About IIT Kharagpur

Kharagpur, home to the third longest railway platform in the world, is the nursery where the seed of the IIT system was planted in 1951. IIT Kharagpur started its journey in the old Hijli Detention Camp of Eastern India, where some of the country’s greatest freedom fighters toiled and sacrificed their lives for India’s independence. Spurred by the success of IIT Kharagpur, four more IITs (at Bombay, Madras, Kanpur, and Delhi) were setup across the country in the next two decades. Together, these five IITs nurtured several brand ambassadors of modern India. It was the success of this one institution at Kharagpur that wrote India’s technological odyssey. The Institute takes pride in its relentless effort to provide the best platform for both education as well as research in the areas of science and technology, infrastructure design, entrepreneurship, management, law, and medical science and technology. In 2019, the Institute was declared as an ‘Institute of Eminence’ by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India.

Course Instructors

The course will include 30 hours of online instruction, delivered predominantly by faculty members of IIT Kharagpur.

Who can attend?

Interested persons from Industry/R & D Institutes, faculty members, research scholars, as well as graduate and undergraduate students are welcome to attend the course upon payment of the prescribed course fee.

Course Fee

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How to Apply?

Please use the following link to apply online:
https://erp.iitkgp.ac.in/CEP/courses.htm

Payment is to be made online upon being shortlisted for the program. The last date to apply online is 30 September 2020.
Course Outline

With incredible scientific advances and technological breakthroughs, the field of Biotechnology is playing a significantly prominent role toward the conceptualization of innovative and progressive solutions to current and emerging global environmental issues, with sustainability as the underlying principle. Indeed, a global multidisciplinary research effort is currently underway to harness the enormous biochemical potential of microorganisms and plants, for the restoration and perpetuation of the quality of the environment as well as conservation of our limited natural resources. This short-term course will target this aspect amongst others with an objective to disseminate the major recent advancements in biotechnological tools, techniques, and processes for improving drinking water quality, microbial transformation of environmental contaminants, electronic waste management, cleaner production, air pollution control, greenhouse gas abatement, generating renewable energy, etc. in a holistic manner. Further, the latest trends in applications of bioanalytical methods and genetically modified microorganisms for environmental monitoring and assessment as well as enhancing food security will be demonstrated, with a clear mandate and focus on sustainable development.

Course Content

- Biotechnology for tackling global water crisis
- Biotransformation of xenobiotics
- Bioreactors for bioremediation
- Biofertilizers for sustainable agriculture
- Bioleaching of electronic waste
- Bioplastics for a circular economy
- Biotechnology for odor and air pollution control
- Biotechnology for mitigating climate change
- Bioelectrochemical systems for green energy
- Bioanalytical methods for food and environmental monitoring

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Co-Coordinator

Dr. SHAMIK CHOWDHURY is an Assistant Professor in the School of Environmental Science and Engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India. He earned his Ph.D. (2017) in Environmental Engineering from the National University of Singapore (NUS), Singapore. Prior to joining NUS, he obtained his B.Tech. from the West Bengal University of Technology (India) and M.Tech. (Gold Medalist) from the National Institute of Technology Durgapur (India), both in Biotechnology. His current research activities focus on the development of advanced functional materials, via industrially appealing, cost effective processes based on renewable and sufficiently abundant resources, for sustainable energy applications and climate change mitigation. In recognition of the quality, impact and practical relevance of his research, Dr. Chowdhury has been honored through several intra- and extra-mural awards, including the ‘Research Project of the Year Award’ (IChemE Singapore, 2015), the ‘Sustainable Technology Award’ (IChemE Singapore, 2015), and the ‘Green Talents Award’ (Federal Ministry of Education & Research Germany, 2016).