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## APPLICATION FORMAT

- Name and Title:
- Gender:
- Position:
- Institution/Affiliation:
- E-mail:
- Phone No.:
- Date of your Ph.D. award:
- Your area of research and motivation to attend the workshop (150 words):
- Indicate your ability to work and communicate in English:
- Provide any additional information that you feel is relevant for the application (150 words):

All applications should be sent to Prof. Neil Robertson ([neil.robertson@ed.ac.uk](mailto:neil.robertson@ed.ac.uk)) and Prof. Pulak Mishra ([pmishra@hss.iitkgp.ac.in](mailto:pmishra@hss.iitkgp.ac.in))



## International Workshop on Rural Water Quality and Management (RWQM-2019)



## INTRODUCTION

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur and the University of Edinburgh are jointly organizing 3 days' workshop on **Rural Water Quality and Management** during 14th – 16th May, 2019 at IIT Kharagpur. The workshop is fully funded by the University of Edinburgh through the *Global Challenges Research Fund*.

The workshop aims at creating a vibrant and productive platform for discussions on improving water quality and its efficient management in rural areas which is so crucial to promote socially inclusive development and wellbeing of rural households across the globe.

## ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

The workshop will stimulate new collaborative research projects in different aspects of water quality and management in rural areas, including areas such as water treatment, wastewater management, water contamination, diffused pollution, the water-food nexus, water and

ecosystems linkages, etc. along with role of local level institutions.

It will aim for attendance of around 30 – 40 participants, who will all be fully committed to the workshop during the three-days programme. The workshop is aimed at independent academic staff, along with selective inclusion of guests from industry, NGOs and other relevant organisations with 10 – 13 participants in each category of IITKharagpur academics, University of Edinburgh academics, and selected strategic guests from India and UK. Emphasis will be given for good gender, career-stage and disciplinary balance, with preference towards early-career academics.

We are open to applications from all relevant disciplines including engineering, geology, environmental science, chemistry, ecology, agricultural sciences, geography, political sciences, social sciences, business studies, economics, informatics/data, landscape design and architecture, cultural and behavioural studies, policy and governance, etc.



#### ABOUT IIT KHARAGPUR

The IIT Kharagpur is the oldest and the largest Institute of the IIT system. For years, the institute echoes Indian ethos of enlightenment. The institute is not just the place to study engineering and technology, it is also the place where students are taught to dream about the future of technology and beam across disciplines, making differences enough to change the world. The Institute today is a confluence of world class multi-disciplinary academic programmes and research, a cauldron of academic and corporate relationship, a thriving hub of entrepreneurship, and an enabler of best-in-class placement.

For the detail, please visit - [www.iitkgp.ac.in](http://www.iitkgp.ac.in)

#### WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

The workshop will focus on keynote talks, group activities, field visit and inter-disciplinary networking. The workshop will also discuss on possible funding opportunities for the proposed studies.

Emphasis will be given on inter-disciplinary projects in the area with scope for engagement of the govt. officials, NGOs, local level institutions and community based organisations.

#### ABOUT UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

From Nobel laureates and Olympic champions to space explorers and prime ministers, the University of Edinburgh has been influencing history since it opened the gates to its first batch of students in 1583.

Following the Scottish Enlightenment of the 18th century, the University was positioned at the forefront of academia and critical thinking. Through the many achievements of its staff and students, the University has continued to present cutting-edge research, inspirational teaching and innovative thinking as its central ethos, attracting some of the greatest minds from the globe.

For the detail, please visit - [www.ed.ac.uk](http://www.ed.ac.uk)

#### TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Travel of the delegates from the place of work to Kolkata Airport will be arranged directly by the University of Edinburgh. Local travel including Kolkata Airport Pick-up from and Drop-Off to IIT Kharagpur campus will be arranged by IIT Kharagpur.

Accommodation and other local hospitalities including food will be arranged at IIT Kharagpur during May 13 to 17, 2019.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

**Last Date of Submission of Nomination / Application :** March 31, 2019

**Issue of Acceptance Letter:** April 08, 2019

**Date of Workshop:** May 14-16, 2019

**Venue:** IIT Kharagpur Campus

#### Contact

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