Information on

Short Term Research Project (SRP) in India Program

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- The short term research project can be between 8 to 12 weeks in duration.
- It can be undertaken at any time in the calendar year.
- It is intended for senior undergraduate and graduate students at Ontario partner institutions with defined research projects in the arts, humanities, social sciences, sciences, engineering, and technology.
- Students must be deemed eligible to apply by their home institution.
- The research project must be conducted under the supervision of a professor at an OIN partner college or university in India.
- Examples of research projects: (i) working in a science lab at IISER (in Pune) on experiments, producing lab results, writing up lab reports, and the like; (ii) working with Engineering faculty at IIT Bombay on an (their) on-going research project; (iii) researching and producing a research paper on a subject, such as gender and the global south, South Asia, or India under the supervision of a faculty member at Miranda House College, Pondicherry University, and the like; (iv) conducting field research on heritage conservation at BNCA in Pune while taking courses on Indian architecture, history of Indian architecture, rural conservation, and so on.
- Combining an internship, at an NGO that works on gender and social justice (for example), with a research project is an option. In such a scenario, students do some field-work, which in turn can inform and enhance their academic work in gender and social justice.

Application process:
- Consult the Information for Ontario Students document that is online at the OIN website. This document has detailed information on each partner institution, programs each offers, and links to websites where students can search for more detailed information on faculty and their research interests/projects.
- Once you have identified professors at the host institution, or institutions, with whom you would like to work, please send an email to the academic director (Sukeshi.kamra@carleton.ca) with the following information:

(i) A short description of your research project and interests; short statement on your background in the same; names of professors and institutions where you would like to be placed in order of preference;

(ii) If the institution at which you would like to be placed is IIT Bombay, fill out the IIT application form (forms are available from the following website, under the tab 'visiting students'. The application form is titled: "Visiting International Students Application form". [http://www.ir.iitb.ac.in/?page_id=26]. Contact me (Sukeshi.kamra@carleton.ca) in case of difficulty accessing the form from the website.

(iii) You may start the process described here before the official deadline for application at

your university/institution if you are certain of your plans to go on exchange.

(iv)   Your home institution will have its own internal process, application form, and deadline.

The following institutions have provided us with some information either on research areas and projects or conditions in place for exchange students.

MUMBAI

IIT Bombay

i)   Overview

Please see the IIT Bombay pages in the 'Information for Canadian Students' document, which is posted on the OIN webpage under the 'Ontario students' tab, for details regarding the institution and hostel accommodation on campus. Also check the following link for information on credit structure, application process, hostel and other fees for international students: http://www.ir.iitb.ac.in/?page_id=26.

ii) Program

Research projects are available in the following subject areas, subject to the specific research projects and interests of IIT faculty. Please contact Sukeshi Kamra, the Academic Director of the OIN program if you are interested in this opportunity and copy your home institution's international office on the mail. Broadly speaking, the subject areas are:

- Engineering
- Technology
- Management
- Industrial Design
- Social Sciences
- Humanities

iii) Research Project Information

- IIT regulation on duration of research project: (i) minimum duration: eight weeks; (ii) maximum duration: 10 weeks.
- IIT guideline on timing of research project: best time is from May 1-July 15.
- Approximate cost of on-campus accommodation is $100 (U.S.) per month.

- **While there is no tuition fee that is to be paid to IIT, there are the following fees. Note that the prices mentioned here are for the 2016-2017 academic year and subject to change. (i) Administration fee--$100 (U.S.) per month of project work; (ii) Library, Mess (if student is staying on campus), deposit (approx.. Rs. 25,000); (iii) bus pass (Rs. 500 per semester).**

iv) Other information

Since IIT is at some distance from central Mumbai it would be advisable to stay at an IIT hostel. There may be some off-campus housing available in Powaii (check http://property.sulekha.com/rentals or other rental websites).

PUNE

Bhanuben Nanavati College of Architecture (BNCA)

i)   Overview

BCNA is one of OIN's partner institutions. Please see the **BCNA pages in the '**Information for Canadian Students' document, which is posted on the OIN webpage under the 'Ontario students' tab, for details regarding the institution**.**

ii)   Program

BCNA runs workshops and placements regularly as part of the BA and MA in Architecture. Placements can be in the fields of heritage conservation, rural development, landscape architecture, green technology and rural design. Students will work and research under the supervision of a faculty member. this is to say, there is a significant academic component to the experiential learning opportunity made available by BNCA.

iii)   Placement information

- BCNA will make a list of projects available to the OIN director annually by October
- Placements can be undertaken concurrent with courses. In this model, (i) students take one design studio of 7.5 hours/week for 17 weeks;(ii) a history of architecture course of 3 hours/week for 17 weeks; and (iii) work with INTACH (Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage) doing documentation, classification, and design adaptation).   See http://www.intach.org for details on the organization, its mandate, and structure.
- Here are the kinds of projects typically available at INTACH: (i) listing and documentation of architectural, art, and material heritage, craft and community heritage, intangible heritage, natural heritage; associated outreach projects, such as

heritage education, awareness workshops, festivals, and exhibitions; (ii) listing and documentation of heritage sites and buildings of Pune district; (iii) cultural mapping of the historic core of Pune city; (iv) copper craft revival project; (v) heritage education programs at schools and colleges; (vi) Pune Heritage Festival; (vii) Heritage walks and tours—developing new theme-wise routes and support material; (viii) newsletters and other publications; (ix) discover Pune annual heritage treasure hunt event.

- Block placement is also an option. That is, a student can work in the field for four months (the preferred duration; however 2 months is the minimum). Field work would be five days a week, followed by meetings with the faculty supervisor who will assign academic readings.
- Field-work will be monitored and evaluated by BCNA faculty. At the conclusion of the placement, a report will be sent to the student's home institution (electronically; and then in the mail, payment for postage to be paid by student). If the student has chosen to do course work as well (concurrent with the placement or preceding the placement—which is also an option), a grade report will also be sent to the home institution.
- BCNA does not offer hostel accommodation. However, they may be able to assist with finding rental accommodation that is in the vicinity of the college.