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Rolling Advertisement for Admission to Ph.D. Programme

1. About the Institute

Indian Institute of Information Technology Dharwad (IIIT Dharwad) is an Institute of National Importance established under an Act of Parliament (23 of 2017) in Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode between the Ministry of Education, Government of India, the Government of Karnataka, and the industry partner M/s Karnataka State Electronics Development Corporation Limited (KEONICS).

As a not-for-profit, self-sustaining institute of higher learning in the area of Information Technology (IT), the primary objective of IIIT Dharwad is to address the skill gap in high-end Information Technology and thereby enable India to retain its global leadership role in IT and allied areas. The Institute currently offers B.Tech. programmes in Computer Science and Engineering, Data Science and Artificial Intelligence, and Electronics and Communication Engineering, along with M.Tech. by Research and Ph.D. programmes.

IIIT Dharwad offers prospective candidates the opportunity to pursue advanced research in cutting-edge technologies. Applications are accepted on a **rolling basis** throughout the academic year.

2. Admission Categories

I. Regular (Full-Time) Ph.D.

- **Fellowship:** Candidates may be eligible for fellowship support under a "work-and-earn" model, subject to the availability of funds or grants from the sponsoring agency. The Competent Authority makes the final decision on admission and fellowship allocation.
- **Responsibilities:** Full-time scholars must contribute a minimum of 50 hours per month toward institute responsibilities:
 - 10 hours of mandatory administrative assistance.
 - 40 hours assigned as teaching assistantship or other academic tasks.

***In case of Project Staff, only 10 hours of administrative assistance is required.**

II. Part-Time Ph.D. (External or College Teacher)

- **Fellowship:** Candidates admitted under this category are not eligible for any financial support from IIIT Dharwad.



3. Eligibility Criteria

The minimum requirement is a M.E./M.Tech./MCA/M.Sc./M.A./M.Com./MBA/M.Des. or equivalent degree in relevant disciplines with a valid score in GATE/NET or a national-level selection process conducted by IIIT Dharwad or any other recognized national-level examination. Candidates must have a minimum CGPA/CPI of 6.0 (General/OBC/EWS) and 5.5 (SC/ST/PwD) or 60%

(General/OBC/EWS) and 55% (SC/ST/PwD) marks in aggregate. Reservations are applicable as per Government of India norms. Candidates with B.E./B.Tech./MCA/B.Des. degrees are also eligible for direct Ph.D. admission as per Institute norms.

SC, ST, OBC (Non-creamy layer), EWS, and PwD seat reservations apply as per current Government of India orders.

4. Areas of Research Interest

Research opportunities are available across Computer Science and Engineering, Data Science and Intelligent Systems, Electronics and Communication Engineering, Physics, Mathematics, and Design. Specific areas include, but are not limited to:

- **AI & Data Science:** Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Neural Networks, Data Analytics, Data Science, Natural Language Processing, Speech Processing, Computer Vision & Image Processing.
- **Computing & Networks:** Cloud Computing, Distributed Computing, Parallel Computing, Quantum Computing, Computer Networks, Blockchain Technology, Cybersecurity, Internet of Things (IoT).
- **Electronics & Core Tech:** VLSI, Embedded Systems, Signal Processing, Optimization, Soft Computing, Coding Theory.
- **Design & Others:** Human-Computer Interaction (HCI), Visual Design, General Design, Social Networks, Indian Knowledge Systems (AI Applications), Physics, Mathematics, and Statistics.

5. Application Guidelines

- I. **Read Instructions:** Carefully read all instructions on the Institute's website before applying.
- II. **Multiple Applications:** Submit a separate application form if applying to more than one discipline or scheme.
- III. **Result Awaited:** Applicants waiting for their final qualifying exam results are eligible to apply.
- IV. **Completeness:** Only fully completed applications will be considered.
- V. **References:** Provide details of at least two well-acquainted referees who can supply letters of recommendation. At least one must be an academician who has taught you.
- VI. **Communication:** Regularly check the Institute website and your registered email address for updates, results, and interview calls.
- VII. **Interview Requirements:** No TA/DA will be provided for attending the interview.



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VIII. Shortlisted candidates called for a written test/interview must bring:

- A valid Government-issued Photo ID.
- A printed copy of the submitted online application.
- Original certificates, mark sheets, valid GATE/NET/SLET scorecards, and caste certificates (plus one photocopy of each).
- Thesis, dissertation, reports, or publications.

6. Application Process & Timeline

- **Deadline:** Rolling basis (Applications are open and accepted throughout the academic year).
- **How to Apply:** Apply online through the official admissions portal at: [Application Form Link](#)
- **Next Steps:** Shortlisted candidates will be notified via email regarding the further selection process, dates, and timings.

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