

Asian Smart Cities Research and Innovation Network (ASCRIN)

Call for PhD students-ASCRIN Joint PhD Program (BITS Pilani and La Trobe University)

Applications are invited from the motivated candidates for a PhD position under the ASCRIN- joint PhD program at BITS Pilani, Pilani, India and La Trobe University, Australia.

Project Details:

Title: *“Next-Generation Thermoelectric-Integrated Membrane Desalination: A Sustainable Approach to Freshwater Production”*

Project Investigators: **Prof. Harikrishnan A R** (BITS Pilani) and **Prof. Avinash Baji** (La Trobe University)

Number of vacancies: 01

Scholarship:

PhD fellowship at BITS Pilani: Rs.37,000-Rs.42,000 per month.

Fellowship at La Trobe University:

- Stipend at the rate of AUD 35,000/year (maximum 1 year)
- One time travel support of AUD 2000
- La Trobe University will organize and cover the cost of Visa-length Overseas Student Health
- Cover (OSHC) while a resident at La Trobe University.

Qualification:

Master's degree in the relevant field (preferably ME/MTech in Thermal Engineering/ Renewable Energy or related discipline).

Age limit: ≤ 35 years as on the deadline of application.

How to apply:

Interested candidates, fulfilling the above requirements, can apply by fill in the google form (link: <https://forms.gle/wA333i2jP1pgLWx69> / scan QR code) **latest by 18th July 2026**. Please note that only qualified and shortlisted candidates will be called for interview. Details of the interview will be communicated via email.



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