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To

The Vice Chancellor,
Savitribai Phule Pune University, formerly University of Pune
Ganeshkhind Rd, Ganeshkhind,
Pune, Maharashtra 411007

Sub: Implementation of the scheme of " AICTE Doctoral Fellowship (ADF)" in transformation of ongoing "NDF Scheme".

Sir,

The National Doctoral Fellowship (NDF) was commenced from the academic year 2018-19 for admitting full time meritorious students for Ph.D. program in the identified research institutes of AICTE with the objectives to promote research culture in AICTE approved Institution & nurture talents for technical research and collaborative research between Institute and Industries leading to start-ups. Under the NDF, selected candidates are entitled to receive a fellowship of Rs. 31,000/- month for first two years and Rs. 35,000 for the 3rd year, house rent allowance as per government norms and Rs.15000/- per annum as contingency grant.

Further in order to promote collaborative research between Institute and Industries leading to start-ups and to nurture talents for technical research it has been decided to **transform this scheme as AICTE Doctoral Fellowship (ADF) by involving Universities in the selection, registration etc. of the scholars** under the broad thrust areas for the research along with specified number of seats per technical University/other University as mentioned in the attached scheme document at **(Annexure I)**.

1. Universities under ADF are advised to select the students for the already notified AICTE approved Research Centres (erstwhile Centres under NDF scheme), existing in their jurisdiction. The state-wise list of the AICTE approved Research Centres is enclosed for your reference **(Annexure II)**.
2. A time schedule for admission, release of advertisement etc. under the scheme is enclosed at **(Annexure III)** for necessary action please.
3. No seat shall be allotted to the pharmacy institutes as pharmacy is out of the domain of AICTE.
4. For reservation, Govt. of India norms shall be followed.
5. The scholars already undergoing Ph.D. program in the Technical University/Universities/Institute are not eligible for drawal of fellowship from AICTE under ADF scheme. Only the scholars admitted for ADF scheme from the year of its implementation i.e. 2020-21 are eligible to draw fellowship from AICTE after fulfilling the guidelines for admission as mentioned in the point number 1 to 4. Universities shall mention it in their advertisement.

The admission effected without the approval of AICTE, as above, will not be considered for grant of fellowship. This point may please be brought to the notice of all concerned involved in the admission process.

The Universities will nominate one faculty as Nodal Officer for the schemes who will act as an interface between the Technical University and AICTE on various operational aspects of the scheme and also select candidates for the fellowship as per laid down criterion. The name, designation, addresses and mobile number etc. of the Nodal officer is required to be forwarded to Director (Student Development Cell), AICTE through email as under.

For any query regarding the ADF scheme, you may interact with following official of AICTE:

Dr Amit Kumar Srivastava, Director (Student Development Cell), AICTE, New Delhi, Phone: 011-29581210; Mobile: 9839033326, Email: director@sidc.aicte-india.org.

Your esteemed support to facilitate the ADF scheme will be appreciated for its smooth implementation in the earmarked institutes under your University at the earliest.

Sincerely yours,


19.8.20
(Prof. Rajive Kumar)

**Detailed Schedule for the Universities for the of selection of scholars under
AICTE Doctoral Fellowship (ADF)**

The various universities under the ADF are advised to follow the admission schedule of the ADF scholars as below:

S. No.	Particulars	Timeline
1	Release of the Admission Advertisement by respective university	September 2020
2	Finalisation of Admission by respective university	On or before 31 st October 2020
3	Forwarding of selected ADF scholars to AICTE through online portal for the disbursement of fellowship	On or before 30 th November 2020

Annexure-II

State Wise list of AICTE Approved Research Centers			
Sl. No.	State	Name of Research Centers	Affiliated University
1	Tamil Nadu	Coimbatore Institute of Technology, Coimbatore, Avinashi Rd, Civil Aerodrome Post, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu 641014	Anna University, Chennai
		PSG college of Technology, Coimbatore, Avinashi Rd, Peelamedu, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu 641004	
		Thiagarajar College of Engineering, Madurai, Thiruparankundram, Tamil Nadu 625015	
2	Kerala	Government Engineering College Trivendrum, Engineering College, Sreekaryam - Kulathoor Rd, P.O, Sreekariyam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala 695016	APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University, Thiruvananthapuram, kerala
		Govt. Engineering College, Thrissur, Ramavarmapuram Engineering College P O, Thrissur, Kerala 680009	
		Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Technology, Kottayam, RIT Junction Nedumkuzhy Kottayam Velloor, Pampady, Kerala 686501	
		TKM College of Engineering, Kollam, Kollam - Thirumangalam Rd, Karicode, Peroor, Kerala 691005	
3	Odisha	Indira Gandhi Institute of Technology, Sarang, sarang, Odisha 759146	Biju Patnaik University of Technology Rourkela Odisha
		Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology, Burla, Odisha 768018	Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology, Burla
4	Madhya Pradesh	Madhav Institute of Technology & Science, Gwalior, Mela Ground, Thatipur, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh 474005	Rajiv Gandhi Proudhyogiki Vishwavidyalaya, Airport Bypass Road, Gandhi Nagar, Bhopal, MP
5	Karnataka	BMS College of Engineering, Bangalore, Bull Temple Rd, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560019	Visvesvaraya Technological University(VTU), Belagavi.
		The National Institute of Engineering, Mysore, Mananthavadi Rd, Vidyananyapura, Mysuru, Karnataka 570008	
		College of Engineering, Pune, Wellesley Rd, Shivajinagar, Pune, Maharashtra 411005	Savitribai Phule Pune University, formerly University of Pune
		Government College of Engineering, Aurangabad (Academic Autonomous) New Usmanpura, Aurangabad, Maharashtra 431005	Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad. (Maharashtra)

6	Maharashtra	Govt. College of Engineering Amravati, Gcoea, Amravati, Maharashtra 444604	Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University , Amravati
		Institute of Chemical Technology, Nathalal Parekh Marg, Near Khalsa College, Matunga, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400019--For Engineering	Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai (Deemed University)
		Shri Guru Gobind Singhji Institute of Engg. & Tech., Nanded, Vishnupuri, Nanded, Maharashtra	Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Vishnupuri, Nanded-431606 (Maharashtra State)
		Veer mata Jijabai Technological Institute (VJTI), Mumbai, H R Mahajani Rd, Matunga, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400019	Mumbai University, Mumbai
		Walchand College of Engineering, Vishrambag, Sangli, Miraj Rd, Vishrambag, Sangli, Maharashtra 416415	Shivaji University, Kolhapur
7	West Bengal	Jadavpur University, 188, Raja S.C. Mallick Rd, Kolkata - 700032.- -For Engineering	Jadavpur University, Kolkata
8	Delhi	Netaji Subhas Institute of Technology, New Delhi, Dwarka Sector-3, Dwarka, Delhi, 110078	Netaji Subhas University of Technology Delhi
9	Puducherry	Pondicherry Engineering College, Puducherry, East Coast Road, Pillaichavadi, Puducherry, 605014	Pondicherry University, Pondicherry
8	Punjab	Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering & Technology, SLIET Administration Block, SLIET Rd, Punjab 148106	Sant Longowal Institute of Engg & Technology (Deemed University)
9	Assam	School of Engineering, Tezpur University, Tezpur, Napaam, Tezpur, Assam 784028	Tezpur University

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GUIDELINES FOR AICTE Doctoral Fellowship (ADF) 2020-21



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AICTE DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP (ADF)

1.0 OBJECTIVES: -

The objectives of the ADF scheme are:

- To promote research culture in AICTE approved Institutions.
- To promote collaborative research between Institute and Industries leading to start-ups.
- To nurture talents for technical research.

2.0 BROAD THRUST AREAS FOR THE RESEARCH: -

Some of the broad thrust areas (but not limited) for the research are as follows:-

- Green Technologies
- Big Data, Machine Learning & Data Sciences
- Block Chain
- Artificial Intelligence
- Energy Production and Storage
- Electronics & Photonics
- Nuclear Engineering and Allied Technologies
- Robotics and Mechatronics
- Augmented Reality (AR)/ Virtual Reality (VR)
- Energy Efficiency, Renewable and sustainable Energy
- Electric and Hybrid Mobility
- Smart Cities, Housing and Transportation
- Internet of Things (IoT)
- 3D Printing
- Quantum Computing
- Smart Technologies for Agriculture and Food Industry
- Water purification, conservation and management
- Public Policy
- Social & Organizational Psychology & Behaviour
- Cyber Security

3.0 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD OF FELLOWSHIP: -

The detailed criteria for the award of fellowship are as follows:

- a) The fellowship/HRA/contingency will be granted to research scholars admitted in the Technical Universities in the identified thrust areas of the ADF scheme.

- b) Technical Universities will admit candidates in their research programme as per their procedure following minimum eligibility criteria as prescribed by AICTE.
- c) The candidate must have secured minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 7.5 on the scale of 10 (or minimum 75% marks) or equivalent at both Bachelors and Masters. In addition to above, the candidate should have qualified GATE/GPAT/NET during the last 5 years. For SC/ST/PH candidates, CGPA requirement will be 7.0 on the scale of 10 (or 70% marks) or equivalent.
- d) The candidate should be less than 30 years of age as on date of admission in respective Technical University. However, age relaxation of 5 years would be applicable to candidates belonging to SC/ST, women and physically challenged category in succession.

4.0 DURATION OF THE SCHEME: -

The duration of the scheme shall be for a period of 3 Years. Further one-year extension (In two slots of 6 months' each) may be given by AICTE on the recommendation of the respective Technical University based upon the performance of the scholar in the research work.

5.0 AMOUNT OF FELLOWSHIP: -

The Fellowship will be Rs. 31,000/- pm for the first two years followed by Rs. 35,000/- pm for the third year. HRA will be provided at the rate of 8%, 16% and 24% as per the Government of India (GoI) norms as applicable in the city/ location where the Research Fellow is pursuing their research and are not provided any hostel accommodation in the institute.

In addition, Contingency grant will be admissible to the Scholars at the rate of Rs.15, 000/- per annum to meet the miscellaneous expenditures.

6.0 NUMBER OF FELLOWSHIP: -

Maximum of 300 Nos. of fellowship may be granted in a year. Number of candidates per technical university would be between 5-18, subject to the availability of seats in the research Centre and demand of a research Centre by candidates. The Technical University wise number of seats is enclosed in **Annexure A**.

7.0 ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES: -

- a) Technical University will assign one faculty as Nodal Officer for the scheme who will act as an interface between the technical university and AICTE on various operational aspects of the scheme.
- b) Technical University will select candidates for the fellowship as per laid down criteria.
- c) Technical University will update joining report of the scholar on the online portal of AICTE along with bank accounts details and subsequently monthly attendance of the enrolled scholars through online portal for the disbursement of the fellowship directly in the scholar's account.

- d) Technical University will ensure that scholar must be registered in the PhD programme within one year of start of fellowship after completion of mandatory course work etc. falling which fellowship will be discontinued.
- e) Annual progress report of the enrolled scholar will be submitted Online to AICTE for the monitoring purpose.

8.0 CANCELLATION OF AWARD: -

The fellowship is liable to cancellation in case of:

- a) Registration in Ph.D. not within one year from date of joining.
- b) Misconduct.
- c) Unsatisfactory progress of research work/ failure in any examination related to Ph.D.
- d) He/ She is found ineligible later.
- e) Any false information furnished by the applicant or any fraudulent activity by the Scholar/ Fellow/ Research Awardees shall lead to Penal action against him/ her.
- f) The fellowship may be terminated at any time during the tenure and the decision of the AICTE will be final and binding.

9.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS: -

- a) Registration for Ph.D. is mandatory within one year from the date of joining as a research fellow. If candidate has not registered himself/ herself within one year from date of joining, then fellowship will be discontinued upto his/ her registration for Ph.D.
- b) In the cases where the fellowship has been discontinued as per clause (a) above, the fellowship may be resumed after the registration in Ph.D. However, the maximum tenure of fellowship in such cases will be limited to as mentioned in clause 4.0 above.
- c) The awardees shall submit an annual report on the progress, each year through the Research Supervisor, Head of the Department and Head of the Institute to AICTE.
- d) The final progress report should be submitted by the awardees through the Head of the Department / Institution to the AICTE.
- e) The awardees shall not be allowed for transfer of award from the Institution where the awardees are presently working for Ph.D. during the entire tenure of the award.
- f) The awardees shall devote full time to research during the tenure of fellowship and will not be permitted to take any part time/ full time assignment. He/ She will not accept any salary, fellowship or any type of financial assistance offered during the tenure of fellowship through any other source otherwise the entire amount of fellowship will have to be refunded. The nature of the candidature (Full time AICTE sponsored Doctoral Fellow) will not be changed during the program.
- g) The awardees shall give a declaration that if the results of research are such that can be exploited commercially by taking a patent or otherwise, commercial exploitation and patent rights should be with the Institute, candidate and supervisor. However, the rules of respective research institute, if any, in this regards will be applicable.
- h) AICTE online portal will have mechanism for the purpose of releasing fellowship/ HRA/ contingency etc. amount directly in the bank account of the beneficiary through DBT.

- i) The service conditions as notified by Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development vide F. Number 15-2/2019-TC dated 16.07.2019 shall be applicable to awardees.
- j) If the progress of the candidate is not satisfactory as reported by the supervisor/ Head of the Department /Head of the Research Institute/ University, the fellowship of the candidature will be terminated with immediate effect. This will not be revoked under any circumstances.
- k) The Ph.D. rules/ regulations of the research institute and affiliating University will be applicable to all admitted candidates under this scheme.
- l) No separate/ fixed medical assistance is provided. However, the fellow may avail of the medical facilities available in the Institution/ University/ College.

m) Leave:-

- (i) Fellows are entitled for a maximum period of (i) 15 days Casual Leave (CL) and (ii) 30 days Medical Leave (ML) in a year in addition to public holidays. They are not entitled to any other vacations.
- (ii) Candidates are eligible for maternity/ Paternity leave as per GoI norms issued from time to time at full rates of fellowship etc. once during the tenure of their award. However, maximum duration of fellowship will not be extended under any circumstances.

Note: All kinds of leave should be approved at the level of the University/ College/ Institute. Prior approval of the University/ Institution/ College is mandatory for all types of leaves.

n) Teaching Assistance (Work Load)

Teaching assistantship of **not more than 8** hours/ week may be given to scholars undergoing full time Ph.D. program under AICTEADF scheme and may include assistance in lab classes, tutorial support etc.

o) Action to be taken in case of leaving the course before completion

The awardees shall furnish an undertaking that in case of his/ her vacating the seat within the duration for which he/ she has been offered fellowship, he/ she shall be liable to refund the entire amount fellowship received by him/ her till the date of his/ her leaving the scheme.

- p) The fellow shall not undertake any paid assignment during the tenure of the fellowship (Except in case of leave without fellowship upto one academic year during the entire tenure).
- q) This scheme will supersede the currently executed NDF scheme on implementation.

AFFILIATING TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES WISE SEAT ALLOCATION

S. No.	State	Name of Technical University	No of Seats
1	Andhra Pradesh	Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Anantapur	8
2		Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Kakinada	8
3	Assam	Assam Science & Technology University, Guwahati	5
4		Tezpur University, Tezpur	11
5	Bihar	Aryabhatta Knowledge University, Patna	10
6	Chhattisgarh	Chhattisgarh Swami Vivekananda Technical University, Bhilai	10
7	Delhi	Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi	5
8		Netaji Subhas University of Technology, Delhi	6
9	Gujarat	Gujarat Technological University, Ahmedabad	15
10	Haryana	Guru Jambheshwar University of Science & Technology, Hisar	6
11		J. C. Bose University of Science & Technology (YMCA), Faridabad	7
12		Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram University of Science and Technology, Murthal	7
13	Himachal Pradesh	Himachal Pradesh Technical University (HPTU), Hamirpur	10
14	Jharkhand	Jharkhand University of Technology, Ranchi	5
15	Karnataka	Visvesvaraya Technology University (VTU), Belagavi	10
16	Kerala	A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Technological University, Thiruvananthapuram	10
17	Madhya Pradesh	Rajiv Gandhi Proudyogiki Vishwavidyalaya, Bhopal	10
18	Maharashtra	Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Technological University, Lonere	5
19		Savitribai Phule Pune University, formerly University of Pune	8
20		Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad	5
21		Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati	9
22		Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai	11
23		Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Vishnupuri, Nanded	4
24		Mumbai University, Mumbai	6
25		Shivaji University, Kolhapur	9
26	Odisha	Biju Patnaik University of Technology, Bhubaneswar	10
27		Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology, Burla	8
28	Puducherry	Pondicherry University, Pondicherry	3
29	Punjab	I. K. Gujral Punjab Technical University (PTU), Jalandhar	5
30		Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University, Bhatinda	5
31		Sant Longowal Institute of Engg & Technology (Deemed University)	8
32	Rajasthan	Bikaner Technical University (BTU), Bikaner	8
33		Rajasthan Technical University (RTU), Kota	8

34	Tamil Nadu	Anna University, Chennai	15
35	Telangana	Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad	10
36	Uttar Pradesh	Dr. A. P.J. Abdul Kalam Technical University, Lucknow	18
37	Uttarakhand	Uttarakhand Technical University, Dehradun	15
38	West Bengal	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology, Kolkata	10
39		Jadavpur University, Kolkata	16
		Total	339

