

**Advertisement for Ph.D. and Postdoctoral Fellowship (PDF) Positions under
Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme: Phase-II**

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Indian Institute of Information Technology Dharwad (IIIT Dharwad) invites applications from eligible candidates for **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)** and **Postdoctoral Fellowship (PDF)** positions under the **Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme: Phase-II** in the areas of **Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM)**, **Information Technology (IT)**, and **IT Enabled Services (ITES)** for the Academic Year **2026–27**.

The award of fellowship to selected candidates will be subject to the **availability of funds from the funding agency**, fulfillment of the applicable conditions of the Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme, and satisfactory performance. The final decision regarding admission/selection shall rest with the **Competent Authority of IIIT Dharwad**.

For further information about the Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme, candidates may refer to the official scheme webpage:

<http://phd.digitalindiacorporation.in/>

1. Available Positions

Programme	Mode	No. of Positions	Funding Scheme
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)	Full-time	1	Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)	Part-time	1	Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme
Postdoctoral Fellowship (PDF)	Full-time	1	Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme

2. Eligibility Criteria

2.1 Ph.D. – Full-time

The minimum educational qualification is **M.E./M.Tech./MCA/M.Sc. or an equivalent degree in relevant disciplines**, with a valid GATE/NET score or qualification through a national-level selection process conducted by IIIT Dharwad or any other recognized national-level examination.

Candidates must have:

- Minimum **CGPA/CPI of 6.0** for General/OBC/EWS candidates and **5.5** for SC/ST/PwD candidates; **or**
- Minimum **60% marks** for General/OBC/EWS candidates and **55% marks** for SC/ST/PwD candidates in aggregate.

Candidates holding **B.E./B.Tech./MCA** degrees may also be considered for direct Ph.D. admission as per the applicable Institute norms.

Reservation shall be applicable as per the norms of the **Government of India**.

2.2 Ph.D. – Part-time

The educational qualification shall be the same as prescribed for the Full-time Ph.D. programme.

In addition:

- The candidate must be an employed professional working in **industry, an R&D organization, or academia**.
- The candidate must submit a **No Objection Certificate (NOC)** from the employer as per Institute requirements.

2.3 Postdoctoral Fellowship (PDF)

The candidate must:

- Hold a **Ph.D. in a relevant discipline**;
- Possess strong research credentials demonstrated through quality **publications and/or patents**; and
- Be **40 years of age or below**, subject to the applicable provisions of the scheme.

3. Fellowship and Financial Support

Category	Fellowship	Duration	Additional Benefits
Ph.D. – Full-time	₹46,250/month for Years 1–2; ₹52,500/month for Years 3–5	Maximum 5 years or until completion of Ph.D., whichever is earlier	16% HRA , as applicable under the scheme and subject to availability of funds
Ph.D. – Part-time	No fellowship under the Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme	As per Institute regulations	Candidate shall be self-supported or supported by the employer
Postdoctoral Fellowship (PDF)	₹1,08,393/month (including HRA)	Up to 1 year	₹1,00,000 contingency support/year and ₹2.10 lakh travel support , as applicable under the



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Note: Candidates receiving financial support under this scheme shall not simultaneously receive funding/fellowship from any other Government of India or State Government scheme. All financial support is subject to the **availability of funds, applicable scheme guidelines, and satisfactory performance.**

4. Institute Work/Assistantship Requirements

Full-time Ph.D. Scholars

Full-time Ph.D. scholars selected under the scheme shall be required to contribute **40 hours per month** towards Institute activities.

Of these 40 hours:

- At least **10 hours per month** shall be devoted to **administrative assistantship**; and
- The remaining hours may be assigned towards **teaching assistantship and/or other academic/Institute responsibilities** as assigned by the Competent Authority.

Other applicable Ph.D. regulations and guidelines of IIIT Dharwad shall also apply.

Ph.D. Guidelines: [Link](#)

Postdoctoral Fellows

PDF candidates shall be required to contribute **40 hours per month** towards Institute activities.

Of these 40 hours:

- At least **10 hours per month** shall be devoted to **administrative assistantship**; and
- The remaining hours may be assigned towards **teaching assistantship and/or other academic/Institute responsibilities** as assigned by the Competent Authority.

Other applicable PDF regulations and guidelines of IIIT Dharwad shall also apply.

PDF Guidelines: [Link](#)

5. Application Process

Ph.D. Applicants

Candidates applying for the **Full-time or Part-time Ph.D. position** under the Visvesvaraya



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PhD Scheme shall apply through the Institute's **Rolling Ph.D. Advertisement Google Form** and select the appropriate Ph.D. option.

Ph.D. Application Form: [<https://forms.gle/dFQGpPa1XaUZSsqo7>]

Postdoctoral Fellowship Applicants

Candidates applying for the **Postdoctoral Fellowship (PDF)** shall submit their application through the prescribed PDF application form.

PDF Application Form: [<https://forms.gle/oaum7TpFEk5TBj178>]

Last Date for Application

Last date to apply: [31st Oct 2026]

Only shortlisted candidates will be informed through **email** regarding the selection process, including the test/interview schedule, as applicable.

6. Important Conditions

1. Mere fulfillment of the minimum eligibility criteria does not guarantee admission/selection.
2. The Institute reserves the right to shortlist candidates based on academic qualifications, research credentials, experience, and other relevant criteria.
3. Admission/selection shall be subject to the applicable **IIT Dharwad regulations** and **Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme guidelines**.
4. The fellowship and other financial benefits are subject to the **availability and release of funds by the funding agency**.
5. The decision of the **Competent Authority, IIT Dharwad**, regarding admission/selection shall be final.

7. Contact for Queries

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