

# INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GANDHINAGAR

## SCHEME FOR CASH AWARDS TO STUDENTS FOR JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

(As approved by the Board of Governors in its 9<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013, updated in the 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Senate held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and in 50<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Senate held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021)

1. IIT Gandhinagar encourages its students, both undergraduate and postgraduate, towards research. There is provision of a modest cash incentive to the students of the Institute for journal publications. Such an incentive is expected to
    - a. Communicate in unequivocal manner the Institute's focus towards research,
    - b. Help quantify the research output of the students in individual academic streams/ groups/ departments and set goals and benchmarks,
    - c. Recognize students who do well in research and create role models, and
    - d. Provide financial incentive to students who otherwise face several disadvantages over their counterparts in the older IITs.
  2. The eligible papers must be:
    - a. Published in a **journal listed on the ISI Web of Science** or presented in a highly rated conferences in case the field is Computer Science and Engineering.
    - b. Must list the affiliation of the concerned student as IIT Gandhinagar in an unambiguous manner.
    - c. The quality of paper be assessed by a faculty group to establish the academic adequacy of the publication.
  3. In the field of **Computer Science and Engineering**, **publications presented in A\* (Exceptional), A (Excellent), and B (Very Good to Good) rated conferences** are to be considered for cash awards upon careful evaluation of the papers and subsequent recommendations of the Dean (AA). The quality of papers presented in conferences that are rated as C (Sound and Satisfactory) however, would need additional assessment and recommendations by a committee duly appointed by the Dean (AA), before considering them for publication cash awards. The CORE portal (2018, 2020 or later) will be the only source for conference ratings for consideration of publication cash awards.
  4. In **some areas** (such as **Humanities and Social Sciences**), it may be more appropriate for the students to publish their research elsewhere (and not in the journals listed on ISI Web of Science). Should a student feel that his/her work published elsewhere should be considered for the cash award, he/ she may seek
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a **case-by-case exemption from the requirement of clause 2(a)** above by submitting a written justification.

5. Any registered **BTech, MSc, MA or MTech** student (full- or part-time) of IITGN who publishes an eligible paper will be given a **cash award of Rs 25,000**. In case the paper is authored by more than one student of IITGN, the amount of Rs 25,000 will be shared by them.
6. A student can receive a **maximum of Rs 50,000** under this scheme during his/her degree programme.
7. In many cases, the review process at the journal end causes considerable delays in acceptance and publication of the paper. A student may claim the cash award for **upto 3 years after the date of completion of his/her degree requirements**. Further, on a case-by-case basis, the committee may recommend the award even if the paper is not yet published but is accepted for publication by the journal without requiring any further corrections.
8. A Committee will examine the applications and recommend the cash awards to the Director for approval. The Committee will normally be chaired by Dean of Academic Affairs or Dean Research and Development.
9. Expenditure on this scheme will be covered from the “Excellence Funds” as approved by the Board of Governors from time to time, such as donations, interest income of the endowment, and overheads and savings of the projects.
10. The scheme covers all eligible students including those who have already graduated.