



**OFFICE OF INDUSTRIAL CONSULTANCY AND SPONSORED RESEARCH**  
**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MADRAS**  
CHENNAI – 600 036

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Applications are invited for the temporary post of **Principal Project Officer – Academic Programs**, in the Office of **IIT Madras Global Research Foundation, IIT Madras**.

**Co-ordinator:** Prof. Raghunathan Rengaswamy - Dean, Global Engagement.

**Duration:** Initially for one year, later extendable based on the performance.

**Number of Vacancies:** 01

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1	Principal Project Officer - Academic Programs	<p><b>Educational Qualification:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Master's degree in Business Administration / Operations / Engineering.</li></ul> <p><b>Experience:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>At least 10-15 years of <b>overall</b> work experience after Master's degree.</li><li>5+ years of experience in <b>higher education</b>, with at least 5 years in senior leadership roles. International exposure preferred.</li><li>Strong track record in academic program design, accreditation, and scaling.</li><li>Demonstrated business acumen and experience managing P&amp;L in an academic or executive education context.</li><li>Experience in building global collaborations and industry-academia linkages.</li></ul> <p><b>Mandatory Skills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Visionary leader with entrepreneurial mindset.</li><li>Strong ability to balance academic rigor with business sustainability.</li><li>Excellent stakeholder management (faculty, students, regulators, industry, global partners).</li></ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Approx.</b> <b>Rs. 2,00,000/- p.m.</b></p> <p>Competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.</p>

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|  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data-driven decision-making and results orientation.</li> <li>• Inclusive, inspiring, and culturally agile leadership style.</li> </ul> |  |
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## **Job Description:**

This position is in the office of **IIT Madras Global Research Foundation**, which is a part of the office of **Global Engagement at IIT Madras**. The selected candidate would be reporting to the **CEO, IIT Madras Global Research Foundation**.

The office of IITM Global Research Foundation is responsible for enabling the resources of IIT Madras, namely, its education & research, Start-ups/Entrepreneurial ventures, IPs/Patents, etc., reach/scale to a global audience in friendly foreign countries through appropriate modes of engagement.

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

The **Principal Project Officer – Academic Programs** will lead the Academic Programs vertical as a Strategic Business Unit (SBU), responsible for designing, implementing, and scaling innovative academic offerings that align with the institution's vision of global excellence. The role involves academic leadership, business development, financial stewardship, and operational excellence to ensure the SBU achieves its academic, financial, and societal impact goals expected to fulfil the following functions: -

### **Academic Leadership & Program Development**

- Drive the vision, strategy, and execution of academic programs across international undergraduate, postgraduate, executive education, Skilling/Upskilling, Certification, and online/hybrid formats.
- Lead curriculum innovation to ensure relevance to global standards, industry needs, and future skills.
- Build and maintain academic partnerships with leading institutions, accreditation bodies, and international collaborators.
- Ensure quality assurance, accreditation compliance, and continuous improvement across all programs.\

### **Strategic & Business Management**

- Own the P&L of the Academic Programs SBU, ensuring financial sustainability and growth.
- Develop business plans, pricing models, and revenue streams (degree programs, certifications, lifelong learning, global collaborations).
- Identify and launch new academic programs in response to market demand and emerging disciplines.
- Establish metrics to measure program performance, student success, and institutional impact.

### **Faculty & Talent Development**

- Collaborate with Deans and Department Heads to attract, retain, and develop world-class Interdisciplinary Programs.

- Encourage faculty-industry collaborations, interdisciplinary teaching, and pedagogical innovation.
- Drive capacity-building for teaching excellence and digital learning.

### **Student-Centric Outcomes**

- Ensure academic programs enhance student employability, entrepreneurship, and research readiness.
- Foster strong industry linkages for internships, projects, and career placements.
- Create pathways for student mobility, global immersion, and lifelong learning.

### **Governance & Compliance**

- Ensure alignment of academic programs with national regulations and global accreditation standards.
- Oversee program audits, evaluations, and rankings-related reporting.
- Champion ethics, transparency, and inclusivity in all operations.

### **Innovation & Globalization**

- Build digital-first, flexible, and future-ready learning models (AI-enabled learning, micro-credentials, blended learning).
- Position the institution as a global hub for academic innovation and international programs.
- Drive collaborations with government, corporates, and global universities to expand program reach.

### **Important**

If selected, must be able to join us **within 30-45 days** from the day of receiving the Offer letter.

**The last date for submission of online application is 30.09.2025.**

### **General Instructions to the candidates**

- 1) All the positions are on purely contract basis.
- 2) The completion of the period of contract will not confer any right for further extension, regularization, permanency at the Institute.
- 3) Candidates should apply online only in the website [https://icsrstaff.iitm.ac.in/careers/current\\_openings.php](https://icsrstaff.iitm.ac.in/careers/current_openings.php) - **(Please check the advertisement number Advt.154/2025 displayed and submit the application for the relevant position).**
- 4) Separate application has to be filled for each post.
- 5) The system will accept single application only with the registered login ID (email) for an advertisement, hence the candidate is requested to select the multiple positions (In case, the candidate wishes to apply for more than one position) before the submission of application.
- 6) The application cannot be edited, reverted once it is submitted.
- 7) Candidates should not attempt to apply twice for the same post. If multiple applications are received from a candidate for the same post, the candidature will be liable to be rejected.
- 8) Candidates should follow the prescribed procedure for submission of online application.

- 9) Candidates are advised to fill their correct and active e-mail addresses in the online application as all correspondence will be made by the Institute through e-mail only.
- 10) The candidates applying for any post should ensure that they fulfil all the eligibility conditions for the post. Their admission to any stage of the selection process will be purely provisional subject to confirmation that they satisfy the prescribed eligibility conditions. Mere issue of registration certificate / call letter to the candidate will not imply that the candidature has been found eligible.
- 11) After successful online submission of application, a printout of the application form must be obtained and submitted when called for test. It will be required at the time of document verification/test/interview. Hard copy of the application is NOT to be sent to the Institute.
- 12) Candidates must be citizens of India. Persons who have migrated from Pakistan with the intention of permanently settling in India or subjects of Nepal are also eligible, but in their case a certificate of eligibility from the Government of India will be necessary for appointment. Such candidates should apply to the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs for necessary certificate and furnish satisfactory proof of having so applied.
- 13) The prescribed qualifications are minimum and unless specified, they are required for consideration for the post, even if higher qualification has been acquired and the mere fact that a candidate possesses the same will not entitle them for being called for interview.
- 14) Relevant experience gained after the minimum qualifying degree will only be taken into consideration. Minimum requirements of qualifications and/or experience can be relaxed in respect of exceptionally outstanding candidates.
- 15) The experience required is relaxable at the discretion of the Institute in the case of candidates belonging to the Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribe, if at any stage of selection, the competent authority is of the opinion that sufficient number of candidates from these communities possessing the requisite experience are not likely to be available to fill up the vacancy reserved for them.
- 16) The Institute reserves the right to restrict the number of candidates for written / skill test / interview to a reasonable limit on the basis of qualifications, level and relevance of experience higher than the minimum prescribed in the advertisement and other academic achievements. The Institute also reserves the right of rejecting any or all the applications without assigning any reasons, therefore.
- 17) Calling a candidate for test/interview merely indicates that it is felt that the candidate with others may be suitable for the post and conveys no assurance whatsoever that they will be recommended or selected or their conditions specified in the application will be accepted.
- 18) Candidates will be short-listed for Test/Interview on the basis of the information provided by them in their online applications. They must ensure that such information is true. If at any subsequent stage or at the time of Test/Interview any information given by them or any claim made by them in their online applications is found to be false, their candidature will be liable to be rejected.
- 19) The Institute shall verify the antecedents or documents submitted by a candidate at any time at the time of appointment or during the tenure of the service. In case, it is detected that the documents submitted by the

candidates are fake or the candidate has clandestine antecedents/background and has suppressed the said information, then their services shall be liable to be terminated.

- 20) In case of any inadvertent mistake in the process of selection which may be detected at any stage even after the issue of appointment letter, the Institute reserves the right to modify/ withdraw/ cancel any communication made to the candidates.
- 21) Applicants who are working in **any one of the Project at IIT Madras**, must apply through proper channel otherwise they will be required to produce No-Objection Certificate at the time of document verification/Test/Interview. Candidates without NOC will not be permitted to appear for Test/Interview.
- 22) Candidates may send testimonials from persons intimately acquainted with their work and character. If the applicant is in employment, the candidate should submit testimonials from the most recent employer or immediate superior as a referee.
- 23) The Institute has a right to decide the mode of screening and testing the applicant for short listing and selection.
- 24) The Institute solely reserves the right not to fill any advertised position without assigning any reason
- 25) Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.
- 26) No correspondence whatsoever will be entertained from candidates regarding conduct and result of test/interview and reasons for not being called for interview. Canvassing in any form will be a disqualification.
- 27) The crucial date for determining the eligibility criteria for all candidates in every respect shall be the prescribed closing date for submission of online application.
- 28) The Institute strives to have a workforce which reflects gender balance and women candidates are encouraged to apply.
- 29) Any corrigendum/clarifications on this advertisement, if necessary, shall be uploaded on website and no separate communication will be sent for this purpose.
- 30) If there is any issue to submit the application please send E-mail to : [icsrrecruitment@icsrpis.iitm.ac.in](mailto:icsrrecruitment@icsrpis.iitm.ac.in) / [icsrrecruitment6@icsrpis.iitm.ac.in](mailto:icsrrecruitment6@icsrpis.iitm.ac.in) **Contact: 044- 2257 9796** on all working days from **9.00 AM to 05.30 PM (Monday to Friday – except National Holidays)**. (Please note, only technical issues will be accepted – No interim correspondence with reference to the selection process will be considered).
- 31) **Instructions to apply online:-**Eligible applicants would require to register and apply online through [https://icsrstaff.iitm.ac.in/careers/current\\_openings.php](https://icsrstaff.iitm.ac.in/careers/current_openings.php) and submit the application.

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