Pondicherry University
School of Engineering and Technology
Department of Computer Science

M.C.A / M.Sc Final Year Project Guidelines (2025 - 2026)

The following are the guidelines for final year project:

- The project duration is scheduled from December 2025 to May 2026.
- Students can opt for doing their project within the department or through an approved fulltime internship during this period.
- **Internship:**

  o Students MUST have completed the required Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC) (Two courses of two credits each). In the case of online course it should be of 12 weeks duration and the online course should be distinct from the one completed in the department. _(Students who have not completed the required SEC courses by the end of the third semester will not be permitted to take any online courses during the final semester. They must register for the courses offered by the department)._

  o Students are encouraged to select companies or organizations that offer a stipend for full-time internships. All internship offers must be reviewed and approved by the guide, the project coordinator, and the internship coordinator.

  o Online projects or internships are not permitted.

  o Students must not opt for internships that require any form of payment.

  o Internships are permitted only in:

    ▪ Reputed IT companies (NASSCOM-listed, Multinational companies (MNCs), or organizations with more than 200 employees),

    ▪ Recognized academic institutions (central or other reputable public universities such as IITs and NITs), or

    ▪ Accredited research institutes.

  o Students must submit the internship offer letter by the end of December 2025.

  o The internship must span the entire specified duration and should involve design and development of software applications aligned with academic requirements.

- During the zeroth review, the panel will evaluate the project's novelty and overall feasibility. If the internship is found unsatisfactory, the student will be advised to undertake the project within the department.
- Upon completion of the internship, students must submit a project completion letter signed by the competent authority, along with an attendance certificate for the specified duration.

- **Project in the Department:**
  - Students are required to report to their respective guides regularly.
  - For group projects, the individual roles and contributions of each member must be clearly presented during the Zeroth Review.
  - During the Zeroth Review, the panel will assess the novelty and feasibility of the project. If the project is deemed unsatisfactory, the student will be advised to select an alternative project in consultation with their guide.
  - Students who fail to report to their guide consistently will not be permitted to appear for the viva-voce examination due to inadequate attendance.

- Three project reviews will be conducted as per the prescribed schedule given below. Students must prepare a presentation and a project report for each review, both of which must be verified and signed by their respective guides. Each review will be evaluated by a panel of faculty members based on attendance, project progress, presentation quality, and report submission.

Milestones	Date	Documents to be submitted	Evaluation (Marks)
Zeroth Review*	January 22, 2026	Project title Project introduction presentation Internship offer letter	10
First Review*	February 21, 2026	Presentation about analysis , design and partial implementation Project progress report – I	10
Second Review*	April 07, 2026	Complete Project demo and presentation	10

		Project progress report – II	
Report submission	April 28, 2026	Project report in the specified format	10
Final External Review	May 04, 2026	Project Demo, Project report, and Viva Voce	60

*ALL students should attend the reviews in person. Online reviews will not be conducted.