

Details of the Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme

Visvesvaraya Webiste: <https://phd.digitalindiacorporation.in>

About: A scholarship scheme by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology with an objective to enhance the number of PhDs in Electronics System Design & Manufacturing (ESDM) and IT/IT Enabled Services (IT/ITES) sectors in the country. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the scheme in 2014 for a period of nine years with a total estimated cost of ₹ 466 crores. The duration of the scheme is five years for the purpose of selecting candidates for support under the scheme. However, the funding would be continued till the 9th year for the commitments already made during the scheme period.

Objectives:

1. To enhance the number of PhDs in Electronics System Design & Manufacturing (ESDM) and IT/IT Enabled Services (IT/ITES) sectors in the country.
2. Give thrust to R&D, create an innovative ecosystem and enhance India's competitiveness in these knowledge-intensive sectors.
3. To fulfill the commitments made in National Policy on Electronics (NPE 2012) and National Policy on Information Technology (NPIT 2012) which recommend giving special thrust on significantly increasing the number of PhDs in the country to enable India to compete globally in the coming decades, to develop an ecosystem of research, development and IP creation in these knowledge-intensive sectors.
4. To Support 1500 Ph.D. Candidates including both Full-Time (500) and Part-Time (1000) in each of the ESDM and IT/ITES sectors (Total: 3000 PhDs).
5. The scheme is also expected to encourage working professionals and non-PhD faculty members to pursue Ph.D.

Benefits

Full-Time Ph.D. Candidates

1. Fellowship: ₹ 38,750/- per month (I & II years); ₹ 43,750/-(III to V year).
2. Annual Contingency Grant support of ₹ 1,20,000/- per year.
3. Reimbursement of Rent as per the Government of India norms for class X, Y, or Z cities respectively.
4. Support for attending international conferences: ₹ 1,50,000/-
5. Visit To Labs Abroad: For 6 months 'Visit to Labs Abroad' and during the visit, the Monthly Fellowship will be Rs. 1.50 Lakh. Besides this, the Travel/Visa expenses up to Rs. 1.50 Lakh is provided.

Part-Time Ph.D. Candidates

1. A one-time incentive of ₹ 2,50,000/- would be provided to Part-Time Ph.D. candidates on successful completion of the Ph.D.

Young Faculty Research Fellowship(YFRF)

1. Financial support provided to the YFRFs is as mentioned below:
2. Fellowship @ ₹ 20,000/- per month in addition to the regular income
3. Contingency/ Research Grant of ₹ 5,00,000/- per annum for presenting paper and research work at national and international conferences and other research expenses for a maximum of five years.