

National Doctoral Fellowship Scheme (NDF)

1.1	Objective
	The objective of this scheme is:
	(a) To promote research culture in AICTE approved Institutions or admitting full time meritorious research scholars by providing research fellowship to meritorious students who wants to seek admission in Ph.D in AICTE approved Technical Institutes in AICTE approved disciplines for a full time Ph.D.
	(b) To nurture talents for Technical research.
	(c) To improve the research culture amongst Under Graduate/Post Graduate students.
1.2	Eligibility
	(a) Thefellowship/contingency will be granted to 2(Two) scholars perQIP Centre of AICTE. Each QIP Centre will augment the process for selecting candidates as per the eligibility criteria for grant of National Doctoral Fellowship.
	(b) Maximum 2 scholarships will be granted per QIP Centre.
	(c) The candidate must have secured aggregate marks of 75 % or above at M.Tech level in addition to this, he should have qualified through GATE in last 5 years.
	(d) The Candidate should be less than 30 years of age as on 31 st August of year of application however age relaxation of 5 years would be applicable to candidates belong to SC/ST, women and physically challenged category.
1.3	Duration of the Scheme
	(a) The duration of the Scheme shall be for a period of 3 Years. No further extension will be granted.
1.4	Disbursement of the Funds
	(a) The candidate will be provided the fellowship of Rs. 28,000/- per month + House rent allowance wherever the hostel accommodation/Institute accommodation is not available as per the rates of Ph.D Scholarship notified by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education (Technical Section-I) vide F. Number 17-2/2014-TS.I dated 18.02.2015.
1.5	Processing Methodology
	(a) Candidates will be selected by the QIP Centre of AICTE by giving wider publicity.
	(b) QIP Centre will submit the proposal to the AICTE which will be assess by an expert committee of three members not below the rank of Associate Professor and at least one member among the expert from the concern stream.

1.6		Terms and Conditions
	(a)	The awardee shall submit an annual report on the progress, each year through the Head of the Institute on completion of one year.
	(b)	The final progress report should be submitted by the awardee through the Head of the Department / Institution to the AICTE.
	(c)	The awardee shall not be allowed for transfer of award from the Institution where the Awardee is presently working during the entire tenure of the award.
	(d)	The awardee shall devote full time to research during the tenure of Fellowship and will not be permitted to take any part time/full time assignment.
	(e)	The approval of the Council before accepting any award or allowance, if offered during the tenure of Fellowship.
	(f)	The awardee shall give a declaration that if the results of research are such that can be exploited commercially by taking a patent or otherwise commercial exploitation and patent rights should be with the candidate & institute & guide if contributed.
	(g)	On selection of the candidates each QIP Centre will submit the details of bank account of the beneficiary duly aadhaar seeded for the purpose of releasing fellowship/contingency amount directly in his/her bank account through DBT.
	(h)	The service conditions mentioned in the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education (Technical Section-I) instruction notified vide F. Number 17-2/2014-TS.I dated 18.02.2015 shall be applicable to awardees.