

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GANDHINAGAR

DIRECTOR'S PHD FELLOWSHIP AT IIT GANDHINAGAR

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1. **Background:** "Director's PhD Fellowship" at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Gandhinagar is intended to encourage top-quality IIT Gandhinagar students to join the PhD programme of the Institute right after completing their degree (BTech/MSc/MA/MTech) at the Institute. Having excelled in their academics at IIT Gandhinagar, such students could transition to their PhD programme with ease and complete the PhD work faster than the other students.
2. **Eligibility**
 - BTech/MSc/MA/MTech students of IIT Gandhinagar in the final year of their UG/PG programmes are eligible to apply.
 - Applicants must have secured a specified minimum CPI. The minimum CPI will be 8.0 for applicants from the BTech programmes, 8.5 for MSc/MA programmes and 9.0 for MTech programmes.
 - Since, the selection to this fellowship happens before graduation, the offer to this fellowship will be conditional to the student securing the above minimum specified CPI at the time of graduation.
 - The CPI before any Pass/Fail grade conversion will be considered.
3. **Selection process:**
 - There will be a call for applications during Semester 1 (July to November) of every year.
 - A discipline level screening committee will shortlist eligible applicants for the fellowship. The Chairman, Senate will form an Institute level selection committee which will interview shortlisted candidates and make appropriate recommendations for consideration of the Chairman, Senate through Dean (Academic Affairs).
 - If an eligible student wishes to apply for the fellowship after the regular call for applications, he/she may send a request to the Dean (Academic Affairs) for consideration. Such requests may be considered on a case by case basis. However, all such requests must be made before graduation from the eligible programmes.
4. **Scholarship:** Students joining the PhD programme under this fellowship are expected to complete his/her PhD within four years of joining the programme. The selected students shall be provided fellowship for four years during their PhD programme as given below:
 - Rs. 55,000/- (Rs. 37,000/- usual fellowship + Rs. 18,000/- additional fellowship) per month for the first two years of their Ph.D programme.
 - Rs. 60,000/- (Rs. 42,000/- usual fellowship + Rs. 18,000/- additional fellowship) per month for the next two years of their Ph.D programme.

In case a student cannot complete his/her Ph.D programme within four years of joining the programme, the student may be given a regular Ph.D fellowship (Rs. 42,000/- per month at present) for the fifth year.

5. Expectations:

- The student must maintain a CPI of 8.5 or more at every stage of the PhD programme to retain the additional fellowship. The Institute will also discontinue the additional fellowship if a student accumulates three or more unsatisfactory (U) grades for PhD thesis units.
- A rigorous midterm review of the progress of the student will be carried out by an Institute level committee setup by the Dean (Academic Affairs) after completion of two years in the PhD programme. The additional fellowship will be discontinued in case the student's progress is not found satisfactory by the review committee.
- The student will be required to clear the qualifying examination and get themselves certified in Scientific Writing within one year of joining the PhD programme. The additional fellowship may be stopped permanently in case the student fails to complete these requirements within the specified period.

6. Service: Students availing of the Director's fellowship are required to spend 12 hours per week for Institute activities, including support to teaching activities of the Institute.

7. Tuition fee, curriculum structure and other regulations:

- The student may join the PhD programme during the summer term immediately after completing all the credit requirements for their previous degree.
- The student will be assigned a supervisor at the beginning of the programme, and a Doctoral Studies Committee (DSC) is to be formed within one month of joining the PhD programme.
- The Institute expects the student to start research work related to his/her thesis right from the beginning of the programme. The students are expected to register for thesis units in the first semester of their PhD programme itself.
- The Institute will encourage the selected students to apply for prestigious external fellowships like the PMRF.
- The fees structure and other regulations will be the same as that of the regular PhD programme at IIT Gandhinagar.