Areas of Research for Doctor of Philosophy (July 2025 Admissions)

Academic Division (Department/School/ Centre)	Specialization	Areas of Research	Link to Dept./ Centre/ School
Computer Science and Engineering	Computer Science and Engineering	Artificial Intelligence, Interpretability of AI and ML Models, Online Learning, Explainable AI, Deep Learning, Evolving and Adaptive Intelligent Systems, Data Mining, NLP, Speech Processing, Computer Vision, Nature-inspired Algorithms, Intelligent and Networked Robotics, Augmented/Virtual Reality, Human-Computer Interaction, Distributed Systems, Edge and Cloud Computing, Wireless Networks, Software Defined Networking, IoT, Smart Grid, Intelligent Transportation Systems, Autonomous Vehicles, Network Security, ML for Security, Hardware Security, Controller Synthesis and Games, Formal Verification, Logic in Computer Science, High-level Synthesis, Electronic Design Automation (EDA), ML for EDA, Hardware Acceleration, Embedded and Cyber-Physical Systems, System-on-chip validation, Multicore Architecture, Memory Systems, Nearmemory Computing, Disaggregated Compute Systems, Approximate Computing, Data Structures, Algorithms, Distributed Algorithms, Randomization and Approximation Algorithms, Optimization, Computational Geometry.	CSE Department
Electronics and Electrical Engineering	Communication Engineering	Wireless Communications; Information Theory and Coding; Communication Networks; Quantum error correction; Quantum computation and communication; Waveform design for wireless communications; Vehicular communications; 5G/6G Wireless communication: Massive MIMO, Cell-Free Massive MIMO, Orthogonal Time Frequency Space (OTFS) Modulation, Intelligent Reflecting Surfaces (IRS), Integrated Sensing and Communications (ISAC), Rate Splitting Multiple Access (RSMA); AI/ML application in communications; Adversarial machine learning; Blockchains and Cryptocurrency Technologies; Generative AI for Physical Layer Communications	EEE Department
	Power Engineering	Power Systems; Power Electronics; Power Quality; Power electronics application in power system; Micro grid and renewable energy resources; Power distribution system planning; Custom power devices; Electrical Machines; Control of Electrical	

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	Microelectronics; Photonics and RF Engineering	Drives; Smart Grids and Electric Vehicles; High Voltage Engineering; High Voltage Engineering and Applied Electromagnetics; Condition Monitoring of Power Apparatuses; High voltage and Pulse power; High power density motor design; Inductive charging for EVs; Vector Control of Motors; Power system Monitoring and Control; Power System Cyber-Security; Decentralized Control for the Smart Grid, Fuel Cell-Battery hybrid energy systems. Microelectronics; Solid-State Devices; Semiconductor Devices; Optical devices; Fiber Optic Communication; Optoelectronics; Photonics Integrated Circuits; Silicon photonics; Optical Communication; Optical Networks; Optical Sensors; Nanophotonics; Biophotonics; Photonic Computing; Lidar; AI/ML-Assisted Photonic Design; Distributed Acoustic Sensors; Microwave and Photonics; Quantum Photonics; Optical Instrumentation; Programmable Photonics; Plasmonics and metamaterials and smart electrotuneable plasmonic metasystems; Structural Health Monitoring Using fiber Optics; Optical Signal Processing; Digital Holography; Phase Imaging; Laser Speckle Imaging, Fringe Projection Profilometry, Interferometry; Photonics and Metamaterial device design using AI; Metamaterials for MRI; Antenna; Microwave Engineering; Electromagnetics; Computational Electromagnetics. Reconfigurable Metasurfaces; TeraHertz Photonic Topological Insulators; Metamaterials and Metasurfaces for Advanced photovoltaics and Light emitting diodes; Antenna; Microwave Engineering; Electromagnetics; Computational Electromagnetics; Vacuum Electronics; Millimeter-wave Communication.	
	Signal Processing and Machine Learning	Data Sciences; Biomedical Signal and Medical Image Processing; Speech and Handwriting Processing; Image/Video Processing and Computer Vision; Pattern Recognition; Multimedia Analytics; Biometrics; Counter-spoofing; Security and Privacy; Biometrics and Biometric counter-spoofing; Privacy preserving analysis for secure computation; Secure key distribution and management in wireless sensor	

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		networks; Video Analytics; Vision and Language; Natural Language Processing; Deep Learning.	
	Systems; Control and Automation	Systems Theory; Control Theory and Applications; Control of Nonlinear Uncertain Systems; Artificial Intelligence based Control; Identification and Control of Nonlinear Systems; Relay Based Identification and Autotuning; Adaptive Control; Optimal Control; Robotics and Automation; Cryptography; Robust Control; Cooperative Control of Multi-agent Systems; Decentralized Control for Smart Power Grid Applications; Model Predictive Control; Reinforcement Learning; Vibration control of flexible structures; Modelling and control of mechatronic and robotic systems; Multi-agent systems and Cooperative control; Group-coordinated control of UAVs; UGVs and AUVs; Connected Vehicle Platooning; Passivity-based control and Dissipativity; Negative-imaginary systems theory; Robust control of missiles; spacecraft and rockets; Smart and Microgrid control using a multi-agent framework; Controller Design for Energy Management System in Electric Vehicles.	
	VLSI and Nanoelectronics	Solid-State Devices; Analog and RF Integrated Circuits; Digital Systems; DSP Architectures; CAD for VLSI; High Performance Computing; MEMS; Organic Electronics; Flexible Electronics; Instrumentation; Quantum Computing; Hardware Security; Sensors; Non-volatile memory technologies; Spintronics; Power Semiconductor Devices; Photodetectors; VLSI System Design; Embedded System Design; Computer Architecture; Neuromorphic Computing; In-Memory Computing; Hardware Realization of Machine Learning Algorithms; Magnetic random-access memory (MRAM); Magnetic Tunnel Junctions (MTJ); Advanced data storage technologies; Neuromorphic devices; ; Wearable Sensors; Electronic Nose; Papertronic Sensing Systems; and Sensor Interface Electronics; Quantum Photonics; Wide Bandgap semiconductors; Reliability; Photovoltaics; Energy Devices for Green Hydrogen; SAW Devices; Quantum Sensing Devices; Semiconductor Packaging Technologies; Low-Dimensional Semiconductor	

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		Devices; Single Electron Transistors; Single Photon Emitters and Detectors; Nano-Bioelectronics; Light Emitting Diodes and Transistors; Transient Electronics.	
Mechanical Engineering	Machine Design	Machine Design; Vibrations; Solid Mechanics; Data-driven material modelling; Modelling of heterogenous materials; Rehabilitation Robotics; Robotic Neurorehabilitation; Quantum Computing in Computational Mechanics; Multi-Disciplinary Design and Optimization; Operations Research; Multiscale Modelling of Composites; Micromechanics and Homogenization; Application of Machine Learning in Material Modelling; Rotor Dynamics; Condition Monitoring of Machinery; Polymer Composites; Natural Fiber Reinforced Composites; Predictive Maintenance; Generative Design; Digital Twin in Machine Design; Electromagnetics; Functionally Graded Material Fabrication; FEM in Acoustics, Electromagnetics and Structures; Optimization, Structural Optimization; Biomedical Devices, Assistive Devices, Rehabilitation Engineering, Biodesign; Fatigue Fracture in Metals, Polymers, and Composites; Solid State Battery Modelling and Analysis, PZT Actuator and Sensor Fabrication, Bamboo Composites	
	Manufacturing and Materials	Manufacturing Engineering; Metal Additive Manufacturing Technologies; CAD /CAM; Mechanical metamaterials; Impact energy absorbing materials; Metallurgy of 3D-printing; Natural Fiber Reinforced Composites; Polymer Composites; Repairing of underwater structures using composites; AI and ML in Machining Processes; Modelling of Manufacturing Processes; Digital twin in manufacturing; Composite Machining; Additive Manufacturing; Electromagnetic Forming; Electromagnetic Crimping; Dynamics in machining processes; Welding; Micromachining and micromanufacturing; Sustainable material design; Laser based manufacturing processes; Automation in manufacturing, Advanced Machining Processes.	
	Fluids and Thermal	Droplet-based microfluidics, Microscale PIV analysis of single/multi component flows, Flow through plants, Analysis of flow-induced stress on plant roots, Experimental investigation of flow-induced vibrations and its application in	

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		renewable energy, Development of in-house flow measurement devices such as PIV and LDA, Development of a microfluidic device for sustained drug release in cancer theranostics, Formation and manipulation of ferrofluid droplets by external field, Numerical investigation of flow-induced vibrations, Development of fluid-structure interaction solver based on spectral-element method, Supercritical heat transport system, Multiphase flow simulation using Lattice Boltzmann method, Investigation of MHD turbulence via Direct Numerical Simulations (DNS) and Large Eddy Simulations (LES), Investigation of explosive instabilities in tokamak plasmas relevant to fusion energy generation; Effect of Water and Light on Health: affordable healthy drinking water, Ordered Water and its Disease-curing Capacity, Biomimetic Extreme-wetting Surfaces and Their Applications from Energy to Health.	
Civil Engineering	Environment Engineering Geotechnical Engineering Infrastructure Engineering & Management Structural Engineering Transportation Engineering Water Resources and Hydraulic Engineering Earth System Science and Engineering.	application form)	Civil Engineering Department

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Biosciences and Bioengineering	Biosciences and Bioengineering	All Areas of Biosciences and Bioengineering.	BSBE Department
Chemical Engineering	Chemical Engineering	Materials Science and Engineering; Colloid and Interface Science; Catalysis, Photocatalysis & Electrocatalysis; Process Intensification; Microfluidics and Optofluidics; Energy Science and Technology; Green Hydrogen; Biological Physics; Bioengineering; Biomass Pyrolysis; Lignocellulosic Biomass and Microalgae Biorefinery; Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning/Data Science; Micro/Nano Science and Engineering; Environmental Science and Engineering; Petroleum Science and Engineering; Petrochemicals; Petroleum Refinery; Process Control; Multiphase flow; Advanced Computing (Molecular dynamics, Multiscale simulations, CFD, Optimization); Computational Bioscience; Quantum Chemistry; Food Science and Technology; Polymer Science and Technology; Fluid-structure interaction; Droplet/particle dynamics; Carbon Capture 6tilization and storage (CCUS); Membrane Separation and Technology; Waste-to-Energy Technologies; Explainable AI (XAI) and Trustworthy AI in Process Industries	Chemical Engineering Department
Design	Design	Visual Communication (Including Art & Visual Culture, Semiotics, Colour, Typography, Grids, Signage Design, Graphic Design, Illustration, Animation, Multimedia, Film & Video, Visual Narratives); New Media; Design Management, Design Strategy, Product-Service-Systems (PSS); Service Design; Design For Sustainability; Design for Social Innovation; System Design; Product Design and Development; Product Aesthetics; Form Design; Human Centered Design of Emerging-Technology-Based Products; Design Cognition; Understanding/Supporting Design Processes in Various Disciplines; Design and Culture; Makerspaces; Participatory Design; Co-creation; Frugal Design and Engineering; Frugal Innovation; Inclusive Design; Design For Health and Well Being; Human Computer Interaction (HCI); Interaction and Usability Engineering; Virtual Reality (VR); Voice And Conversational User Interfaces; Assistive Interfaces; User Interaction On Flexible Displays; Deformation Based Input	Design Department

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		Methods; Information Communication Technology For Development (ICTD); Input Methods for Digital Interfaces; Ergonomics (Including Occupational Health And Safety); Design Creativity and Innovation Studies; Design Education and Pedagogy; Design for Smart Cities; Design for Children; Toy Design; Electronic Product Design; Sound Design and Sonic Studies; Speculative Design; Furniture Design; Packaging Design; Automotive Design; Design for Additive Manufacturing (DfAM).	
Physics	Physics	Condensed Matter Physics – materials physics, materials for energy storage, energy harvesting and environmental applications, ferroelectric and oxide materials, raphene and analogue atomic thin materials, organic semiconductors, semiconducting materials, metal halide perovskite materials, photo-physics, thinfilm semiconductor devices, solar cells, LEDs, flexible devices, topological and low-dimensional quantum materials, electronic transport properties, imaging, smart magnetic materials, multiferroics, luttinger liquids, soft condensed matter, spintronics, statistical physics, random walk, percolation, porous media, climate physics, network, self-organization, active matters and collective motion, nonequilibrium statistical mechanics, hydrodynamics, quantum turbulence and nonlinear instabilities in BEC, strongly correlated systems, superconductivity, topological insulators, skyrmions, quantum turbulence, quantum phase transitions, ultracold atoms in optical lattices, nanomaterials and nanotechnology, polymer physics, AdS/CMT, magnetohydrodynamics, Luttinger and non-Fermi liquids, Bosonization, Machine learning in Physics Gravity, Astrophysics, and Cosmology – classical & quantum aspects of gravity, cosmology, and astrophysics – black hole physics, black hole perturbation, modified gravity in context of astrophysics and cosmology, theoretical cosmology, Early universe magneto-hydrodynamics (MHD), astrophysical flows around compact objects, X-ray astronomy of black hole X-ray Binaries, ultra high energy cosmic rays, black hole thermodynamics, quantum field theory on curved spacetime, Hawking-Unruh effect, Quantum information under relativistic regime as well as	

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		curved backgrounds, Relativistic fluid and its thermodynamics in presence of gravity, Quantum aspects of gravitational waves.	
		High Energy Physics – Theory and Phenomenology: dark matter phenomenology, neutrino physics, heavy flavor physics, collider phenomenology, QCD, precision calculations in the Standard Model and beyond, aspects of CP violation, matter-antimatter asymmetry, astro-particle physics/cosmological connections, inflation, effective field theory in particle and nuclear physics, physics of exotic hadrons. Experimental Particle Physics: B-physics at Belle and Belle II and neutrino physics at NoVA and DUNE.	
		Laser and Photonics – fiber Optics, localized surface plasmon resonance, optical fiber sensors for structural health monitoring and environmental engineering, laser-Matter interaction, nonlinear optics, quantum optics, free space optical communication with structured light, super-resolution imaging, terahertz plasmonics and metamaterials, plasmonics materials, laser-induced breakdown spectroscopy, and plasma spectroscopy, Integrated photonic devices, Quantum optoelectronics, Non-volatile photonic memory, Bio-photonic sensor, Cavity non-linear optics, 2D polaritonics, Integrated Quantum Photonics, Laser Micromachining, Quantum Sensing with Color Centers.	
		Quantum Optics and Quantum Technology – cavity quantum electrodynamics, circuit QED and quantum optomechanics, Cold atom-based quantum computer, coherent control of vector beam propagation.	
Chemistry	Chemistry	All Areas of Chemistry.	Chemistry Department
Mathematics	Mathematics	Harmonic Analysis, Functional Analysis and Operator Theory, Graphs and Matrices, Number Theory, Differential Equations and Numerical Analysis, Partial Differential Equations, Mathematical Biology.	Mathematics Department

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	and Finance	Mathematical Finance, Probability and Stochastic Processes, Queueing Systems, Statistics, Biostatistics, Machine Learning, Clinical Trials, Spatiotemporal Forecasting and Synthetic Data (Generative AI).	
	<u> </u>	Data Structures, Algorithms, Graph Algorithms, Distributed Algorithms, Computational Topology, Machine Learning-Based Network Security and Privacy.	
Humanities and Social	Archaeology	Pre and proto historic archaeology, Heritage studies	HSS Department
Sciences	Economics	All areas	
	English	 Pre-modern/ early modern English literature (CE 1500-1700) Digital literary studies 	
		Environmental History of Eastern India, Economic History of Modern India, Literary History of Assam (Pre-modern/Medieval Period); Intellectual and Social History of Modern South and North-East India; Indian Military History, Indian Diplomatic History, International History of the 20 th Century.	
	Linguistics	 Phonology & phonological processing, prosodic aspects of atypical learning, tone and intonation in languages especially Tibeto-Burman and Indo-Aryan languages. Language processing, sociolinguistics of north eastern languages, bilingualism. Cognitive linguistic study of languages (with special focus on north-eastern languages). Acoustic phonetics, Phonetics of tone languages, Phonetics of Tibeto-Burman languages. 	
		Indian politics, political theory, political thought, international relations, and election studies.	
	Psychology	All areas	

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	Sociology	Gender, violence and law; Gender, caste and space; Environment, development and society; Ethnic identity; Sociology of food; Media, performance and digital cultures; Historical sociology; Sociology of religion.	
Agro and Rural Technology	Agro and Rural Technology	,	School of Agro and Rural Technology
Energy Science and Engineering	Energy Science and Engineering	(Biodiesel, Bioethanol etc.), biolubricants, gasification, biomass pyrolysis,	School of Energy Science and Engineering

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		and Microgrids. EV charging infrastructure, electronic design, energy computation and simulation, device fabrication, integrated energy systems, and multigeneration energy systems, energy modelling, AI and energy optimization, Power Systems.	
Mehta Family School of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence	Data Science and Artificial Intelligence	their applications to Computer Vision: Object detection, Classification,	Mehta Family School of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence

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Jyoti and Bhupat Mehta School of Health Sciences and Technology		Analysis; Development of MRI Contrast Agents; Microfluidics; Nanoelectronics;	Health Sciences and

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School of Business	Business	Operations Research, Organizational Behaviour and Human Resource Management	School of Business
Environment	Environment	Water and industrial wastewater treatment technologies (membrane)	Centre for the Environment

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Nanotechnology	Nanotechnology	Nano/Bio Materials Science and Engineering; NanoTheranostic Devices; Nano/Bio-Electronics and Sensors; Experimental and Computational studies of micro- and nano-fluidics, Molecular Simulations; Polymer self-assembly; Polymer Nanocomposites; Nano Devices and Applications; Flow Chemistry; Catalysis for Energy; Energy Applications; All areas of Chemistry and Physics including Nanoscale Materials, Polymers, Optoelectronics, and Photonic applications; Nanoelectronic Devices: Non-Volatile Memory Devices and Technologies, Plasmonic Devices, Neuromorphic Devices, Low-Dimensional Semiconductors and Devices, Semiconductor technology, Spintronic Devices, Photovoltaics and Photodetectors; Green Hydrogen Generation: Organic, Hybrid, Flexible, and Printable Electronics; Bio-Inspired Wettability and Design of Water Repellent and Conductive Interfaces.	<u>Centre for</u> <u>Nanotechnology</u>
Linguistic Science and Technology	Linguistic Science and Technology	Natural Language Processing, Computational Phonology, Speech Analysis, Spoken Language Resources, Neuroimaging of Language disorders, Quantitative Phonetics, Natural User Interfaces, Vision and language, Vision and Speech, Document Image Processing, Virtual / Augmented / Mixed Reality, Neurocognitive response to live music with and without language	Centre for Linguistic Science & Technology
Disaster Management and Research	Disaster Management and Research	housing; Sustainable construction materials; Vulnerability, adaptation and DDR in	Centre for Disaster Management and Research

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		Climate-smart agriculture; Community based Disaster Risk Reduction; B5G/6G for Disaster Management; IoT for Disaster Management.	
Sustainable Polymers	Sustainable Polymers	All areas of Polymer Science and Engineering (including Organic electronics, Polymer liquid crystal, Polymer nanocomposites, Implant materials), Solid Waste Management, Agriculture, Biotechnology with Emphasis on Biopolymers, Monomers, Biocatalysis, Toxicology, Migration Studies, Polymer Ecology, Life Cycle Assessment, Polymer Product Design and Development, Organocatalyst, Organometallic catalysis, Green Chemistry.	Centre for Sustainable Polymers
Indian Knowledge Systems	Indian Knowledge Systems	 History of Science, Technology, and Engineering in India; Water conservation systems; Home Construction Materials; Vastu and Sidhanta/Samhita-Jyotisha Temple Architecture; Study of Instruments from Indian texts; Science and Technology of Ksheerapaka extracts; Ontological design; Herbal/Ayurvedic Medicinal Products; Integrative Medicine; Psychology and Consciousness studies; Meditation and Health; Indigenous cultivation systems and Indigenous trade 	Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems
Intelligent Cyber Physical Systems	Intelligent Cyber Physical Systems	Internet-of-Things (IoT), Sensors, Embedded Systems; Robotics, Control and Sensing: Modelling, Analysis and Design of Robotic Systems, Intelligent Sensing and Control for Autonomous Vehicles, Control of Swarm Systems, Sensor and Actuator Design; Artificial Intelligence: Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Computer Vision, Natural Language Processing, Speech and Audio Signal Processing, Biomedical Signal & Image Processing, Data Science and Analytics; Underwater Systems: Underwater Systems Design and Development, Underwater Exploration, Underwater Structural Analysis, Sonar and Underwater Acoustics,	Centre for Intelligent Cyber Physical Systems

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		Compressed Air Energy Storage, Power Electronics for Underwater Systems, Underwater Concrete Printing; Biomechanics and Biomedical Devices; Smart and Intelligent Manufacturing: Robotics Manufacturing, AI and ML in Manufacturing Processes, Digital Twin of Manufacturing Systems and processes.	
Centre for Sustainable Water Research	Sustainable Water Research	Hydrology and Water Resources Engineering (Surface Water; Groundwater; Atmospheric Water); Hydraulics; Socio-economic aspects of water; Water Economics; Water governance and policy; Transboundary water management; Sustainable Development of Water Resources; Remote Sensing and GIS application in Water Resources; Climate change impact, mitigation, and adaptation, Contaminant Transport; Water Filtration; Chemistry of nanomaterials for sustainable water; Waste Water Treatment; Pipe Networks; AI and ML applications in water research; and allied areas related to sustainable water research.	Centre for Sustainable Water Research
Centre for Drone Technology	Drone Technology	Autonomous Vehicles: Sensors, Embedded Systems, Control and Sensing, Design and development of Drones; Artificial Intelligence: Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Signal Processing, Image Processing; Underground Exploration, Remote Sensing and Geoinformatics (Geomatics), Geodesy, Atmospheric Science, Societal problems and mitigation.	Centre for Drone Technology