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NITC/Dean (Acad)/Financial Support/PhD Scheme IV/2026/1 20-11-2026

PROCEEDINGS

Sub: Ph.D. Programme – Financial support for full-time Ph.D. scholars registered under **Scheme IV (Internal Registration for Research Staff Employed in Funded Projects)**, upon successful completion of the R&D project – Orders issued.

The competent authority has approved the proposal for providing financial support to eligible full-time Ph.D. scholars registered under **Scheme IV: Internal Registration for Research Staff Employed in Funded Projects**, whose fellowship support from the respective R&D projects ceases upon successful completion or closure of the projects. The financial support shall be governed by the following terms and conditions:

1. Eligibility

The provision shall apply to full-time Ph.D. scholars registered under Scheme IV whose fellowship support from the respective R&D projects ceases upon successful completion or closure of the projects. To become eligible, the scholar shall establish continuous engagement in the funded R&D project for at least:

- Two years, in the case of an R&D project having a duration of three years.
- One year, in the case of an R&D project having a duration of two years.

2. Procedure for Seeking Financial Support

Upon successful completion or closure of the R&D project, or discontinuation of the project-funded fellowship, the scholar shall submit an application through the PI to the Head of the concerned Department. The application shall include the following:

1. Details of Ph.D. registration and the date of commencement of fellowship support from the R&D project.
2. Details of the R&D project, funding agency, project tenure, date of completion/cessation of fellowship, and the Utilization Certificate (UC) obtained from the Institute at the time of project closure.
3. Documentary evidence of continuous engagement in the funded R&D project for the minimum stipulated period, duly certified by the PI and Head of the Department.
4. Documentary evidence of successful completion of the comprehensive examination (Oral and written).
5. A detailed research progress report indicating the work completed and the proposed research activities.
6. Details of publications, manuscripts, patents, prototypes and other research outputs, as applicable.

7. **Evidence of acceptance of at least one research paper in a journal covered by the Web of Science Core Collection (Q1 or Q2)/patent or software copyright granted, based on the research work carried out**.
8. A detailed work plan indicating the estimated time required for completion of the Ph.D. programme.

3. Evaluation Committee

The research progress and eligibility of the scholar shall be evaluated by a duly constituted committee with the following composition:

Composition of the Committee

1. Head of the Department concerned / Chairperson of the Doctoral Committee (DC) of the scholar – Chairperson.
2. External expert in the relevant research domain (Professor/Associate Professor from an IIT/IISc or an eminent expert from a recognised R&D laboratory or industry) – Member.
3. The members of the Doctoral Committee (DC) of the scholar – Members.
4. Research supervisor (Guide) – Convenor.

4. Evaluation and Recommendation

The scholar shall make a presentation before the committee on the research work completed, major findings, research contributions, publications and the proposed plan for completing the Ph.D. programme. The committee shall evaluate the quality, originality and significance of the research, progress towards fulfilment of the research objectives, quality and relevance of publications and other research outputs, acceptance of at least one research paper in a journal covered by the Web of Science Core Collection (Q1/Q2)/patent or software copyright granted, feasibility of completing the remaining research within the proposed period, academic performance and compliance with the applicable Ph.D. regulations. Based on its assessment, the committee shall make a specific recommendation regarding the eligibility of the scholar for financial support. The recommendation, along with the supporting documents, shall be forwarded to the Dean (Academic) for consideration and further processing.

5. Quantum and Duration of Financial Support

The following conditions shall apply to the financial support:

1. The monthly fellowship amount shall be equivalent to the fellowship applicable to a Senior Research Fellow (SRF)/Junior Research Fellow (JRF) at the Institute, as per the prevailing norms. No House Rent Allowance (HRA) or contingency allowance shall be payable.

2. Financial support shall be provided for a maximum period of **one year,** or until submission of the Ph.D. thesis, whichever is earlier. No extension beyond the maximum permissible period of one year shall be admissible under this provision.
3. Continuation of financial support shall be subject to satisfactory assessment of the scholar's research progress and compliance with the applicable Ph.D. regulations of the Institute.
4. The financial support shall cease automatically upon completion of the stipulated one-year period or submission of the Ph.D. thesis, whichever occurs earlier.

6. Institutional Duties

Upon shifting to the Institute-supported fellowship, the scholar shall be required to perform regular institutional duties, typically in the form of a Teaching Assistantship (TA) for a maximum of eight hours per week, as administered by the concerned Department.

7. Implementation

The Heads of Departments/Centres, Research Supervisors and other concerned authorities shall ensure compliance with the above provisions while processing proposals for financial support under this scheme. The provision of financial support shall be subject to the applicable financial and administrative procedures of the Institute. The expenditure incurred under this scheme shall be met from the RDF.

This order is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority and shall take effect from Academic year 2026-27 (i.e., 20th July 2026) onwards.

20/11/2026

Prof. A.V. Babu
Dean (Academic)

To:

1. All Heads of Departments/Centres
2. Dean (R&C)
3. Deans, Registrar, HODs & All Faculty Members
4. Research Scholars
5. PA to the Director
6. Office of the Dean (R&C)
7. AR (Acad) & DR (F&A)