

## University of Melbourne inks academic collaboration with major Indian universities

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### To give more Indian students direct pathways to complete their studies

The University of Melbourne in Australia will offer Indian students the opportunity to complete a new Bachelor of Science Dual Degree, owing to enhanced partnerships with the University of Madras, Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU), and Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management (GITAM).

Indian students who enrol in the new dual degree will be able to complete their degree at home and abroad, spending the first two years studying in India, followed by two years on campus in Melbourne.

Once they successfully complete their studies, Indian students will be awarded a Bachelor of Science from the University of Melbourne, and they have the option for their local institution to award the degree.

In addition, Indian students can study up to six masters subjects in their final year so they can fast-track a masters degree from a suite of disciplines including science, engineering, public health and data science.

University of Melbourne Vice-Chancellor Duncan Maskell announced the dual degree in Mumbai while travelling with the Prime Minister of Australia's Trade Delegation to India.

Professor Maskell said the new dual degree is the logical next step of the Bachelor of Science (Blended), which was co-designed and quality assured by the University of Melbourne, and is now offered by seven institutions across the country.

The University of Madras, SPPU and GITAM are the first partners in the Bachelor of Science Dual Degree, with discussions underway with more institutions looking to offer the dual degree from 2024.