

# **INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GANDHINAGAR**

## **NORMS FOR INSTITUTE PH.D FELLOWSHIP TO EXCELLENT CANDIDATES WITHOUT REQUIREMENT OF GATE/CSIR**

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The Institute has been making continuous efforts to attract excellent students to its PhD program. Accordingly, a scheme where top-quality students who do not have a valid GATE, NET or equivalent exam qualification, but are shortlisted after a rigorous selection process by the Institute, was approved by the Board of Governors in its 13<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2014. Students admitted to the Institute without having qualified the GATE/NET/equivalent exam have typically been paid fellowship from the Excellence funds of the Institute at a rate similar to regular Ph.D. scholars.

The PhD program has now stabilized and students supported through Excellence funds need to be shifted to MHRD funds. Therefore:

1. The number of students without a GATE/NET/equivalent national exam admitted in each academic year be limited to less than 25% of the total number of career faculty members at the beginning of that academic year.
2. These students will receive fellowship from Excellence funds at a rate similar to the regular Institute fellowship during their first year. During this time, students will be expected to obtain GATE/NET, etc. qualification, as applicable.
3. If a student fails to qualify the applicable national level exam, the fellowship will be reduced to 75% of the regular fellowship amount for the second year, and 50% in the third year and beyond.
4. The fellowship will be paid for a maximum of 5 years. No fellowship will be given after 5 years in the program.
5. If a student qualifies GATE/NET, etc. at any point, he/she will be provided fellowship from MHRD funds at the regular rate from date of announcement of GATE/NET results.
6. If a student obtains CSIR-JRF or some other equivalent fellowship at any point, he/she will receive that fellowship from the earliest applicable date.
7. Upon qualification of the applicable exam, the student will also become eligible for Institute support beyond the 5<sup>th</sup> year (at a reduced rate) similar to regular PhD students.

This will be applicable for all students admitted in and after Semester 1, 2018-19. For students who joined prior to this time, the Chairman, Senate upon recommendation of the Dean, Academic Affairs, may decide on the continuation of the fellowship and the amount on a case-to-case basis.

This will not be applicable to students admitted via the Start Early PhD program.