

Ruby reunion - IIT Madras class of 1978

On January 15th, 2019, Ruby reunion for the class of 1978 transpired in ICSR Building at IIT Madras.



Introduction:

“Reunion is an action of being brought together again as a unified whole.”

Reconnect /Engage/Impact

We start this giving report with heartfelt thanks to the 1978 Ruby reunion batch for their continued generous contribution to the growth and development of IIT Madras. The Ruby reunion batch of 1978 decided unanimously to use the funds donated for **Faculty Externship**.

Donations detailed:

Target endowment: INR Three crores

Stretch goal: INR Five crores

Pledges received to date: Rs.4, 08, 35,000 /- INR Four crores, eight lakhs, thirty five thousand only from 2018 - May 2020.

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Objective:

- Evidence shows that research developed in collaboration with top global institutions have a 50% higher citation rate.
- A vital intention of this program is to enable a faculty member's first visit to the world's best research institutions abroad.
- This will create a virtuous cycle by increasing collaboration, improving the quality of research.
- This will improve the reputation of our faculty and institute, paving the way to attract new faculty and institutions interested in collaborating with IIT Madras in the future.

Details:

- This program will enable some faculty members of IIT Madras per year to spend between four to six weeks abroad at a world-class institution.
- IIT Madras will define the requirements of the Faculty applicant and the selection process and report on results relating to ongoing collaboration, research, publications, citations, etc.

Naming of Faculty Externship:

- Prof. K. Prakash belongs to the batch of 1978 and is no more amongst his batch mates.
- It was named in remembrance of Prof. K. Prakash as **"Prakash fellowship" for Faculty Externship** by the Ruby reunion batch of 1978.
- Apart from his many accomplishments as a student at IIT Madras and a faculty in the US, his brief tenure as a faculty at IIT Madras reflects his desire to give back to his alma mater.



[Prof. Prakash Krishnaswami](#)

Faculty member awarded with “Prakash fellowship” for Faculty Externship 2020:

Prof. Anubhab Roy (Assistant Professor, Applied Mechanics) has been awarded with “Prakash Fellowship” for the Faculty Externship program 2020.

Support provided to Faculty:

- This program will support expenses related to local hospitality as well as some local travel of the faculty.
- The cost of an externship per faculty will be between USD 6K to USD 8K depending upon the grant requested by the faculty.
- The interest from the endowment fund provided by the 1978 batch Ruby reunion will support some faculty members every year for their Externship in the name of “Prakash Fellowship”.



[Prof. Anubhab Roy](#)

Selection Process for faculty chosen for the year 2020:

- Some faculties are awarded with “Prakash fellowship” for Faculty Externship every year, and it was Prof. Anubhab Roy who was chosen to be awarded with “Prakash fellowship” for Faculty Externship for the year 2020.
- The primary criterion for the selection process would be the merits of the applicant’s research proposal.
- This “Prakash Fellowship” for Faculty Externship is currently being opened up for all full-time Assistant Professors of IIT Madras.
- The steering committee will do the selection process in selecting and awarding the faculty with “Prakash fellowship” for Faculty Externship every year, and they have unanimously selected Prof. Anubhab Roy for the year 2020.