



Indian Institute of Technology Madras
Office of Alumni and Corporate Relations

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GIVING IN 2024**

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Prof. Kamakoti Veezhinathan
Director, IITM



Greetings! IIT Madras continues to retain her top position for the eighth consecutive year, in the National Institute Ranking Framework, thanks to the world-class research, unwavering dedication and creative mindset of its faculty and students. The contribution and support of Alumni and well-wishers like you have crucially helped this standing and stature. Our achievements in research, education, innovation, and entrepreneurship have also earned us the recognition of an 'Institute of Eminence' as well as the top position in the Atal Innovation Ranking from the Government of India.

IIT Madras is making an indelible mark in promoting and providing education to students from the length and breadth of India to areas beyond Indian territory, through her initiatives in rural developmental educational programs, international, interdisciplinary M.Tech courses, and online diploma courses. The popularity and reach of our online courses can be gauged by the fact that around 25000 students in ages ranging from 17 to 82, have enrolled for these courses across national boundaries, and about 30% are from rural India.

The institute, in a first-ever initiative by an IIT, has consolidated its position on the world map by establishing her international campus in Zanzibar, Africa where about 45 students have been admitted to different programs.

Innovation and entrepreneurship are ingrained in all our endeavours – our ambitious ventures in rocket and space explorations, the development of lab-grown diamonds, hyperloop, the Brain Research Centre etc, are a testimony to this. The start-up ecosphere is also a reflection of this spirit, wherein last year, 70 startups came to fruition, successfully nurtured by our centres of excellence, the Centre for Innovation, Nirmaan – the pre-incubator, the Incubation Cell, technology centres such as 'IITM-Pravartak' at the IIT Madras Research Park and others. This year, our target is to incubate at least a 100 Start-ups in various sectors. It is expected that at least 20% of the passing out students will be proud CXOs of their own ventures! The year 2023 also saw 221 national and 105 international patents from our Institute and we are looking to closing this current financial year with 366 patents, to account for 'a patent a day'.

Towards promoting inter-disciplinary research and exploring new frontiers, a Department of Medical Sciences and Technology was launched in May 2023, a School of Sustainability in Oct 2023, a Department of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence in Nov 2023 and a new Interdisciplinary Dual Degree program on Quantitative Finance in Dec 2023 through the synergy of the departments of Management Studies, Computer Science and Engineering and Mathematics. Our School of Sustainability has signed MoUs for collaborations with Tel Aviv University, Israel and Technische Universität Dresden, Germany, with the aim of being recognized as a leader for sustainability teaching and research in the global south.

Lofty ambitions and achievements are impossible without the deep-rooted faith and support of alumni and well-wishers like yourself. We are indebted to you for your bountiful, impactful contributions and the faith reposed on us. On behalf of IIT Madras, I express my deepest gratitude for continuing to strengthen the Institute. Together with your support, we are confident of building an IIT Madras that is more inclusive, diverse, and seized of tomorrow's needs to be nationally and globally relevant.

Thank you!



DEAN'S MESSAGE



Prof. Mahesh Panchagnula
Dean, Alumni & Corporate Relations, IITM



Greetings from the Office of Alumni and Corporate Relations!

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the unwavering support you continue to provide to IIT Madras. Your generosity is the cornerstone of our success, and we are truly grateful for your commitment to the causes that are important to the students and faculty of IIT Madras. This report is a testament to the profound impact your contributions have had –by transforming the lives of students, supporting research, augmenting Institute infrastructure, enhancing learning or through supporting other myriad causes. Your trust in us propels our ambitions, and we are committed to ensuring that your donations are utilized to their fullest potential.

In a world evolving rapidly in science and technology, we have set ambitious goals for ourselves. Your enduring enthusiasm and support provide fillip to our efforts. IIT Madras stands as a beacon of diversity, sustainability, innovation and research excellence. While we have transformed over the years, our commitment to being a premier institute in the country and abroad, remains steadfast, attracting the brightest minds from across the globe. I cordially invite you to visit the campus, witness first-hand the salutary impact of your contributions, and observe the Institute's growth and evolution over the years.

Your generous gifts have made an incredible difference in our Institute's aspirations – Thank you!

Your continued partnership is invaluable as we navigate the exciting journey ahead, shaping the future of India and the world together.



Mr. Raghuram Sugavanam's work experience begins with their current role as CoFounder & CEO of Spectator Health, a company focused on improving geriatric care management and medication adherence. Prior to this, they were CoFounder and President of Interpreta, where they worked to streamline patient care using real-time clinical and genomic analysis. Before that, Raghu served as Cofounder & COO of Anvita Health, which was later acquired by Humana. Raghu also held the position of Sr. Vice President at Harte-Hanks Data Technologies and founded and served as President of Mercantile Software. Raghu began their career as a Manager at AT&T Consumer Products and a Systems Analyst at Engelhard Corporation.

Mr. Raghuram Sugavanam earned his B. Tech degree in Chemical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras from 1971 to 1976. He went on to pursue a MS degree in Chemical Engineering from Washington University in St. Louis, which they completed between 1976 and 1978. Later, he pursued a MS degree in Computer Science at Rutgers University from 1982 to 1983.

SUMMARY OF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS



Women Leading IITM



Merit Cum Means Scholarship

WOMEN LEADING IIT MADRAS



The goals of the 'Women Leading IITM' program Increasing the percentage of women faculty in Assistant Professorships to 20% from the current 15% Generating 30% of all faculty applications from Women candidates Grantees expected to graduate to leadership roles within IITM Next-generation ambassadors for enabling a gender balanced IITM Establish an award for Women Faculty in Leadership (Institute already has awards for staff in leadership and given the good presence of women in staff, many have been getting it over the years) Education is an important factor in empowering women. If women's empowerment in the true sense is ever to be realized, it could be only through education. Education brings prosperity not only to the woman and her family but also to the nation.

IITM has made considerable progress in improving the number of women students/faculty & creating opportunities for success. IIT Madras launched the 'Women Leading IITM' (WLI) program on March -08th 2021 to boost women's leadership in science and technology. Launched in 2021, Women Leading IITM is a program to Nurture, Develop and Support women's talent at IITM along with their study/professional careers.

OBJECTIVES PURSUED BY THE WLI PROGRAM

1

Increasing the percentage of women faculty in Assistant Professorships to 20% from the current 15%

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Generating 30% of all faculty applications from Women candidates

3

Grantees expected to graduate to leadership roles within IITM

4

Next-generation ambassadors for enabling a gender balanced IITM

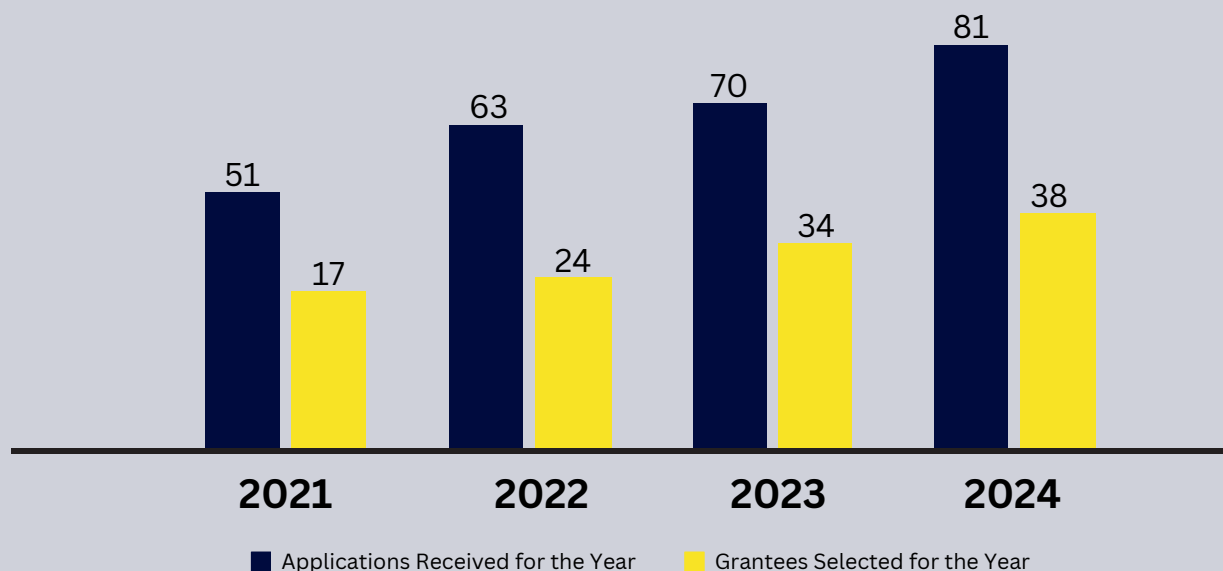
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STATISTICS FOR 2021 - 2024



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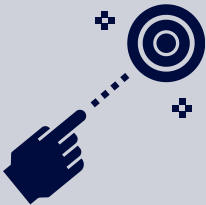
MERIT CUM MEANS SCHOLARSHIP



Ramesh Raj S
CH20B085
Chemical Engineering



My father runs a store where he sells daily essentials. He manages everything from inventory to customer service. My mother is a homemaker.



I'm determined to excel academically, particularly in the field of software engineering. My ultimate goal is to pursue a career in software engineering, where I can leverage my passion for technology to create innovative solutions. I aspire to work on projects that have a positive impact on society.



I'm fortunate to have received the MCM Scholarship, which covers my tuition fees. This scholarship has been a tremendous help to my family, easing the financial burden associated with funding my education. With the support of this scholarship, I can focus more on my studies without worrying about financial constraints. It allows me to explore academic opportunities and strive for excellence in my chosen field.



I'm deeply grateful for the support provided by the MCM Scholarship, as it has played a crucial role in my educational journey and personal development. Motivated by a sense of responsibility, I'm committed to achieving success, making my family proud, and giving back to the community in meaningful ways.

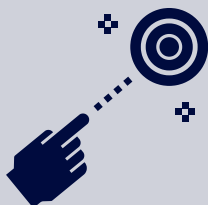
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Ankit Aryan
ME20B023
Mechanical Engineering



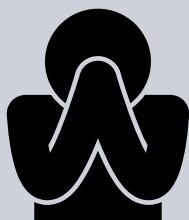
I belong to a humble family background with my father working as a teacher in government school. He has put so much effort in educating me and my brother. That compelled me to work hard and reach IIT.



I am fortunate that I got to know about my interests in my 1st year ie. environment conservation. So, during my insti life, I explored this field and am sure about it pursuing it. Currently I am aspiring for Indian Forest Service.



This has reduced the financial burden on my parents and allowed me to study without any stress about these things. Also, this act of support has motivated me to give back to IITM once I become successful in life.



Thanks a ton sir for this generous assistance. This scholarship made my life at IITM much smooth and simultaneously helped me to follow my aspirations in a better way.

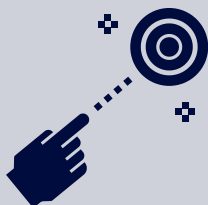
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Pranoy K P
ED20B045
Engineering Design



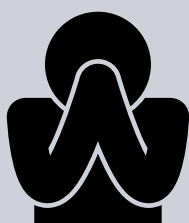
I come from a close-knit family who shower me with care and affection. My family consists of my parents, younger brother, and myself. We share a bond built on love and mutual support, significantly shaping my upbringing and character.



At IIT Madras, I aim to excel academically and maximise the diverse learning opportunities available. I am currently doing an internship at Bosch this semester in Bangalore and have secured a summer internship at JP Morgan Chase. I aim to actively engage in research projects, internships, and hands-on experiences that deepen my understanding of data analytics. I am driven to apply the knowledge and skills gained during my studies to address real-world challenges and make meaningful contributions to society.



The scholarship has significantly impacted my academic journey by providing vital financial support. It has relieved the economic burden associated with education, enabling me to focus more on my studies and extracurricular activities. It has instilled a sense of gratitude and motivation, inspiring me to strive for excellence in my academic pursuits.



I am sincerely grateful for being awarded the MCM scholarship you funded. I am a fourth-year student in the Engineering Design Department and am also pursuing an Interdisciplinary Dual Degree in Data Science this semester. The scholarship you provided has been instrumental in enabling me to pursue my academic aspirations, for which I am truly thankful. Your kindness has had a profound impact on my life, and I am deeply appreciative of your support.

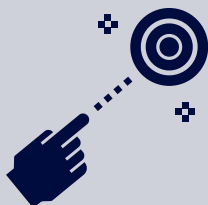
MERIT CUM MEANS SCHOLARSHIP



Krishna Chaitanya Nandimandalam
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Aerospace Engineering



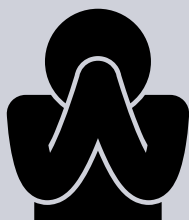
My family is a pretty middle class family with my dad being the sole worker. I have a sister who is currently in her +2 studies and is trying her best to get into a good decent college. My mother is a home maker and takes care of the household.



My aspirations have always been to be successful in my career, while getting my dream job and be able to take care of my family.



It definitely helped a lot in terms of removing the pressure of monetary finance and be able to concentrate more on what I believe I can achieve.



I simply cannot express in words how much I am grateful for giving me such an opportunity and support. I promise to use this opportunity to the fullest extent and carry on with my life.

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY **MR. RAGHURAM S**

Thank you for your sustained generosity to IIT Madras over the years. Contributors such as yourself enable our students and Professors to dream big and work towards a better and brighter future. We hope you are proud of your relations with IIT Madras and how it has remained steadfastly committed to academic and research excellence. You and your family have been instrumental in facilitating this significant growth.

Our efforts to nurture the culture of academic excellence that is the hallmark of IIT Madras - quality education, cutting-edge research, and unfettered creativity shall continue. We are privileged and humbled to have you and your family walking with us along this trail. We wish you and your family the best always in all walks of life!



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