



# DRM GURUKOOLL 2026



## 4<sup>TH</sup> INDIAN SUMMER SCHOOL ON DESIGN RESEARCH

14 - 19 JUNE 2026 | DEPT OF DESIGN & MANUFACTURING (DM), IISc BENGALURU

*“Design is an interdisciplinary discipline”* with many facets: people, product, process, tools, economy and ecology, that interact in the ways designing and their outcomes are produced. While designing involves research of market and users, breakthrough design innovations are often result of focussed research into the phenomena and practice of design. This type of design research involves reflective studies into how design occurs, and how it can be improved. It is multi-, inter-, and sometimes trans-disciplinary, embracing and integrating research methods from multiple disciplines.

**DRM GURUKOOLL** is an annual event hosted, under the auspices of **DeScIn – Academy of Design Science Foundation India**, at a different institution each year, with the objectives of exposing designers and early (career) design researchers to the current understanding of design and design research, and supporting them to adopt a systematic research methodology. With the increasing number of universities in India offering research programmes including Master’s and PhD in design, this workshop aims towards contributing to the national vision on nurturing design research and improving designs and designing.

**DRM GURUKOOLL** aims to garner the national collaborative spirit by bringing together participation and support from fellow departments, schools, and institutions of design across IITs, IISc, NIDs and other institutions, under the cooperation of DICs.

Motivated by the overwhelming response of the previous editions, this fourth rendition will be hosted by **IISc Bengaluru** during **14 – 19 June 2026**. The participants will delve into various thinking paradigms in design and be exposed to key areas of design research, such as design creativity, design for emotion, design for sustainability, design of socio-technical systems, etc., supported by mentors in several, commonly used design research methods embedded in **DRM, a design research methodology** used by researchers worldwide over the past 25 years.



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### Organising & Mentoring Committee

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**DRM GURUKOOLL 2026** is for two groups of researchers:

- (i) Early PhD students in design research who have completed coursework and have started or about to start their research (typically in the 2nd or 3rd year of PhD); and
- (ii) mature PhD students (who have completed 3rd year or more), post-doctoral researchers, and young faculty members (in their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year). The number of seats is limited to 30 for each group.

### Important Dates

Announcement of <b>DRM Gurukooll 2026</b>	07 April 2026
Last date for Submission of Applications	30 April 2026
Announcement of Selected Participants	15 May 2026
<b>Registrations Open!</b> (Rs. 6500 per head)*	<b>15 May 2026</b>
*Rs.500 discount for DeSciIn members	
<b>DRM Gurukooll 2026 @ IISc Bengaluru</b>	<b>14 – 19 Jun 2026</b>

### Selection Process

- Submitted applications will be **scrutinised by the Organising Committee** and incomplete applications will be rejected;
- The applications will be **shortlisted on merit**, and the selected participants will be informed via email;
- The selected participants need to **register and pay** the fee by the deadline.

### Application Checklist

The following details must be uploaded via Google Form

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1. **CV of the applicant** (1 A4-page) with *academic degrees, marks (CGPA or percentage), personal details including address, awards, papers published, experience, etc. and a copy of the Transcripts of the previous degrees;*
2. An **Extended Abstract** of your Doctoral research, or current research for Young Faculty members (800 – 1000 words): *Aim and Motivation, Research Questions and Hypotheses, Methodology, Preliminary or detailed Findings, etc;*
3. A **Letter of Consent** from HoD or Research Advisor stating the approval of leave to attend the summer/winter school.

