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Swagatham Program for M.Tech Aspirants @ IISc



Partner: CSA, IISc (Indian Institute of Science)

Since its founding in 1909, the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore (IISc) has emerged as India's premier destination for higher education and advanced research in all science and engineering disciplines.

IISC's Computer Science & Automation(CSA) Department was set up in 1969 with a mission to "advance the frontiers of research in computer science and automation and offer world-class pedagogical and research experience to its students". CSA is considered a Centre of Excellence by both the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Department of Science and Technology (DST). It has been ranked #71in the Times Higher Education (THE) 2016 rankings of the 'Top 100 CS Departments Worldwide'.

About the Program:

Swagatham has been designed by CSA as a 'by invitation only' campus experience program for a select group of students who have qualified in the GATE examination and have applied to the M.Tech program at CSA. The objective of the program is to encourage GATE qualifiers to consider research as a viable academic and career option. Swagatham 2017 was funded entirely by Sonata Software as a part of its ongoing CSR programs at IISc.

The program was held in April 2017 and the top 32 GATE qualified applicants to CSA were invited to attend this 3-day residential program. Participants attended a series of presentations and guided tours conducted by department faculty, students and alumni. Informal interactions also enabled the participants to appreciate the activities of the department, and gain insights into research opportunities available to them at CSA and IISc.



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"The students found the program to be highly stimulating and completely altering their perception of higher studies and research programs", *Prof. Jayant Haritsa, Chair of the Dept. of CSA at IISc.*