

Following are the guidelines for students on the Eurospin program, who have been selected to carry out part of their research work at NCBS. Please be informed that these guidelines apply irrespective of the home institution/country of the incoming student.

1. The academic office of NCBS should be notified, at least 3 months prior to the proposed arrival date of the student at NCBS, to allow for processing of visa papers (if any) and related formalities (such as accommodation).
2. **Admission Eligibility:** The incoming student on the Eurospin Program will be registered with Manipal University (MU). The minimum qualification for registration with MU is a Masters degree in the respective subject with minimum 55% marks, Master Degree in Medical or Dental Sciences, or Pharm. D. / Pharm. D. (Post Baccalaureate). The University *does not* consider students for PhD without a Masters degree.

### **3. Registration requirements**

- (i) Detailed research proposal drawn up in consultation with the PhD mentor/s, outlining the methodology and research plan. The proposal has to be approved by a Doctoral Advisory committee (DAC) that includes PhD mentor and subject experts, if needed. For the purposes of the Eurospin program, this meeting can be done over videoconferencing/skype if the committee members concur.
- (ii) The DAC report along with the esignatures of the members of the committee recommending registration of the student with MU, should be submitted to the academic office of NCBS. The academic office will guide the student with the related registration documentation.
- (iii) The student will be called to present the research proposal to the MU-PhD committee on a date notified by the University, at Manipal (about 8hrs drive from Bangalore). The presentation date is usually 4-5 wks after receipt of the registration documents. We therefore recommend that the student finish with the registration formalities prior to his/her scheduled arrival in India.

For more details for the procedures to be followed for submission and defense of research proposal you are encouraged to refer to the MU website <http://www.manipal.edu/Research/PhD/Documents/PhD%20Guidelines.pdf>

In view of the registration formalities mentioned above, the student can select from the options given below

- A. The Student may join NCBS at the onset of the program, and complete registration as well as other requirements (such as course work, comprehensive exams, and presentations) stipulated by MU. On completion of these formalities, the student could continue the research work in the partnering institute as required by the Eurospin program.
  - B. The student may choose to spend the initial part of the research program at a partnering institute (other than NCBS), and initiate registration and other requirements on arrival to NCBS.
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4. **Time period:** Please note, irrespective of whether option A or option B above, it is a mandatory for the student to spend **at least one year** of research at NCBS. Further, MU stipulates that, thesis can be submitted only on completion of **three years from the date of registration;** hence it is not advisable to unduly delay the registration.
  5. **Fee Structure:** The students have to pay all the fees prescribed by the MU, distributed over the total period set for the research work, from participation costs allocated in the program

Please let us know if you have any queries or if you need any further details on various procedures with respect to the PhD program.