

KEY FEATURES OF AICTE DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP(ADF) SCHEME 2023-24

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THE OBJECTIVES OF THE ADF SCHEME

- To seed, grow and facilitate research for transforming the quality and quantity of research in AICTE-approved institutions/ affiliated Universities.
- To fund and enhance promote collaborative and outstanding peer-reviewed research between technical institutions and industries leading to start-ups.
- To catalyze quality academic research for developing a robust ecosystem of research in AICTE-approved institutions.

THRUST AREAS FOR RESEARCH

- Engineering and Technology
- Management (New)
- Design (New)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- The candidate must be **admitted to Ph. D.** in any of “**Engineering and Technology/ Management/ Design**” programme approved by the AICTE at Post Graduate Level.
- The candidate should have **qualified GATE/ GMAT/ CEED** during the last 5 years in Engineering and Technology/ Management/ Design respectively. **Validity of GATE/ GMAT/ Design score at the time of admission is not mandatory.**
- The candidate should be below **30 years** of age at the time of submission of application form for admission in university/ institute. For admission age relaxation of 5 years would be applicable to candidates belonging to SC/ ST/ Women/ Physically challenged and 3 years for OBC category.

EMOLUMENTS AND ALLOWANCES

- Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) = Rs. 37,000/- pm**
- Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) = Rs. 42,000/- pm**
- Contingency Grant = Rs. 15000/- per year**
- House Rent Allowance (HRA):**
 - All ADF students may be provided hostel accommodation wherever available.

- ADF students residing in hostels shall not be entitled to HRA.
- Wherever hostel accommodation is not possible, HRA is allowed as per Central Government norms applicable in the city where the admitting institution located.
- The percentage for calculating HRA will be based on the amount of Fellowship.

❑ Leave and other Entitlements:

- The ADF students are eligible for leave for a maximum period of 30 days in a year, in addition to public holidays.
- Attending Conferences, Short-term Training Programmes, Workshops/ Seminars and any other outstation research work with the prior permission of his/ her supervisor will be treated as “on Duty”
- The ADF students are also eligible for maternity/ paternity leave as per GOI norms.

ADMISSION

- ❑** The candidate shall be allowed to **apply for ADF throughout the year** after completion of admission process in the academic year.

JRF TO SRF UPGRADATION

- ❑** JRF may be upgraded to SRF after completion of two years from the date of start of ADF subject to following mandatory conditions
- The student has successfully completed the Course-work.
 - The research plan/ proposal of student has been approved by the competent authority/ committee/ Student Research Committee (SRC)/ Departmental Research Committee (DRC) of the institute as per its applicable Ordinance.

EXTENSION OF FELLOWSHIP

- ❑** No extension for ADF is granted. In exceptional cases, the duration is extendable up to 12 months or till the date of submission of thesis, whichever is earlier followed by conditions:
- i. The student must have successfully completed the course work as per University/ Institution guidelines.
 - ii. The research plan/ proposal of the student should have been approved by the competent authority/ committee/ Student Research Committee (SRC)/ Departmental Research Committee (DRC)/ Supervisor and HOD/ Principal/ Dean of the University/ Institute as per its applicable Ordinance.
 - iii. The student must have:

- At least 01 research paper accepted/ published in SCI/ SCIE/ SCOPUS Journal.
- or
- At least two (02) research papers accepted/ published in ESCI/ UGC Care Listed Journals.
- or
- Filed/ published/ granted at least one patent for his/ her invention by “The Patent Office of Government of India”.

Here are some of the **key dates** for the AICTE Doctoral Fellowship (ADF) Scheme 2023-24:

- **Launch of the scheme: 23-08-2023**
- **Duration of the Scheme: 3 years + 01 year extension with condition**
- **Scheme is open throughout the year**