

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GANDHINAGAR

ENCOURAGE FACULTY TO SUPPORT PhD STUDENTS THROUGH EXTERNAL PROJECTS

(As approved by the BoG in its 25th meeting held on 03 December 2018)

IITGN currently has more than 300 PhD students on roll. The Institute has been liberal in terms of providing financial support to these students. More than 85% of PhD students receive a fellowship from the Institute, while the rest are supported from other sources. However, it is imperative that faculty should start supporting PhD students on their external projects even when the Institute resources are not so strained. This will prepare the Institute in the long run for a robust PhD programme even when the Institute budget goes through severe constraints on this account.

The Board of Governors of the Institute in its 25th meeting held on 03 December 2018 approved that for faculty members supporting PhD students on their externally funded projects, an amount of Rs. 60,000 per year be transferred to their Professional Development Account (PDA) for each full year that the student is supported on the external source. The terms & conditions of the scheme will be as under.

- The project must have sufficient funds to cover the student for at least 1 year.
- The money will be transferred upon completion of the said year; for instance, if a student was supported on a faculty member's grant from July 2018 to June 2019, the money will be transferred in July 2019.
- PhD students supported on large, institutional fellowships (e.g., Visvesvaraya Fellowships, Prime Minister's Research Fellowship, etc.) or industry fellowships meant specially for PhD students (e.g., TCS fellowship, Google awards, etc.) are not eligible.
- If a student is partially supported by the external projects and relies on the Institute for remainder of the support, the amount to be transferred to the PDA will be pro-rated accordingly.
- The duration of support will be till the student continues to be supported on the external funds. If the student moves to Institute support at any time (for instance, due to completion of the external project), this extra support will also be stopped.

Fund utilization from the PDA will be subject to usual Institute norms. This expense will be covered from the R&D income of the Institute or Excellence Funds (IGR Excellence Fund/ R&D Excellence Fund) and will be subject to availability of funds. This will be effective from 01 January 2019 through 31 March 2023.