD. It is expected that the faculty members of IITD and UCL, will jointly prepare a suitable full proposal for further, possibly external, funding post completion of the successful project, whose duration will be two years. This is in addition to research output(s) such as publications and is an important measure of success for the project in order to ensure its viability and sustainability.

**1. Projects**

- i) This call invites research proposals in areas of mutual interest and complementarity that strengthen partnership between UCL and IITD.
- ii) Proposals must include participants from both institutions; be interdisciplinary in nature; demonstrate a pathway to impact either in industry or societal impact and/or policy; and focus on sustainable development goals. Industry collaboration will be welcome.
- iii) Proposals are sought in two thematic areas:

Energy, Sustainability, Climate

Quantum Technologies

IITD	The call is open to all regular faculty members.
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**For UCL Applicants**

- ii) Please note that some small

In year 1 (2024 . 2025): up to £7,500 for UCL faculty and up to Rs. 7.50 Lakh per year for IITD faculty.

In year 2 (2025 . 2026): up to £7,500 for UCL faculty and up to Rs. 7.50 Lakh per year for IITD faculty.

**Duration of Award**

Two years

**Additional Points**

The budget provided by IITD and UCL must be spent as per norms and regulations followed in each institute. For example:

- funds at IITD needs to be utilised as per the MFIRP guidelines.
- funds allocated by UCL must be used within the current financial year of allocation. This means that £7,500 must be consumed before 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025.

UCL applicants do not need to undertake Work tribe costing, but the expenditure of funds will be auditable by both UCL and IITD.

The principal investigator (PI) from IITD will be responsible for submission of the final joint proposal (see section 8), via the IITD on-line portal.

Both UCL and IITD PI will need to confirm that his UCL counterpart has agreed to the joint submission of the application.

**5. Timeline**

<b>Call for proposals</b>	<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>
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**Deadline for submission of proposal**

- iii) As with all UCL funding schemes, we strongly advise applicants to undertake proportionate and appropriate due diligence, relative to the stage and scope of the research collaboration. If you have any questions or concerns, please [contact us](#) at UCL.

**For IITD:**

- iv) For the projects involving research in Human Subjects please check the guidelines and formalities with the Institute Ethics Committee of IITD Delhi for clearance before submitting the project proposal. The institute Ethics Committee Clearance form for projects is available in the link: [Institute\\_Ethics\\_Committe\\_Clearance\\_Form](#).
- v) For the project related to handling hazardous microorganisms and/ or Genetically Engineered Organisms, please check the guidelines and regulation with the Institutional Biosafety Committee before submitting the project proposal. The Institutional Biosafety Committee Clearance form for projects is available in the link: [IBSC\\_Protocol\\_Form](#).

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- vi) It is mandatory that the PIs from both the institutions consider signing a Research Agreement before commencement of the project. This would ensure Intellectual Property Right (IPR) rights are protected for both sides.
- vii) Collaborative Research Agreement issues, IPR issues and Joint Supervision issues will be addressed as per the guidelines described in detail in the [UCL-IITD MoU](#).
- viii) If, after completion of your project, you bid for new grant funding on research activity (which has clear linkages with the UCL/IITD project), publish a research article, or make a scientific presentation at conferences, please could you:
  - a) acknowledge the support of the seed fund
  - b) connect with your counterpart PI to explore any possibility for engagement
  - c)

Criteria	Descriptor
Project design and rationale	How clearly the proposal is presented and justified on the design basis for the collaboration, involvement or linkage to industrial collaboration and/or blue-sky research or furthering knowledge for cultural, heritage, policy or social purposes.
Pathway for Project impact	How clearly linked are the outcomes to the planned activities and performance indicators, such as joint papers, external funding applications, joint research with industry and proposal for policy recommendations

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