USS R9 South Asia Council Governance Candidate Application

Term of office 2027–2029

Complete this form in English and submit the signed form with supporting documents to r9@usssociety.org. Nomination deadline: 28 October 2026, 12:00 Beijing time (UTC+8). The official candidate list will be published by 28 October 2026, 23:59 (UTC+8).

This form implements the proposed nomination arrangements for the R9 election. Eligibility and nominations remain subject to the USS Constitution, applicable division charter and duly approved election rules. Submission does not establish candidacy, council membership or voting rights.

1 Position and membership details

Position sought **Select one**	[×] Chair [ ] Vice Chair [ ] Standing Director [ ] Supervisor
Full name and title	Dr Ishu Sharma
USS membership number	
Membership category	
Date joined USS	February 2026
Current USS appointments	
R9 registration details	
Council member status	For Chair / Vice Chair / Standing Council Member: [×] Confirmed [ ] Pending verification Appointment or election reference: _____

2 Personal and professional details

Institution and department	TechX School of Engg, CGC University
Current professional position	Associate Professor
Country / territory of residence	India
Country / territory of work	India
Connection to South Asia	Indian
Date of birth	DD / MM / YYYY: _____14/08/1990
Email for election notices	Personal, independently accessible email: ishu.sharma001@gmail.com
Telephone with country code	+91-7015418009

Date of birth and contact details are for internal verification and administration; they will not appear in public candidate notices. Use an additional signed sheet if more space is required.

3 Background and proposed contribution

Education, professional or academic background, and current responsibilities (maximum 300 words)

I am Dr. Ishu Sharma, an academician, researcher, and technology enthusiast with over 17 years of experience in higher education, research, academic administration, and technological innovation. I am currently serving as an **Associate Professor at CGC University, Mohali, Punjab, India**, and pursuing postdoctoral research at **Multimedia University, Malaysia**, specializing in emerging technologies and Artificial Intelligence.

I hold a **Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering from Chitkara University (2019)**, a Master of Engineering in Computer Science and Engineering (Silver Medalist), and an AMIE in Computer Science. I have been recognized among the **World's Top 2% Scientists in the Stanford University–Elsevier ranking**, reflecting my contributions to scientific research.

My research interests include **Artificial Intelligence, Generative AI, Agentic AI, Machine Learning, Cybersecurity, Blockchain, and Intelligent Systems**. I have contributed extensively to scholarly publications, patents, research supervision, and international academic collaborations.

In my current role, I am actively involved in teaching, curriculum development, research mentorship, academic coordination, and institutional innovation. I have undertaken responsibilities including Board of Studies coordination, research coordination, programme management, and organizing technical workshops, hackathons, and faculty development initiatives. I also contribute to professional academic communities through research collaborations and knowledge-sharing activities.

My proposed contribution is to bridge the gap between academic research and real-world technological applications by promoting responsible AI adoption, interdisciplinary research, industry–academia collaboration, and innovation-driven education. I aim to contribute my expertise in emerging technologies, research leadership, and capacity building to develop sustainable, inclusive, and impactful solutions that benefit educational institutions, industry, and society.

Relevant USS service, volunteer experience and governance appointments (include dates)

My professional service and governance experience includes academic leadership, committee participation, research evaluation, and voluntary contributions to professional organizations.

- **Lead Head – Cyber Guardians, ACM Meerut Professional Chapter (January 2024–Present):** Contributing to cybersecurity awareness, professional engagement, knowledge sharing, and technical initiatives.
- **Board of Studies (BoS) Coordinator – CGC University, Mohali (December 2024–Present):** Coordinating curriculum development, syllabus revisions, academic planning, and governance meetings to maintain academic standards and industry relevance.
- **Research Coordinator – CSE APEX, CGC University (December 2024–Present):** Supporting research planning, publication monitoring, faculty research development, and conference activities.
- **Programme Coordinator – CSE (Data Science), CGC University (December 2024–Present):** Coordinating academic delivery, faculty engagement, student mentoring, and programme administration.
- **International Conference Committee Appointments (2025):** Technical Programme Committee Member, ICDTA 2025, Morocco (17–18 April 2025); Executive and Organizing Committee Member, Micro2025, India (10–11 May 2025).
- **Conference Session Chair and Organizer (2022–2025):** Served in leadership and evaluation roles at multiple international conferences, including GCAT 2022 (7–9 October 2022), ICONAT 2023 (24–26 January 2023), ISCS 2024 (3–4 May 2024), and ICAIN 2025 (6–7 October 2025).
- **Research Peer Reviewer (2024–2025):** Contributed to scholarly quality assurance through manuscript and conference-paper evaluation.
- **Academic Mentorship and Voluntary Knowledge Sharing (2009–Present):** Supporting research scholars, early-career researchers, students, and faculty through supervision, expert sessions, workshops, and professional development activities.

These responsibilities have strengthened my experience in collaborative decision-making, academic governance, stakeholder engagement, ethical evaluation, and institutional accountability.

Resources, work plan and proposed contribution to the position (maximum 300 words)

With over 17 years of experience in higher education, research, academic governance, and technological innovation, I aim to contribute to the position through a structured, collaborative, and outcome-oriented approach. My expertise in Artificial Intelligence, Generative AI, Agentic AI, Cybersecurity, and digital transformation, combined with international research exposure, will support informed decision-making, institutional development, and innovation.

Resources: I will leverage my academic expertise, international research collaborations, professional networks, institutional partnerships, and experience in academic governance. My involvement in research supervision, curriculum development, professional committees, and international conferences has equipped me with the skills to engage diverse stakeholders and contribute effectively to strategic initiatives.

Work Plan: My proposed approach will focus on three key phases:

1. **Initial Phase (0–3 Months):** Understand the organization's strategic priorities, governance framework, stakeholder expectations, and ongoing initiatives. Identify opportunities for improvement through consultation and evidence-based assessment.
2. **Implementation Phase (3–9 Months):** Actively participate in committees, policy discussions, collaborative projects, and strategic planning. Promote digital innovation, transparent processes, stakeholder engagement, and knowledge-sharing initiatives.
3. **Evaluation Phase (9–12 Months):** Review progress against established objectives, gather stakeholder feedback, recommend improvements, and contribute to long-term institutional sustainability.

Proposed Contribution: I intend to bring an independent, research-driven, ethical, and inclusive perspective to governance and strategic decision-making. My focus will be on strengthening transparency, accountability, responsible technology adoption, effective stakeholder communication, and continuous improvement.

I am particularly committed to bridging academic expertise with practical governance challenges while promoting collaboration, diversity of perspectives, and sustainable institutional development. Through active participation and constructive engagement, I aim to contribute meaningfully to the organization's long-term objectives and the responsibilities associated with the position.

Public candidate profile (maximum 100 words; omit private contact details)

Dr. Ishu Sharma is an Associate Professor at CGC University, Mohali, India, with over 17 years of experience in higher education, research, and academic governance. Recognized among the world's Top 2% Scientists in the Stanford/Elsevier ranking, she is currently pursuing postdoctoral research at Multimedia University, Malaysia. Her expertise spans Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, Blockchain, and emerging technologies. She has contributed to international research, academic committees, curriculum development, and professional organizations. She is committed to transparent governance, ethical decision-making, stakeholder engagement, and innovation, bringing a collaborative, inclusive, and research-driven perspective to institutional leadership and strategic development.

4 Nomination route

Select one route. Two distinct eligible individuals must complete and sign Section 5 on the next page. A person holding both titles cannot count as two nominators.

[ ] Route A: Joint nomination by at least two USS Directors.
[ ] Route B: Joint nomination by at least one USS Chair and at least one USS Director.

For this form, USS Chair and USS Director refer to USS headquarters officeholders, unless the approved nomination notice expressly extends eligibility to division officeholders. Attach evidence or an official reference for each nominator's appointment. Additional nominators may use a signed continuation sheet.

5 Nominators and recommendations

Nominator 1

Full name / USS member ID	Dr Sabyasachi Bhattacharyya
USS office and appointment reference	[×] USS Chair [ ] USS Director Reference: _____
Email for verification	sabya005@gmail.com
Recommendation	_____ _____
Confirmation and signature	I confirm my eligibility to nominate and recommend this candidate. Signature: _____ Date: 3 Nov 2026

Nominator 2

Full name / USS member ID	Dr. Prabagarane N
USS office and appointment reference	[×] USS Chair [ ] USS Director Reference: _____
Email for verification	prabagaranen@usssociety.org
Recommendation	_____ _____
Confirmation and signature	I confirm my eligibility to nominate and recommend this candidate. Signature: _____ Date: 3 Nov 2026

6 Candidate declaration and consent

By signing, I confirm that the information and supporting documents are accurate; I consent to nomination and, if elected, to serve in the position stated above on a voluntary basis. I will comply with the USS Constitution, applicable division charter, approved election rules and conflict-of-interest requirements. I understand that student and honorary members do not have electoral rights under the USS Constitution and that office-specific age and membership requirements apply.

I disclose the following competing appointments, interests or relationships that may affect eligibility or independence (write “None” if applicable):

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For Supervisor candidates: I confirm that I will not concurrently hold an incompatible council, executive, finance or secretariat position under the applicable approved rules.

I authorize publication of my name, institution, country or territory, position sought, public profile and work plan for election and result notices. I consent to internal use of the remaining information for eligibility checks, election administration and records management under USS procedures.

Candidate signature: Ishu Sharma Date: 03 Nov 2026

7 Submission checklist and official review

[ ] Signed form and two nominations [ ] CV and work plan
[ ] Membership and appointment evidence [ ] Conflict disclosures / eligibility evidence

For official use only	Received: _____ Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____
Eligibility and nomination review	[ ] Approved [ ] Correction required [ ] Not approved Reasons / verification reference: _____
Oversight confirmation	Name / signature: _____ Date: _____

Election timetable (UTC+8): voting opens 1 November 2026; closes 3 November 2026 at 23:59. Results are scheduled for public comment from 4 to 10 November 2026. Material objections must be resolved before affected results take effect.