



भारतीय सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, पुणे
Indian Institute of Information Technology, Pune

(An Institute of National Importance by an Act of Parliament)
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Information Brochure

for admissions to

Full-time PhD/Part-time PhD/PostDoc Position

under

**Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme for Electronics & IT:
Phase II**

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Ref No.: IITP/PhD/2026-27/4135

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I. Important Guidelines

- i. Please read the instructions given in the brochure carefully before filling up the application form.
- ii. Application Form & Information Brochure are available on the Institute website www.iiitp.ac.in
- iii. Interested candidates meeting the eligibility criteria are invited to submit a hard copy of the fully filled application form, along with their latest passport-size photograph and self-attested copies of educational certificates, date of birth proof, relevant experience documents, caste certificate (if applicable), and fee receipt. All submissions be done through the Google form with the links given below **no later than Friday, 09-10-2026**.
- iv. The written test and/interview is tentatively scheduled on **Monday, 12-10-2026**. The candidates are thus advised to ensure that they satisfy the minimum eligibility criteria.
- v. **Google form for PhD Applications** : <https://forms.gle/L52Z3maiurjAEdMi9>
- vi. **Google form for PDF Applications**: <https://forms.gle/E8LiWBu5bnzPMRCq7>
- vii. All applications which are not in prescribed form / without relevant supporting enclosures / received after the last date / without application fees will be out rightly rejected. No correspondence shall be entertained in this regard. Interim correspondence will also not be entertained or replied to.
- viii. **The Institute reserves the right not to fill up the seats, cancel the advertisement in whole or in part, without assigning any reason, and the decision of the Director, IIIT Pune in this regard shall be final.**
- ix. **The decision of the committees involved in selection process is final and binding. No interim correspondence/inquiries will be entertained from the candidates in connection with the process of shortlisting/selection. Any dispute with regard to selection process will be subject to court/tribunal having jurisdiction at Bombay High Court.**
- x. The institute will not be responsible under any circumstances for any sort of postal delay/loss of the application form.
- xi. A non - refundable processing fee of **Rs. 826/- (for GEN/OBC-NCL/EWS) and Rs. 413/- (for SC/ST/PwD/Female)** are required to be paid online using the link below:
<https://payments.billdesk.com/bdcollect/bd/indianinstituteofinformationtechnologypuneii/16417>
- xii. The employed candidates are required to submit the No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the respective organization as per Annexure-I.
- xiii. Selection of candidates will be done on the basis of written test and/or Interview. No TA/DA will be paid for attending the written test and/or interview.
- xiv. Shortlisted candidates should bring the following documents at the time of written test/interview:
 - a. Photo ID Card/Proof
 - b. Receipt of the processing fee
 - c. Thesis / dissertation / report / publications
 - d. Certificates and mark-sheets along with originals and
 - e. Category proof
- xv. Any queries related to admissions may be directed to academics@iiitp.ac.in

II. About the Institute

Indian Institute of Information Technology Pune (IIIT Pune), is an institute of national importance set up under Act of Parliament (2008), with a view to develop new knowledge

in information technology and to provide manpower of global standards for the information technology industry. IIIT Pune was established by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India in 2016 on not-for-profit basis in public-private partnership (PPP) with Government of Maharashtra and industry partners. The Institute offers B.Tech and M.Tech programmes in Electronics & Communication Engineering (ECE) and Computer Science & Engineering (CSE) and Ph.D. programmes in CSE, ECE, and Applied Science and Humanities (ASH) department.

The permanent campus of the institute is located on a 100-acre land in the serene surroundings of village Nanoli situated on the banks of Indrayani River in Pune district. The IIIT Pune institute campus is located at a distance of 35 km from Pune Railway Station, 38 km from Pune Airport. IIIT Pune is a residential institution and provides residential facilities to students on availability basis.

III. Ph.D. Programmes:

(A) Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme for Electronics and IT:

Digital India Corporation, MeitY (Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology), and Govt. of India has granted scholarships under the scheme titled “Visvesvaraya PhD scheme for Electronics and IT: Phase-II”. Under this scheme presently admissions are open to Full Time PhD program in the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) and Computer Science and Engineering (CSE). The total number of available seats is **03 (01-Full-time, 01-Part-time, 01-PDF)**.

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Programme is aimed at assisting students in acquiring proficiency in their chosen area of research. The academic Programme leading to the Ph.D. degree is broad-based and involves a course credit requirement and a research thesis submission. The IIIT Pune offers a diverse range of research areas available for PhD students under the supervision of various faculty members:

CSE: Digital Forensics, Cyber Security, Natural Language Processing, Data Science, Big Data Analytics, Deep Learning, Soft Computing, Wireless Sensor Networks, Cloud Computing, Machine Learning, AI, Data Mining, Software Engineering, Formal Methods, Human-Computer Interaction, Usability Engineering, Augmented Reality, User-Centered Deep Learning, IoT, VANET, Mobile and Wireless Networks, Image Processing, Biometrics with Deep Learning, Presentation Attack Detection, Data Privacy, and Security.

ECE: VLSI, Internet of Things, Wireless Communication, 5G, Antenna, Synchronization Parameters Estimation, Modulation, Robotics, Cognitive Radio, NOMA, IRS, Energy Harvesting, Free Space Optics, Machine Learning, Under Water Communication.

Terms & Conditions - Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme for Electronics & IT- Phase II

1. Financial Support for Full-time PhD candidates:

1.1. Fellowship: Rs. 46,250 per month in 1st & 2nd year and @Rs. 52,500 per month in 3rd, 4th and 5th years of PhD. (support till PhD completion or 5 years whichever is earlier).

1.2. Reimbursement of Rent (RoR): This component is linked with the fellowship of PhD Candidate. The rate of RoR is 24%, 16% & 8% (of fellowship) for X, Y & Z class cities/towns respectively. The classification of the cities is as per the notification issued by the Ministry of Finance for the reimbursement of HRA.

1.3. Research Contingency Grant Support: An amount of Rs. 1,20,000/Year/Full-time PhD candidate for support duration of PhD candidate as per following guidelines:

- a) Out of Rs. 1.20 Lakh/ year, up to Rs. 30,000/- may be availed by the institute for respective PhD Candidate's miscellaneous expenses relevant to research work- e.g. Books / Documents, Equipment / Software, Consumables / Chemical / Electronic components, prints of research papers, reports etc., Registration fee for attending Symposia/ Seminars / Conferences in India/abroad where the candidate is presenting an accepted paper, Similar items etc.
- b) Proposal for Rs. 90,000/- or more up to Rs. 1.20 Lakh (the remaining amount after miscellaneous exp.) for lab equipment (excluding civil construction/expansion of the building) should be submitted to PhD Cell, DIC. It should be signed & stamped by the supervisor, nodal & head of the institute.
- c) The amount of Rs. 1.20 Lakh under Research Contingency Grant support would be available to the institute only after completion of tenure of one year for a particular candidate and likewise on pro-rata basis.
- d) The proposal should clearly specify the utility & role of each of the proposed equipment in research of respective PhD candidate(s). The proposal would cover the item wise cost along with total budget and minimum amount required to place purchase order and amount required at the time of delivery of equipment to the institute.
- e) The eligibility/unspent balance of a particular year for each Full-time PhD candidate may be carried forward to the next year, till the candidate is supported under the scheme (5 years/PhD completion etc.).

1.4. Support for attending International Conference: The support would be available from 3rd year of PhD with following guidelines:

- a) The support would cover the travel and other expenses of PhD candidates for attending international conferences, where his/her research paper have been accepted for the presentation by him/her.
- b) The grant will be provided to the institution (not to the applicant) for checks & balances and submission of UC.

1.5. Visit to Labs abroad: The support would be available from 3rd year of PhD to the selected Full-Time PhD candidates with following guidelines:

- a) DIC may enter into agreement with suggested labs.
- b) The concerned institution(s) will have to facilitate the execution of this agreement between DIC & the lab(s) and will also follow the administrative guidelines to be issued by DIC.
- c) The PhD candidate should possess a valid offer letter from such labs abroad (having agreement with the scheme implementing agency).
- d) The candidate may avail this support after 3 year (36 months). The candidate should complete the joint work/training at least 3 months before the completion of PhD/support period of 5 years.
- e) The application with invitation letter to be submitted to the PhD-Cell through the institution.
- f) The grant will be provided to the institution (not to the applicant) for checks & balances and submission of UC

2. Terms and Conditions for support of Full Time PhD Candidates:

- a) The support will be for additional PhD candidates taken up by an institution. No support would be provided for current levels of enrollment in the PhD programme at the institutions. Transfer from other scholarship schemes would not be permitted.
- b) Only the candidates enrolled/registered for PhD during the period of the scheme would be eligible to apply for the financial support. This scheme will be applicable for new PhD Scholars after notification of the scheme.
- c) The candidate would be eligible for Fellowship for the period during which the candidate is in good standing and fulfills the requirements of the PhD successfully. The maximum period for which the support would be available for any Full-time candidate would be five years or till the completion of PhD whichever is earlier.
- d) The participating Institution will ensure that a candidate receiving fellowship under this scheme is not receiving any financial support for PhD from any other scheme of Government of India/States etc. at the same time, The candidates who have availed support for their PhD from any other scheme of Government of India/States etc. will be automatically be disqualified for support under this scheme.
- e) The PhD seats allotted for a particular year should be utilized in the same academic year only. The unfilled seats would be automatically pulled back to the general pool of the scheme.
- f) Once the institution has recommended the candidate for award of fellowship and the same has been approved under the scheme by the competent authority the fellowship amount and eligible "*Reimbursement of Rent*" amount will be transferred directly to the bank accounts of the PhD candidate through DBT. The institution will submit annual performance report for each candidate enrolled under the scheme. In case of non- performance of any candidate, the institution shall intimate PhD Cell, DIC regarding the same. In case no such intimation is received, PhD Cell, DIC will continue to transfer the fellowship directly to the bank accounts of PhD candidates.
- g) The items of expenditure eligible to be released to the institution like Institutional Overheads, Research Contingency Grant shall be released directly to the institution.
- h) The amount to be released under "Support for attending International Conference" and "Visit to labs abroad" will be released as per the requirement on a case-to-case basis.
- i) The institution will be responsible for furnishing utilization certificates of the funds released to them based on the scheme parameters, and as per conditions of the sanctioned grant-in- aid.

3. Miscellaneous:

- a) Collaborations with internationally reputed academics and R&D Institutions will be encouraged.
- b) IPR generated under the Scheme will be governed by existing rules and regulations of MeitY.
- c) All institutions who will participate would be subjected to Audit of their accounts/records in respect of the scheme as per government norms.
- d) Assets created under the scheme using the research grant to the participating Institutions would be used by Institutions for the research and development activities in these institutions after the end of the scheme.
- e) MeitY may make additions/deletions/modifications in these guidelines at its own discretion.
- f) Awarding support, its continuation, discontinuation etc. for component(s) of the scheme would be as per the sole discretion of MeitY and would be final and binding to all the applicants seeking support/beneficiaries.

Part-time PhD Guidelines:

1. Part-time PhD seat is provisioned for professionals working at a reputed place/organization.
2. The selected candidates should not be availing any PhD Fellowship/scholarship from any other scheme of Central or State Government.
3. Part-time candidates who do not avail of any PhD Fellowship/scholarship/stipend from any Central or State Government shall be provided a one-time incentive of Rs. 3 Lakh on successful completion of the PhD degree.
4. Further guidelines if any will be provided subsequently.

a. General Eligibility Criteria for Visvesvaraya PhD scheme (Full-time and Part-time)

Criteria	ME/M.Tech in relevant area AND	BE/B.Tech in relevant area having minimum CGPA of 6.5 (6.0 for SC / ST / PwD) on a 10-point scale or 60% (55% marks for SC / ST / PwD) of marks on the degree certificate AND
Essential qualification/ requirements	minimum CGPA of 6.5 (6.0 for SC / ST / PwD) on a 10-point scale or 60% (55% marks for SC / ST / PwD) of marks or first class on the degree certificate	completing graduation from CFTI / INI / Government Autonomous Institutes / Institute or University below 100 NIRF ranking / Foreign Institutes with QS Ranking below 1000. OR with valid GATE Score in CS/DA/EC/EE OR with minimum 3 years of relevant experience in allied fields.
Minimum Duration for PhD Thesis submission	Minimum 3 years	Minimum 4 years

Post-Doc Fellowship (PDF) Terms and Conditions

1. Eligibility and Duration

- 1.1 The PDF is awarded to researchers with a proven academic record, including peer-reviewed publications and recognition.
- 1.2 It is a full-time, non-transferable, temporary position tenable in India only.
- 1.3 The fellowship is valid for 1 year.
- 1.4 The PDF applicant should be an Indian citizen.
- 1.5 PDF applicants currently in regular employment will not be considered. However, scientists or researchers with temporary positions in academia or research institutions would be considered, but they would be required to relinquish their current roles if selected for the fellowship.
- 1.6 The PDF applicant must have obtained a PhD degree from a recognized University with first class (in terms of grades, etc.) in all preceding levels and a good academic record throughout.
- 1.7 The eligible participating institution must ensure that the PDF applicant should have completed PhD within the past 5 years on the last date of submission of application to the institution.
- 1.8 PDF applicants should not have completed their PhD at the same institution (host institution)

where the PDF fellowship is to be awarded.

1.9 The upper age limit for the fellowship is 40 years on the date of submission of application to the eligible participating institution (host institution).

1.10 A suitable Mentor/Guide, under whom the proposed research would be carried out, must be identified by the host institution.

1.11 Mentor/Guide of PDF fellow must hold a regular academic/research position in a recognized institution in India. He/she should hold a Ph.D. degree in Science or Engineering.

1.12 The research proposal of the PDF applicant, to be submitted to the institution, should define clear objectives, outcomes and deliverables against the award.

1.13 Preference would be given to the PDF applicants who have active industry linkages and their research proposal is directed towards industry specific problems.

1.14 Any extension beyond one year support for PDF candidates is not admissible under the scheme.

1.15 If any PDF candidate has already availed the fellowship under the scheme, he/she will not be eligible for support.

1.16 Female PDF candidates may avail up to 6 months of maternity leave with fellowship support, subject to a maximum of 12 months of total fellowship support under the scheme. During maternity leave, only fellowship will be admissible.

2. Responsibilities of the PDF Awardee

2.1 In addition to own research work, the awardees need to participate in activities under the Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme as assigned by PhD Cell such as:

- o Evaluation of research work of PhD Candidates
- o Mentoring of PhD candidates
- o Participation in collaborative research under the scheme
- o Participation in workshops and events
- o Other assignments by PhD Cell

2.2 Provide research proposals including specific timelines, deliverables, etc. and monthly progress reports.

2.3 Report significant achievements during the tenure

2.4 Promptly follow the directions of PhD Cell

2.5 Acknowledge the scheme at all significant forums including publications/achievements/recognition etc. using the following template:

“This publication/achievement/recognition is an outcome of the R&D work undertaken during the tenure of PDF award under the Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme, being implemented by PhD Cell, Digital India Corporation, MeitY.”

2.6 Inform the PhD Cell at least one month in advance for any long-term leave (e.g., study leave, sabbatical, etc.).

2.7 Must not receive any other fellowship during the award period.

2.8 If any awardee wishes to discontinue the fellowship, the institution should inform PhD Cell, DIC; MeitY immediately. One month's notice is to be given by the institution before the date of discontinuation.

3. Financial Support

- Fellowship: 1,08,393/month
- Contingency Grant: 1,00,000/year (disbursed on a pro-rata basis, e.g. 25,000/quarter)
- Contingency Grant usage is restricted to:
 - o Minor equipment
 - o Consumables
 - o Research-related items
- No provision for hiring research staff.
- Contingency Grant expenditure done in the last quarter would be reimbursed to the institution as per the eligibility. No advance would be provided. The institution would be required to share asset register to PhD Cell for its internal audit purpose.

- Travel support for Post Doctoral Fellowship (PDF) Awardees upto the prescribed limit of Rs. 2.10 Lakhs is admissible under the following heads only:
 - o Visa fee & one time travel support for overseas faculty/applicant to return to India for taking up assignment of Post Doctoral Fellowship under the scheme
 - o Participation in activities/events/workshops etc. of Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme by invitation from PhD Cell, DIC. The PDF Awardee needs to follow the norms of the host institution for class and mode of travel, etc.
 - o PDF Awardee must submit a claim for reimbursement of the expenditure incurred through the institution. No advances will be provided for participation in the events.

4. Review and Monitoring

Performance will be periodically reviewed by the PhD Cell via:

- Reports
- Expert visits
- Workshops and interactions
- Any other methods as deemed appropriate by the PhD Cell

5. Discontinuation and Termination

5.1 If any fellow wishes to discontinue the fellowship, the institution should inform PhD Cell, DIC; MeitY immediately. One month's notice is to be given by the institution before the date of discontinuation.

5.2 Date of intimation to PhD Cell would be considered as notice start date.

5.3 Shortfall of notice period, if any, would be calculated based on the intimation date to PhD Cell on pro-rata basis.

5.4 The implementing institution (host institution) should not incur any expenditure under the award from the date of termination of the award/project or the date of resignation of the fellow. The institution will be responsible for the submission of work report and other requisite documents.

5.5 In case the post-doctoral fellow undertakes any full/part-time assignment, his/her PDF award under the scheme would be discontinued.

5.6 PhD Cell, DIC; MeitY reserves the right to hold/ stop/ discontinue the fellowship at any stage, if

- Appropriate progress is not being made.
- The grant is not being utilized properly.
- Reports/responses/details etc. are not submitted timely and in the prescribed format or directions of PhD Cell are not followed.
- Violation/ Non-compliance of guidelines.
- Any other reason, which is deemed appropriate by PhD Cell, DIC, MeitY

IV. Admission Procedure

Ph.D. candidates will be selected on the basis of written and/or interview. Merely satisfying the general eligibility criterion as well as criterion set for each admission category is no guarantee for being called for written test and/or interview.

Depending on the number of applications received and considering the constraints of time and other resources for conducting written test and/or interview, the academic units may put additional academic performance-based shortlisting criterion. No TA/DA will be paid for attending the written test and/or interview. *The procedure will be as follows.*

Eligible candidates are required to appear for the written test and/or Interview. Dates and timing will be communicated to the eligible candidates.

Syllabus for the Written test: The question paper for written test shall be based on GATE/ NTA NET Syllabus for respective categories as follows (including but not limited to)

For **Electronics and Communication Engineering Branch:** Engineering Mathematics, Networks, Signals and Systems, Electronic Devices, Analog Circuits, Digital Circuits, Control Systems, Communications, Electromagnetics.

For **Computer Science and Engineering and Information Technology Branch:** Engineering Mathematics, Digital Logic, Computer Organization and Architecture, Programming and Data Structures, Algorithms Theory of Computation, Compiler Design, Operating System, Databases, Computer Networks, Software Engineering

PostDoc candidates will be selected based on written test/interview based on the number of applications received.

V. Registration, Coursework and other requirements

The details regarding coursework, duration of program, theses etc. are provided in Ph.D. Ordinances and Regulations of the Institute.

VI. Fee Structure

Academic Fee Structure for PhD (from January-2026 Batch)

Sr. No.	Particulars	At the time of Admission (in January)	Every next July (till thesis submission)	Every next January (till thesis submission)	At the time of submission of Thesis
1	Tuition Fee	23,000	23,000	23,000	-
2	Development Fee	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
3	Student/Medical Aid Fund	500	500	500	-
4	Gymkhana Fee	650	650	650	-
5	Laboratory Fee	4,000	4,000	4,000	-
6	Library Fee	3,500	3,500	3,500	-
7	Computer Training/Internet Fee	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
8	Student Insurance Fee	1,700	-	1,700	-
9	Project/Training & Placement Fee	350	350	350	-
10	Examination Fee	750	750	750	-
11	Gathering/Youth Festival Fee	750	750	750	-
12	Alumni Association Fee	2,000	-	-	-
13	Convocation Fee	-	-	-	1,000
14	Thesis Evaluation Fee	-	-	-	35,000
15	Caution Deposit (Refundable)	10,000	-	-	-
Total Rs		60,200	46,500	48,200	36,000

* Hostel fee is exclusive of mess fee. Rooms are allotted based on the availability of the hostel.

Note: The fee structure is tentative, and is subject to revision as per the recommendation of Board of Governors. Please refer the institute website for updated fee structure.

APPENDIX-I

No Objection Certificate from Employed Candidates for Ph.D. (To be typed on letterhead of the Company / Organization / College / University)

Dear Sir,

This is to certify that Shri. / Smt. /Kum._____is an employee of our Company / Organization / College / University since_____ and is currently serving as_____(designation).

Our Company / Organization/ College / University has no objection to his/her application in the_____(department) to join the Ph.D. Programme at IIIT Pune, under external / sponsored category.

Further, if selected, the Company / Organization / College / University has 'NO OBJECTION' to allow Shri. /Smt. /Kum._____to undergo the programme of studies and also to fulfill the coursework requirements (and qualifier examination, if applicable) at IIIT Pune.

Signature & Seal of the Head of the Company / Organization / College / University

APPENDIX II

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Statement of Purpose (SOP) is your opportunity to share with the admission committee your thoughts and feelings about research studies at IIIT Pune including your preparation for the same. Briefly describe past project/ research work done by you. Restrict yourself to 500 - 600 words. The personal SOP will aid the admission committee in evaluating your application.

Applicant Name