



# Academics and Career Council IITK

## Foreign Exposure Program Policy 2025-26

The Academics and Career Council (AnC), IIT Kanpur warmly welcomes you to the Foreign Exposure Program (FEP) — an initiative by IIT Kanpur students to bridge academic talent with international research opportunities.

FEP serves as a unified program connecting IITK undergraduates with professors and researchers from reputed global institutions, simplifying the process of securing meaningful research experiences abroad. Through the program, students can apply for research projects, collaborate with international mentors, and gain exposure to diverse academic cultures and cutting-edge global research.

### Important Guidelines

- The role of the AnC is to act as a facilitator to connect students with professors abroad.
- Registering for an opportunity with AnC does NOT guarantee selection.
- Applying for FEP with any professor is entirely the responsibility and decision of the student concerned.
- Students should meet the project-specific requirements listed by professors (e.g., relevant coursework, programming knowledge, research experience, etc.).
- The student is responsible for checking/meeting all eligibility criteria which might be required at the time of joining for the opportunity he/she is applying for. For example, CPI requirements set by the faculty.
- Opportunities provided by AnC under FEP are a one-time opportunity extended to registered students of IIT Kanpur.
- Support services will be provided ONLY if their respective academic program allows the student to take up international internship opportunities.
- Students are required to verify the program details (stipend, terms and conditions, etc.) prior to signing the offer. Any discrepancy observed should immediately be brought to the notice of the Council.
- Any concerns or queries related to offers should be directed to the FEP Team who will clarify the details with the faculty.
- All decisions related to selection, project progress, evaluation, deliverables, and certification are entirely at the discretion of the hosting professor or supervisor. The FEP organizing team has no role or influence in determining the outcome, continuation, or recognition of the opportunities.



## Eligibility

- Only fully registered, full-time students of IIT Kanpur who meet the minimum CPI (Cumulative Performance Index) and other criteria as specified by the FEP Guidelines are eligible to apply.
- Applicants must maintain good academic standing (no active disciplinary action or probation).
- Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD students are eligible to apply for FEP.

## CV Related

- Profile and CV Verification: As part of the application, students must submit all required documentation (e.g., Curriculum Vitae, academic transcripts).
- The council will conduct a verification of student profiles and CVs to ensure eligibility.
- Application Integrity: Students are responsible for the accuracy of all information submitted, including their CV, academic transcripts, and profile details. Any misrepresentation or fraudulent information will result in immediate disqualification from the program and may be referred for further disciplinary action.

## Application Process

### I. Project Solicitation and Publication

- Project Submission: Faculty members will submit detailed project descriptions, including the specific area of work, required prerequisites, and overall project scope.
- Project Verification: All submitted projects will undergo a verification process to ensure all details are complete and compliant with program guidelines.

### II. Student Application and Verification

- Application Submission: Registered students may review the list of available projects and apply for opportunities that align with their preferences and qualifications.
- Submission Deadlines: All application components must be submitted by the deadlines published. Late or incomplete applications will be rejected.
- Credential Forwarding: Verified student credentials and application materials will be forwarded to the respective professors for their review.

## Selection Process

### III. Selection and Screening

- Shortlisting: Professors will review all applications and shortlist candidates based on the submitted documents and academic profiles.



- Additional Screening: Faculty members may initiate further communication with shortlisted students (e.g., interviews, technical assessments) for additional screening.
- Waitlisted students can appear for opportunities the next day unless their selection confirmation is obtained from the FEP Team. Policies for selected students (as detailed earlier) are applicable to these students once their name is included in the selection list.

#### **IV. Finalization**

- Final Selection: Following the screening process, the selected students will be notified to accept the position and proceed with the necessary arrangements.
- Offer Acceptance Policy: Students may receive multiple projects, however, they are required to accept only one by the specified deadline.
- FEP enforces a one-project-per-student rule in the first instance.
- It is mandatory for a student to accept a project if it is the only project received.
- Acceptance Deadline: All offers will have a specified acceptance deadline. Failure to respond to an offer by this deadline will be considered a formal rejection of that offer.
- Binding Acceptance: The acceptance of an offer is a final and binding commitment to the faculty member and the program. A monetary fine of Rs. 1500 will be imposed on any student who withdraws from a project after selection.
- Upon accepting an offer, the student must formally decline all other pending offers. This is a mandatory step to ensure fairness and allow faculty to proceed with other candidates.

#### **Student Conduct and Disciplinary Guidelines**

- Applicants must maintain good academic standing (no active disciplinary action or probation).
- Any misrepresentation or fraudulent information will result in immediate disqualification from the program and may be referred for further disciplinary action.
- Professional Communication: Students must respond to all official communications from the FEP Team or faculty members in a professional and timely manner.