

Visvesvaraya Scheme - Post Doctoral Fellowships

Information Brochure



Indian Institute of Technology Goa

IIT Goa invites applications from motivated candidates for post-doctoral fellowship (PDF) positions under the Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme for Electronics and IT: Phase II sponsored by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India, for the academic year 2026-27. Details of the fellowship program are given in this document.

1. Eligibility and Duration

1. The PDF is awarded to researchers with a proven academic record, including peer-reviewed publications and recognitions.
2. It is a full-time, non-transferable, temporary position tenable in India only.
3. The fellowship is valid for 1 year.
4. The PDF applicant should be an Indian citizen.
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.
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.
7. The PDF applicant should have completed their PhD within the past 5 years on the last date of submission of the application to the institution.
8. PhD graduates from IIT Goa are not eligible for this fellowship.
9. The upper age limit for the fellowship is 40 years on the date of submission of the application.
10. The research proposal of the PDF applicant, to be submitted to the institution, should define clear objectives, outcomes and deliverables against the award.
11. Preference would be given to the PDF applicants who have active industry linkages and whose research proposal is directed towards industry-specific problems.

2. Responsibilities of the PDF Awardee

1. In addition to their own research work, the awardees need to participate in activities under the Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme as assigned by the PhD Cell (<https://phd.dic.gov.in/>), such as:
 - Evaluation of research work of PhD Candidates.
 - Mentoring of PhD candidates.
 - Participation in collaborative research under the scheme.

- Participation in workshops and events.
 - Other assignments by PhD Cell.
2. Provide research proposals including specific timelines, deliverables, etc. and monthly progress reports.
 3. Report significant achievements during the tenure.
 4. Promptly follow the directions of PhD Cell.
 5. Acknowledge the scheme at all significant forums, including publications/achievements/recognitions 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.”
 6. Inform the PhD Cell at least one month in advance for any long-term leave (e.g., study leave, sabbatical, etc.).
 7. Must not receive any other fellowship during the award period.
 8. If any awardee wishes to discontinue the fellowship, the institution should inform PhD Cell, DIC; MeitY immediately.

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:
 - Minor equipment.
 - Consumables.
 - 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:
 - 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
 - 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.

- 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. Important Dates

Sr. No.	Particulars	Date
1	Start date of application (online only)	11 Sep 2026
2	Last date for submitting an online application form	30 Sep 2026
3	Tentative date for interview	12 Oct 2026

5. Areas of Specialisation

The Visvesaraya scheme is designed to support researchers in the areas of Electronics Systems Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) and Information Technology and IT Enabled Services (IT/ITES). Eligible candidates working in these areas are requested to apply.

6. How to apply

1. Candidates can apply for the fellowship by filling out the online form (<https://forms.gle/abeT1hJM3LH3Vtgk6>).
2. Candidates are encouraged to contact IIT Goa faculty members whose research interests are aligned with the proposed post-doctoral research before filling out the application form.