Frequently asked Questions (FAQ)

1. **How to apply for this program?**

Reply: Go to program webpage and go to tab apply now.

In the above portal kindly register for the program. Please use the login credentials to start your application form and you will be directed to the following sections:

Personal & contact Information, Academic details (10th, 12th, UG, PG details), Program details (Statement of Purpose, track option, language scores, references), Work experience status (if applicable), Upload documents & declaration and Payment sections.

2. **Eligibility for the program?**

Reply: You should have, or expect to obtain, a 2:1 Honors degree from a UK academic institution (or an equivalent overseas qualification*) in engineering or physical sciences.

Consideration may also be given to excellent applicants with degrees in life sciences and economics where these included an adequate component of mathematics.

Further consideration may be given to candidates with extensive, relevant post-degree experience.

Some content on this course will be delivered by Social Sciences and so emphasis on writing proficiency will be more pronounced.

 * For applicants from India: Holders of a Bachelor's degree of three or four years in duration from a recognized university in India will be considered for postgraduate taught study. Holders of Bachelors degree will normally be expected to have achieved 55% - 60% or higher for 2:1 equivalency, or 50% - 55% for 2:2 equivalency depending on the awarding institution.

Either: A four-year Bachelor's degree (first class or very good upper second class)
Or: A three-year Bachelor's degree (first class) from recognized institutions in India.
- Examples of the background disciplines are listed below.

Engineering: Energy engineering, Energy science and engineering, Sustainable energy engineering, Electrical, Electronics and Communication engineering, Chemical, Mechanical, Applied mechanics, Materials science and engineering, Environmental sciences and sustainable engineering, Data science, Civil, Computer science, Mechatronics, Ocean, Thermal, Petroleum, Mining, Design, Nuclear engineering and technology, Photonics science and engineering, Earth sciences and metallurgical, Geology, Aerospace, Architecture and regional planning, Hydro and renewable energy.

Physical Sciences/Basic Sciences: Physics, Chemistry

Other degrees with an adequate component of Mathematics and physical science/engineering that can be considered: Humanities and social sciences, Management studies, Economics, Paper technology, Polymer and process engineering, Agricultural and food engineering, Tunnel engineering, Bioscience, Biotechnology, Biomedical engineering, Mining Machinery, Textile engineering

- You are eligible to apply for this program if your course covers essential mathematical skills.

3. **English Language criteria**

Reply:

For students whose first language is not English or have received a degree from a majority English speaking country, one of the following English language qualifications are required. IELTS: 6.0 minimum overall, with at least 5.5 in each component and minimum 6.0 in writing component; TOEFL: TOEFL: 80 overall with no less than 19 in Reading, 19 in Listening, 21 in Speaking and 21 in Writing. The online version of PTE is also acceptable. Equivalent qualifications may be considered.

Pearson Test of English (PTE)

PTE 64 with no less than 59 in all four skills.

Cambridge English (exams taken from 2015)

Cambridge English: Advanced Minimum overall score of 169, with no less than 162 in any component.

Language Cert ESOL SELT (UKVI)

B2 'Communicator' with no less than 25 in each skill

Trinity ISE II Distinction all

skills **Trinity ISE III** Pass in

each Skill **XII standard**

equivalencies

75% ISC, CBSE, Maharashtra

or 75% West Bengal or

80% Other State boards

4. **Scholarships**

Reply: Currently there are no exclusive scholarships for this program. However, our Global

Engagement office can provide students with a support letter in case of bank loans.

The tuition fee of the programme already has a substantial discount applied; this is offered as standard to all students accepted onto the programme.

5. Examination

Reply: The exam is remote proctored and should have a supporting/conducive environment such as uninterrupted network, webcam for live examination, well-light room etc

6. Accommodation

Reply:

a) The students shall be provided with the hostel accommodation during their stay at IITM on a chargeable basis. The details can found here: https://ccw.iitm.ac.in/

b) Accommodation at University of Birmingham is on a first come first serve basis. There is a variety of accommodation available. Applications open around November and require a deposit to secure the booking. Information on the type and cost of accommodation can be found here: https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/accommodation/index.aspx

7. Placements

Reply:

IITM: The students may appear for the placements at IIT Madras as per the placement and internship guidelines and rules.

University of Birmingham will be able to facilitate all the track 1 students, to connect with networking platform (having industrial connections) at UK, to explore job opportunities.

8. Post work visa at UK

Reply:

The graduate VISA shall depend on the programme for which the student applies and hence the eligibility. Students on the Birmingham Majority programme may be eligible to apply for the Graduate Visa upon successful completion of the programme in the UK. Students on the IITM Majority programme will not be eligible for the Graduate Visa as these students will remain in the UK for 6 months only. Information on the Graduate Route Visa can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/graduate-visa

9. References

Two references should be provided as indicated in the application form. The recommendation letter from the referee's may be requested post your short-listing to the program, if necessary.