

Applications for Centre Director Invited

Position: Centre Director

Centre: Arun and Dhriti Deb Centre for Water and Environmental Studies (ADDCWES)

Application Deadline: 10th September 2025

Join the Centre in Shaping the Future of Innovation

The ADDCWES is multidisciplinary centre and interested faculty members from the Engineering, Science, Management and Humanities Departments of this institution will be associated with the Centre for research, training and education purposes. It has been established during 2025 with the help of an endowment from an esteemed alumnus of this Institution.

ADDCWES is seeking a dynamic, visionary, and accomplished researcher to serve as the **Centre Director**. This will provide an opportunity to lead a centre of multi-disciplinary research in water and environmental issues. The research on water and environment needs concerted multidisciplinary inputs and coordination, which will be geared up through this Centre where faculty members and researchers from a number of departments/specialisations will be able to work together to find out the solutions/strategies for manifold environmental challenges. It has a vision to be a leader in research and education in water and environmental studies, fostering sustainable solutions for local, national and global challenges. It envisages to educate and empower the students and researchers through interdisciplinary innovative research, foster collaboration among departments, and focus on societal goods, community engagement, and address the local, national and global critical water and environmental issues.

The Centre Director will provide strategic direction, foster interdisciplinary collaboration, and drive impactful research programs that contribute to national and global scientific progress. The Centre will be responsible for setting the research agenda, attracting top talent, securing funding, and strengthening industry and academic partnerships.

Key Responsibilities

- Lead the strategic planning and execution of the Centre's research activities
 - Build and support a world-class research team
 - Cultivate partnerships with academic, government, and industry stakeholders
 - Oversee grant acquisition, budgeting, and reporting
 - Promote a culture of research excellence and innovation
 - Undertaking any other activities aligned with the objectives of the Centre
 - Share the research experiences through advanced elective courses and labs
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Qualifications and Tenure

- Professor from any Department of IEST, Shibpur
- Outstanding research record with international recognition in relevant areas
- Demonstrated leadership and administrative experience

- Proven success in securing competitive research funding
 - Strong communication, networking, and team-building skills
 - Ability to spend reasonable time at the Centre for its activities and simultaneously discharging responsibilities at the parent department.
 - The tenure will be initially for 3 years with annual appraisal
 - Either party (the Faculty or the Centre) may end the association after 90 days with written notice.
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Why Join the CCSID - Recognition and Benefits?

- To be a Chair professor as Arun Deb Chair Professor
 - Lead the team of chair/adjunct/associate faculty members and visiting professors to steer multidisciplinary research
 - Guide supporting manpower as Research Associate, Technical Assistant, Office Secretary for centre administration
 - Designated and dedicated building space for activities of the Centre
 - To utilise the available endowment for research, travel, conducting workshops, etc.
 - Honorarium of Rs. 50000 per month (top-up)
 - Opportunity to make a lasting impact on society through research
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How to Apply:

Please submit (single pdf) a detailed CV (and ORCID link), cover letter (scanned copy), and a statement of research and leadership vision to dean.research@iiests.ac.in

The cover letter should be submitted through the Head of the Department.

Selection will be done by an expert committee. The applicant may be requested for an interaction by the committee.

For enquiries, contact: dean.research@iiests.ac.in

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