

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Post Doctoral Fellowship (PDF)

Under the Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme for Electronics and IT: Phase II
Department of Electrical Engineering, IIT Hyderabad



The Department of Electrical Engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH) invites applications from highly motivated Indian citizens with a proven academic record for one (1) Post-Doctoral Fellowship (PDF) position. This fellowship is generously supported by the PhD Cell, Digital India Corporation (DIC), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India.

Targeted Research Areas

The applicant's PhD research must be in or strictly related to one of the following areas (candidates with cross-domain experience in these areas will be preferred):

Wireless Communication and Networking, Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning, Optimization & Resource Allocation, Multiple Access Techniques, Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces (RIS), and Space-Air-Ground Integrated Network (SAGIN).

1. Eligibility Criteria

- The applicant must be an Indian citizen.
- Must have obtained a PhD degree from a recognized University with first-class (in terms of grades/marks) in all preceding levels, maintaining a consistently good academic record throughout.
- The PhD must have been completed within the past 5 years as of the application submission deadline.
- **Institutional Restriction:** Applicants must *not* have completed their PhD at the host institution (IIT Hyderabad).
- The upper age limit is 40 years on the date of submission of the application.
- Applicants currently in regular employment are not eligible. Scientists or researchers holding temporary positions in academia or research institutions may apply, but must relinquish their current roles if selected.
- Candidates who have already availed the PDF under the Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme are not eligible.
- **Industry Linkage:** Preference will be given to applicants who have active industry linkages and whose research proposal is directed towards solving industry-specific problems.
- *Note: Fulfilling the minimum eligibility criteria does not guarantee selection.*

2. Nature and Duration of the Award

- The fellowship is a full-time, non-transferable, and temporary position tenable in India only.
- The tenure is strictly valid for **1 year (12 months)**. Any extension beyond one year is not admissible under the scheme.

3. Financial Support

Monthly Fellowship ₹1,08,393 Per month, transferred directly to the awardee's bank account via DBT by the PhD Cell, DIC.	Contingency Grant ₹1,00,000 Per year (disbursed pro-rata). Restricted to minor equipment, consumables, and research-related items. (No provision for hiring staff).	Travel Support Up to ₹2.10 Lakhs Admissible only for overseas applicants returning to India (visa/travel) and for participation in DIC-invited events.
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4. Responsibilities of the Awardee

- **Research & Reporting:** Execute the approved research proposal with specific timelines and deliverables. Submit mandatory monthly progress reports in the format specified by the PhD Cell.
- **Scheme Activities:** Participate in activities assigned by the PhD Cell, including the evaluation and mentoring of PhD candidates, collaborative research, and designated workshops/events.
- **Achievements:** Promptly report any publications, patents, start-ups, or other significant R&D outputs to the PhD Cell.
- **Acknowledgment:** Must formally acknowledge the scheme in all publications, forums, and recognitions using the mandated template.
- **Exclusivity:** The awardee must not receive any other fellowship or undertake any full-time/part-time assignment during the award period. Doing so will result in immediate discontinuation of the fellowship.

Application Process & Required Documents

Application Deadline: 16-October-2026 (23:59 Hrs IST)

Interested and eligible candidates must apply online through the following link:

<https://forms.gle/iQeft9sS2Zeeq5Rm7>

Please prepare the following documents for submission:

- A detailed Research Proposal defining clear objectives, deliverables, timelines, and industry linkages (if any).
- Comprehensive CV highlighting a list of peer-reviewed publications and recognitions.
- PhD Degree Certificate or Provisional Certificate clearly showing the date of completion.
- Mark sheets and Grade cards for all preceding degrees (demonstrating first-class record).
- Valid proof of age and Indian citizenship (e.g., Passport, Aadhar).

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