

AICTE NATIONAL DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP SCHEME (NDF)

Q. What are the objective of this scheme?

Ans.: (a) To promote research culture in AICTE approved Institutions.
(b) Admitting full time meritorious research scholars by providing research fellowship who wants to seek admission to Ph.D. in AICTE approved Technical Institutes/University Departments for carrying out research in thrust areas
(c) To nurture talents for technical research.
(d) To promote collaborative research between Institute and Industries leading to start-ups.

Q. What are the eligibility conditions?

Ans.: (a) The fellowship/contingency will be granted to research scholars admitted in research institute of AICTE. National Nodal Centre will augment the process for selecting candidates as per the eligibility criteria for grant of National Doctoral Fellowship.
(b) The candidate must have secured cumulative grade point average of 7.5 on the scale of 10 or equivalent at both B.E/B.Tech/B.Pharm and M.E/M.Tech/M.Pharm. In addition to above the candidate should have qualified GATE/GPAT during the last 5 years. For SC/ST/PH candidates CGPA requirement will be 7.0 on the scale of 10 or equivalent or general candidate must have secured 75% marks or above & 70% marks for candidates of reserved categories.
(c) The candidate should be less than 30 years of age as on 31st August of year of application however age relaxation of 5 years would be applicable to candidates belonging to SC/ST, women and physically challenged category.

Q. What is the duration of the scheme?

Ans.: The duration of the scheme shall be for a period of 3 Years. No further extension will be granted, however, extendable by 6 months in special cases with the recommendation of Institute and approval of National Nodal Centre. Further extension of 6 months may be given on the recommendations with the approval of AICTE.

Q. What is the intake of the scheme?

Ans.: The total number of candidates selected under this scheme per year would be limited to 150 per year. Number of candidates/Institute would be about 3 per Institute subject to the availability of seats in the research centre and demand of a research centre by candidates. If the seats allotted to the institution remain vacant, these seats will be allotted to the other institutions by the Nodal Centre on the approval of AICTE.

Q. Is there any reservation Policy?

Ans.: Reservation for fellowship shall be as per Central Reservation Policy i.e. 15% to SC candidates, 7.5% to ST candidates and 27% to OBC candidates (NCL only), and will be observed at National level.

Q. How are the funds disbursed?

Ans.: 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. Contingency grant will be admissible at the rate of Rs.15,000/- per annum.

Q. What is the processing Methodology?

Ans.: Candidates will be identified by the National Nodal Centre of AICTE as per the functions and duties of National Nodal Centre.

Q. What is the Limit of funding?

Ans.: The selected Nodal Centre may be released an amount of Rs.11.00 lakhs annually for meeting the expenditure on Honorarium/Salary to DEO/Clerks and for meeting expenses of National Nodal Centre Coordinator's Office.

Q. What are the terms and Conditions ?

Ans.: (a) The awardee shall submit an annual report on the progress, each year through the Research Supervisor, Head of the Department and Head of the Institute.

(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 for Ph.D. 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. He/She will not accept any other salary or fellowship, if offered during the tenure of fellowship through any other source. The nature of the candidature (Full time AICTE sponsored National Doctoral Fellow) will not be changed during the program.

(e) 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 Institute, candidate and supervisor. However, the rules of respective research institute, if any, in this regards will be applicable.

(f) AICTE online portal will have PG Scholarship portal like mechanism for the purpose of releasing fellowship/HRA etc amount directly in the bank account of the beneficiary through DBT.

(g) 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.

(h) If the progress of the candidate is not satisfactory as reported by the supervisor/Head of the Department /Head of the research institute, the fellowship of the candidature will be terminated with immediate effect. This will not be revoked under any circumstances.

(i) The PhD rules/regulations of the research institute and affiliating university will be applicable to all admitted candidates under this scheme

**AICTE SCHEME FOR WRITING IN ENGLISH OR REGIONAL LANGUAGES AND
TRANSLATING THE TECHNICAL BOOKS IN REGIONAL LANGUAGES**

Q. What are the Objectives of this scheme?

- Ans. (a) To promote use of 'Scheduled Regional Language' in Technical Education for creating knowledge base in local language and to encourage creation of treasure of latest technical knowledge incorporating the newest developments by grant of financial support to the distinguished faculty/writers/translators.
- (b) To encourage, promote and support maximum number of writers to write/translate and publish the technical subject books in respective regional language.

Q. Who is eligible ?

- Ans. (a) The students of polytechnics/ under graduation/ PG and Researchers.
- (b) The Faculty- retired or working in AICTE approved institutions (Degree/Diploma/ Pharmacy/Management/Architecture etc.) or Researchers of such institutions

Q. What are the list of Scheduled Languages?

- Ans. 22 Languages (1) Assamese (2) Bengali (3) Gujarati (4) Hindi (5) Kannada (6) Kashmiri (7) Konkani (8) Malayalam (9) Manipuri (10) Marathi (11) Nepali (12) Oriya (13) Punjabi (14) Sanskrit (15) Sindhi (16) Tamil (17) Telugu (18) Urdu (19) Bodo (20) Santhali (21) Maithili (22) Dogri

AICTE-INAE TEACHERS RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP SCHEME

Q.	What are the Objectives of the AICTE-INAE TEACHERS RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP SCHEME ?
Ans.	In order to promote research culture amongst the faculty in AICTE approved engineering institutions, engineering teachers in AICTE approved engineering colleges/institutions shall be sponsored to pursue research in Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)/ Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)/ Department of Atomic Energy (DAE)/ Department of Space (DoS) laboratories leading to the award of a Ph.D. degree in their chosen field of study. The Ph.D. degree will be awarded by the concerned organizations of CSIR, DRDO, DAE and DoS. (as applicable). The period of association of the engineering teachers selected under this scheme will be to a maximum of three years. The age of the candidate should be 35 years or below.
Q.	What are the eligibility Criteria for the engineering teachers ?
Ans.	(a) The candidates should be permanent faculty members in an AICTE approved institution offering at least M.E./M Tech degree courses. (b) The age of the candidate should be 35 years or below on January 01 of the year in which he/she join the scheme. (c) The engineering teacher should have obtained Ist Division or equivalent in both B.E./B Tech and M.E./M.Tech degree courses. (d) A candidate selected for admission under this scheme will execute an undertaking to serve his/her parent institution for a minimum period of three years after completing the Ph.D programme.
Q.	What are the Financial Arrangement & Logistics ?
Ans.	(a) A scholarship of Rs. 15,000/month will be provided by INAE along with a contingency grant of Rs. 10,000/annum for 3 years. The contingency grant will be provided to cover the cost of consumables, reprography and expenditure incurred for attending national conferences. (b) The scholarship and contingency grant will be released by INAE each year, out of funds received from AICTE to the concerned labs who in turn shall disburse the same to the candidates. (c) The parent institution nominating the engineering teacher shall provide 75% of the salary directly to him/her (d) The arrangement for accommodation, payment of tuition fees, registration fees etc. shall be carried out as per the practice being followed by the concerned labs in respect of their own scientists/scholars who are pursuing Ph.D programme.
Q.	What are the responsibilities of the concerned laboratories
Ans.	(a) Admission of students as per rules of the concerned organization (b) Conducting course as per the course curriculum (c) Conducting regular examination/evaluations as per rules (d) Awarding the Ph.D. Degree and keeping all records as per regulations of Intellectual Property Rights. The Intellectual Property Rights that is know how/design/technologies/software/patent/copyright or publication of research results generated out of the association of the engineering teacher under this scheme shall be governed by the guidelines of the concerned laboratory where the candidate is pursuing Ph.D. programme.
Q.	What is the Duration of the programme?
Ans.	The duration of the Ph.D. programme will be of three years subject to an extension by a maximum of one year for submission of Ph.D. thesis which would be carried out in his/her parent institution.
Q.	What is the Application and Registration Procedure?

- Ans. (a) The applications under the scheme shall be invited twice a year based on the academic calendar.
- (b) The Director/Principal of the AICTE approved Engineering College will ensure the correctness of the data for eligibility of the engineering teacher and recommend a maximum of two teachers each year under this scheme.
- (c) The applications received by INAE shall be scrutinized to ensure that the stipulated eligibility criteria with regards to age, qualification etc. have been met. Those applications to be sent to the respective departments' viz. CSIR/DRDO/DAE/DOS.
- (d) CSIR/DRDO/DAE/DOS shall conduct the interviews (if necessary), identify suitable guide(s) in consultation with the concerned labs and give suitable feedback to INAE for each candidate.
- (e) The Selection Committee having representation from CSIR/DRDO/DAE/DOS will meet at INAE office to carry out final selection based on the evaluation of above mentioned feedback.
- (f) The registration of the selected candidates will be done as per practice being followed by the concerned labs in respect of their own scientists/scholars who are pursuing Ph.D. programme.
- (g) The Ph.D. degree will be awarded by the concerned organizations of CSIR/DRDO/DAE/DOS.
- (h) A candidate selected for admission under this scheme will execute a bond/an undertaking to serve his/her parent institution for a minimum period of three years after completing the Ph.D. programme for which the parent institution shall be responsible.
- (i) The registration of the selected candidates will be done as per practice being followed by the concerned labs in respect of their own scientists/scholars who are pursuing Ph.D. programme.

AICTE - INAE TRAVEL GRANT SCHEME

Q. What are the objectives of the scheme?

Ans.: To provide partial travel assistance and registration fees to Bachelors and Masters Level engineering students for presenting a research paper in an international scientific event (conference/seminar/symposium/workshop/ exhibition etc.) in order to encourage engineering students to engage in research.

Q. What is the Eligibility?

- Ans.:
- (i) Pre-final and final year students of B.E./B.Tech or Integrated M.Tech and first and second year students of M.E./M.Tech from AICTE approved Engineering Institutions are eligible under the scheme
 - (ii) Students with minimum 7 CGPA or 65 Percentage and above are eligible to apply under this scheme
 - (iii) The student should have a letter of acceptance for presenting a research paper which has been accepted in a conference/seminar/symposium/workshop/exhibition abroad.
 - (iv) A student is eligible only once during the course of his/her study for financial support under the subject scheme.

Q. What is the Financial Support provided?

- Ans.:
- (i) The reimbursement of 100% Registration Fee, Visa Fee and 50% of the actual Airfare for discounted /concessional air tickets in case not claimed from any other source.
 - (ii) Actual fare not exceeding AC II Class train fare admissible for travel from the Technical Institution to the nearest airport and back.
 - (iii) The maximum financial support per student for all above reimbursements is limited to Rs. 1 lakh.

Q. What is the procedure to Apply ?

Ans.: (i) The application should be sent at least eight weeks prior to the date of presentation of the research paper through email at inaehq@inae.in and hard copy as well at the following address: Executive Director Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE) Unit No. 604-609, 6th Floor, Tower A, SPAZE I-Tech Park, Sector 49, Sohna Road, Gurgaon – 122018 Phone : 0124-4239480 Fax: 0124-4239481 Website : www.inae.in

AICTE-ISTE Induction/Refresher Programme

Q.	What are the objectives of this program?
Ans.	<p>Updating knowledge and improving organizational and pedagogical skills of teachers. To update the knowledge by providing an opportunity for interaction and mutual exchange of ideas between teachers interested and/or working in particular areas of specialization. Providing an opportunity for teachers to familiarize themselves with modern engineering practices, including the latest technological advances adopted by industry keeping in view the national needs and priorities and relevant technologies. Opening up before teacher's new vistas in technology at the frontier of knowledge and the challenges and opportunities which provide to the dedicated and hard working.</p>
Q.	What is the eligibility criteria?
Ans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AICTE approved institutions/University departments imparting technical education.• Coordinator must be a full time regular faculty with adequate experience in teaching and research with publications.• Maximum 2 proposals per institute would be considered in a year.• Preferably one self-financing program should have been arranged in last 12 months by the college.
Q.	What is the duration of Programme?
Ans.	The duration of the Programme shall be one week (six working days)
Q.	What is the Limit of funding?
Ans.	Rs.3 lakh
Q.	What are types of Training?
Ans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Induction Training• Refresher Training
Q.	Will AICTE-ISTE Induction/Refresher Programme be considered for Career Advancement Scheme?
Ans.	Yes, AICTE-ISTE Induction/Refresher Programme will be considered for Career Advancement Scheme.

AICTE-NISTADS-SPECIAL SCHEME FOR TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF NORTH EAST REGION

Q. What are the objectives of the scheme?

Ans. (a) Considering the day to day problems being faced by the students in taking admissions in good engineering colleges, AICTE has launched a scheme for providing logistics support to the technical institutes by extending financial assistance to solve water problem in general and providing alternative power support and internet connection. These projects shall enhance the functional efficiency of the technical institutes located in far-flung areas of North East India. The scheme shall be implemented through CSIR-National Institute of Science & Technology and Development Studies (NISTADS).

(b) Provision of water will help the institute to meet the acute shortage of water supply during dry season. The North East India mainly comprises of hilly regions and the supply of water is not regular throughout the year and during dry season, the water supply in the institutes are almost nil. Such water harvesting project shall help the institute and the student to have water even during dry season.

(c) Most of the Urban & Rural areas in North Eastern India are deprived of continuous and regular electricity supply, which not only affects the daily life but also for imparting Higher Technical Education. In order to make the technical institutes more functional and to meet the shortage of conventional electricity supply, provision may be provided for captive solar power energy. In case, places, where the solar energy is not effective, procurement of generator can be considered.

(d) The availability/connection of internet facility is also not upto the desired level in North Eastern Region. To mitigate this problem, funding for internet connection can also be considered for initial connection. Recurring expenditure for future shall have to be shown by the Institute. (e) These schemes launched by AICTE is unique in the sense that it will enhance the enrollment of North East students in technical institute of the region as well as improving the quality of education.

Q. What are the eligibility criteria?

Ans. (a) Government/Government-aided technical/ engineering colleges/ University Departments including Polytechnic Institutes of North East are entitled for the grant.

(b) The Institute must be in existence for last five years. Duration of Project The proposed/approved institutes will have to construct the project for solving water problems within 2 years from the date of receipt of the first installment. Similarly, the power energy & internet connection shall have to be procured within six months from the date of receipt of the fund for the purpose.

Q. What is the limit of funding?

Ans. (a) For solving water problem per institute is Rs. 15.00 lakhs
 (b) For procurement of solar energy plant or generator per institute is Rs. 20.00 lakhs.
 (c) For facilitating proper internet connection maximum of Rs. 5.00 lakhs

Q. What is the Processing Methodology?

Ans. The proposal to be assessed by an expert committee constituted by NISTADS.

Q. What are the Terms and conditions?

Ans. (a) Annual progress report to be submitted in respect of the projects.
 (b) After completion of the project, a project completion report should be submitted.
 (c) Utilization certificate and statement of accounts in prescribed proforma duly audited by the Finance Officer/Account Officer as per prescribed format is required to be submitted by NISTADS before drawl of balance amount as well as on completion of the project/procurement.
 (d) If the construction work to solve water problem or the procurement of power energy & internet, as is the case may be, is not initiated within six months otherwise the amount is to be refunded with accrued interest to AICTE with justification.

Q.	What are the essential Documents Required with Application Form To Solve Water Problem in general?
Ans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Plan/detailed estimates of the project (b) Abstract of the estimates of the project (c) PWD/CPWD rate certificate of the project (d) Conformity with the norms as suggested by the AICTE and the rates are as per CSR of the region. (e) Land ownership and possession certificate from the concerned Tehsildar/SDM duly counter sign by the Principal. (f) Mode of construction viz. Contract/ Departmentally (at most competitive rates) or Deposit work by the PWD. (g) A certificate from the Principal/ Competent Authority (concerned Secretary, State Government for Technical Education) that expenditure over and above AICTE grant, if any, will be met by the State Govt./ or the college and the construction will not be delayed for want of funds.
Q.	What documents are required for Procurement of Solar power energy equipment/Generator/Internet connection?
Ans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Documentary proof of cost etc. along with the purchase procedure/formalities to be adopted as per the prescribed order formalities indicated in the GFR. (b) A certificate from the Principal/ Competent Authority (concerned Secretary, State Government for Technical Education) that expenditure over and above AICTE grant received through NISTADS, if any, will be met by the State Govt./or the college and the purchase will not be delayed for want of funds.

EMERITUS PROFESSOR (DISTINGUISHED PRACTICING ENGINEER) FELLOWSHIP

Q. What are the Objectives of this scheme?

Ans. The Emeritus Professor (Distinguished Practicing Engineer) Fellowship scheme intends to utilize the expertise of highly qualified and experienced superannuated Engineers who have made undoubtable, unchallengeable, unparalleled and exceptional contribution to the society in their respective fields in any discipline in engineering for the benefit of students/faculty of host institutes & of institutes located in the adjoining areas.

Q. What is the Eligibility criteria?

Ans. (a) The awardee must be highly qualified superannuated engineer preferably with a doctoral degree.
(b) The awardee should be an acknowledged leader (expert) in that particular field of specialization who had been actively engaged in research and development in the field of engineering
(c) The awardee should have contributed to the development of society by his excellent field work in engineering in a big way.

Q. What is the Tenure of EMERITUS PROFESSOR (DISTINGUISHED PRACTICING ENGINEER) Fellowship?

Ans. The Fellowship is tenable for a period of three years or the age of 75 years of Emeritus Professor (Distinguished Practicing Engineer), whichever is earlier, extendable to a person till 80 years with fitness certificate from AICTE doctor.

Q. How much is Fellowship grant?

Ans. The Fellowship consist of (i) honorarium of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand per day) for maximum five days for full day interaction with the faculty/ students of host and nearby located institutions in a single trip. (ii) Actual expenses on travel, lodging & boarding and (iii) the honorarium will be over and above any superannuation benefits, the Emeritus Engineers may be in receipt of.

Q. How to apply?

Ans. The proposals for the Emeritus Professor (Distinguished Practicing Engineer) Fellowship will be invited by nomination only. The nominated Emeritus Engineers will be requested to forward their C.V. in the prescribed proforma to Research, Institutional & Faculty Development (RIFD) Bureau of AICTE.

Q. What is the processing methodology?

Ans. The proposals for the Emeritus Professor (Distinguished Practicing Engineer) Fellowship will be assessed by a three member Expert Committee comprising of Directors of IITs and/or an engineer not below the rank of Director General (Works/CSIR) as and when the nomination is received.

E-JOURNALS (E-Shodh Sindhu)

Q.	What is E-Journals Scheme?
Ans.	The e-Shodh Sindhu, INFLIBNET Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat provides e-journals to the beneficiaries of AICTE supported technical institutes.
Q.	Who are eligible?
Ans.	AICTE approved Govt./Govt.-aided technical/engineering colleges/University Departments are eligible to be benefitted by this scheme. The Institute must have digital library network having internet bandwidth (in mbps) and Wi-Fi bandwidth.
Q.	How and When to apply?
Ans.	An eligible institutes may submit proposals when invited by advertisement published in leading National News Papers.
Q.	What are the types of e-journals provided?
Ans.	The e-journals provided are IEEE/IEL-Online/ASCE/ASME/Pharma.
Q.	How to avail e-resources?
Ans.	On approval of the proposal submitted by the institute, their details including types of e-journals approved are displayed in AICTE website https://www.aicte-india.org/schemes/research-innovations-development-schemes .
Q.	What is the course of action, when after release of the subscription by AICTE, the institute is unable to access the e-journals subscribed for?
Ans.	Institute should take up the matter with e-shodh Sindhu, INFLIBNET Center, Gujarat under intimation to AICTE.
Q.	Details of the scheme.
Ans.	The details of e-Journal Scheme is available in AICTE website https://www.aicte-india.org/schemes/research-innovations-development-schemes .

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (FDP)

Q.	What are the objectives?
Ans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide financial assistance to facilitate up-gradation of knowledge, skill and intends to provide opportunities for induction training to teachers employed in disciplines Engineering & Technology, Pharmacy, Hotel Management & Catering Technology, Architecture, Town Planning and Applied Arts & Crafts. To cover areas such as technical education policy, new concepts, methods and techniques, theory and skills development and up gradation of pedagogy educational technology, motivation, communication skills, management and other relevant issues to keep pace with the changing scenario in Technical Education. To enhance the teaching and other skills of the faculty. And to make them aware about modern teaching tools and methodologies. It provides an opportunity to acquire knowledge about current technological developments in relevant fields. It will not only promote the professional practices relevant to technical education but also motivates the faculty to achieve competitive teaching and learning environment, thus channelizing development with respect to academic qualifications and personal matters.
Q.	Who is eligible for FDP?
Ans.	(a) AICTE approved Technical Institutions / University Departments with at least 10 years of existence. (b) Coordinator must be a full time regular faculty with adequate experience in teaching and research with publications.
Q.	What is the duration?
Ans.	The duration of the FDP shall be 2 weeks. The FDP shall be conducted within six months from the date of receipt of offer letter.
Q.	What is the Limit of funding?
Ans.	Rs. 7 Lakh
Q.	How are the funds disbursed?
Ans.	(a) 90% amount as advance to Government/ Govt. aided institutions and 10% after submission of UC and all required documents. (b) 50% amount as advance to self financing institutions and 50% after submission of UC and all required documents.
Q.	What are the types of training?
Ans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pedagogical Training Subject related Training Training related to Moral Values, Ethics, Behavioural Sciences & Attitude etc. Training on Leadership & Faculty Development under U.K. India Education Research initiative
Q.	What is the processing methodology?
Ans.	The proposal shall be assessed by an Expert Committee constituted as follows: (a) Three member expert committee not below the rank of Associate Professor. (b) At least one member among the experts shall be from the concerned stream.
Q.	Will FDP be considered for Career Advancement Scheme?
Ans.	Yes, Faculty Development Programme (FDP) will be considered for Career Advancement Scheme.

HOSTEL FOR SC-ST

Q. What is the maximum limit of grant and mode of disbursement of fund?

Ans. The maximum fund limit is Rs. 2.00 Crore and is disbursed in 03 Installments of 50%, 40% and 10% respectively. Further details are available in AQIS guideline and Process Hand Book available in AICTE website.

Q. What are the formalities to be observed for release of 2nd Installment?

Ans. The 2nd Installment is released only on submission of the following mandatory documents: -

(a) The Utilization Certificate should comprise of the amount such as: -

- (i) Last grant released
- (ii) Unspent balance and
- (iii) Interest earned.

The Utilization Certificate etc. should be duly audited and signed/ stamped.

(b) Expenditure details from the Constructing Agencies duly signed/ stamped. These details should be verified by the authorized person of the Institute duly signed/ stamped.

(c) On receipt of above documents, spot inspection of the construction works are carried out by a Civil Engineer and an Architect nominated by AICTE and thereafter processed for release of 2nd Installment.

Q. What are the formalities to be observed for release of 3rd Installment?

Ans. The 3rd Installment is released only on submission of the mandatory documents as per FAQ-2 except the spot evaluation. However, for release of 3rd installment the additional documents like GFR-19 and Project completion report from the constructing agency etc. is also required to be submitted.

Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE)

Q. What are the objectives of this scheme?

Ans. The Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE) was launched as a Distinguished Visiting Professorship (DVP) Scheme jointly with AICTE in 1999. The Scheme envisages promotion of industry-institute interaction by facilitating the dissemination of knowledge through the expertise of experienced and knowledgeable persons from industry to integrate their rich industrial experience with technical education.

Q. What are the responsibilities of the Distinguished Visiting Professor under the scheme?

Ans.

- i) Deliver lectures on the state-of-art of Industry, industrial ambience and R&D needs of the industry to the students and faculty of technical institutions.
- ii) Guide student projects/ theses of interest to industry.
- iii) Help curriculum development, as per the the changing industrial needs.
- iv) Develop cooperative Undergraduate and Postgraduate programmes with industries having potential benefits to faculty, students and Industry.
- v) Take up any other activities for the mutual benefit of engineering institutions and industries.

Q. Who is eligible?

Ans. The Distinguished Visiting Professor shall be an eminent scholar/expert in his/her field, working in an industry/ R&D organization.

Q. What are the Responsibilities of the Distinguished Visiting Professor?

Ans.

- i) He/she will visit the Institution upto 3 times for a maximum of 3 days per visit in a Semester and shall be reimbursed air fare in Y-Class or actual fares (if travelled) by Rail to the Institutions. He shall also be entitled to an honorarium of Rs. 10,000/- per lecture day.
- ii) He initiates student projects dealing with “real life” and “shop floor problems” personally involved in the Industry and shall provide guidance. He shall also emphasize marketing, commercial as well as technical aspects of the project. The project guidance could be either at the host institution or at his industry under the joint supervision of the Distinguished Visiting Professor and a faculty of the host Institution.
- iii) He/she shall interact with the academic staff and catalyze towards an integrated approach in curriculum development with inputs from their industrial experience.
- iv) The Distinguished Visiting Professor shall provide a 1-2-page abstract of the lecture along with relevant slides/ material for dissemination to the students.

Q. What will be the Tenure?

Ans. Distinguished Visiting Professor Tenure shall be initially for a period of one year, extendable up to a maximum of five years. However, continuation or otherwise, in the subject scheme, shall be decided by the Steering Committee each year, based on the active contributions of the concerned industry experts and the feedback received from the affiliated engineering college /institution.

Q. Where to forward the Proposals?

Ans. The proposals should be forwarded at the following address: Executive Director Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE) Unit No. 604-609, 6th Floor, Tower A, SPAZE I-Tech Park, Sector 49, Sohna Road, Gurgaon - 122018 Phone : 0124-4239480 Fax: 0124-4239481 Website : www.inae.in

Share and Mentor Institution “MARGDARSHAN”

Q. What is Margdarshan Scheme?

Ans. The aim of the scheme is the Mentor Institutions shall share Technical Education, Research & Resources for upgradation of the Technological aptitude of the Mentee Institutes (minimum 10) and to bring them to the level of accredited institutions.

Q. Who are eligible?

Ans. The mentor Institute should be an AICTE approved Govt./Self Finance Technical Institute including University Departments.

Q. How and When to apply?

Ans. An eligible institutes may submit proposals when it is invited by publishing advertisement in the leading National News Papers.

Q. What is the maximum funding for the scheme?

Ans. Rs. 50 Lakhs per Mentor Institute is the maximum limit of funding.

Q. Details of Margdarshan Scheme.

Ans. The details of Margdarshan Scheme is available in AICTE website <https://www.aicte-india.org/schemes/institutional-development-schemes>.

MODERNISATION AND REMOVAL OF OBSOLESCENCE (MODROBS)

Q. What are the objectives of this scheme?

- Ans. (a) The scheme aims to modernize and remove obsolescence in the Laboratories / Workshops / Computing facilities (Libraries are excluded), so as to enhance the functional efficiency of Technical Institutions for Teaching, Training and Research purposes.
- (b) It also supports new innovations in Class Room and Laboratory / Teaching Technology, development of Lab Instructional Material and appropriate Technology to ensure that the practical work and project work to be carried out by students is contemporary and suited to the needs of the Industry.
- (c) The equipment financed under the scheme could be ideally used for up-gradation of equipment in existing laboratories, enhancement of performance parameter specification of existing equipment, incorporation of latest development in the field and replacement of old depreciated equipment by modern equipment. In addition to above major objectives, the equipment installed through MODROBS can be used for indirect benefit to Faculty / Students through Continuing Education programmes, Training programmes for local industry and consultancy work.

Q. What is the eligibility criteria?

- Ans. (a), (b) and (c) can be added from initiative for Academic Networks (a) AICTE approved Technical Institutions / University Departments with at least 10 years of existence. (b) For self financing/Institutes: Maximum 3 proposals /institute/year including sanctioned earlier but not completed would be considered. (c) For Govt. /Govt. aided Institutes: Maximum 5 proposals /institute /year including sanctioned earlier but not completed would be considered.

Q. What is the duration of the Project?

- Ans. Duration of project will be of two years from the date of receipt of funds in the institute's account.

Q. What is the Limit of Funding?

- Ans. Total funding of Rs.20 Lakh.

Q. How are the funds disbursed?

- Ans. (a) 100% grant of sanctioned amount will be released to Govt. /Govt. aided Institutes. (b) To private institutions, grants will be sanctioned in the form of 80% of the sanctioned amount as advance followed by 20% as reimbursement on submission of the Utilization certificate and other supporting documents as specified in terms and conditions of MODROB.

Q. What is the processing Methodology?

- Ans. The proposal shall be assessed by an expert committee constituted as follows: (b) Three member expert committee not below the rank of Associate Professor. At least two members among the experts shall be from the concerned stream.

Q. What are the Terms and Conditions?

- Ans. (a) In MODROBS scheme, the Head of the Department (HOD) submitting the proposal is always the Project Coordinator. To enable subject specific knowledge to be utilized, a Co-Coordinator can also be proposed. The HOD should critically analyze the requirements of the laboratory / laboratories of the Department for preparation of the project proposal, which should relate to the future development of the academic strength of the Department.
- (b) It may be noted that the concerned Head of the department shall be responsible for the execution and completion of the sanctioned project, followed by submission of all related documents including the project report.
- (c) In case, the Coordinator i.e. the concerned Head of the department of MODROBS programme joins another Institution, transfer of the project along with him is not

allowed. If the HOD changes by rotation or leaves the Institution or retires, or goes on a long leave, the successor Head of the Department shall become the Project Coordinator of the project, and this fact should be intimated to the Council immediately.

(d) Any expenditure incurred prior to the issuance of the approval letter is not allowed to be adjusted in the grant.

(e) The grant shall be utilized strictly for the purpose as specified in the approval letter and procurement of equipment authorized by AICTE. Re-appropriation of funds from one head to another is strictly not permitted viz. Recurring and Non-Recurring heads are 15% and 85% of the total grant, unless otherwise recommended by AICTE experts.

(f) Once the project is sanctioned, the Council shall not consider any request for additional grants.

(g) Separate institutional overhead expenses shall not be provided by AICTE. The assets acquired out of the grant shall be the property of the Institution and should always reflect in its book of accounts including the assets register. They should be certified by the concerned Principal Coordinator. No assets acquired out of the grant shall be disposed off without the prior permission of the Council.

(h) Interest earned on the project fund, if any, should be reported to AICTE. The amount of interest accrued on the grant should be treated as part of the grant to be utilized for that particular project. However, the interest amount accrued along with grant disbursed should not exceed the total grant sanctioned for the project. The Institute receiving the grant should reflect the same in the audited statement of accounts/ utilization certificate and may either refund the interest amount to AICTE or AICTE should adjust the same in the next installment of grant before releasing.

(i) Grant released under this programme is for the specific period and should be properly utilized within the time stipulated in the project proposal.

(j) The council shall not provide any maintenance grant after the expiry of the project.

(k) Whenever the Institution / Laboratory / Department receives a grant for modernization of a laboratory under the schemes MODROBS, it is imperative that assistance obtained from AICTE for modernization of the Laboratory/Department is acknowledged duly by putting up a plaque at the main entrance of the Lab/Department, which has been modernized using the grant. All the equipment procured/developed through this project should be super scribed with AICTE project file number. (*)

(l) Any change in the equipments recommended/sanctioned shall not be acceptable in any circumstances.

PRERANA – SCHEME

Q. What is the objective of the scheme?

Ans.: (a) There is an acute shortage of faculty in engineering & polytechnic colleges. The problem can be addressed by promoting degree students of pre-final and final year to go for post graduate courses. This scheme aims at providing financial support to institutes who are willing to put extra efforts for encouraging and training SC/ST students for GATE/GPAT/CAT/CMAT and GRE. The broad objective of the scheme is to help aspiring SC/ST students seeking higher education through admission test like GATE/GPAT/CAT/CMAT/ TOEFL/ IELTS and GRE.

Q. What is the eligibility criteria?

Ans.: (a) AICTE approved Institutes / AICTE approved University Departments.
(b) Institute/University Departments must be in existence for at least ten years.
(c) The Institute/ University Departments should have appropriate infrastructure of its own to start the scheme.
(d) The Institute must have minimum of 50 SC/ST students on an average on roll during last 3 years and comply with the guidelines of Tribal Sub Plan & Scheduled Caste Sub Plan of Govt. of India.

Q. What is the duration of the Scheme?

Ans.: The duration of the Scheme shall be for a period of 2 Years i.e. pre -final and final year of the Graduation.

Q. What is the Limit of Funding?

Ans.: (a) Total funding is of Rs.10 Lakh.
(b) Disbursement of the Funds (a) 100% of sanctioned amount to be released at the time of the award of the Scheme.

Q. Q.What is the Processing Methodology?

Ans.: The proposal shall be assessed by an Expert Committee constituted as follows: (a) Three experts not below the rank of Associate Professor. (b) At least one member among the experts shall be from the concerned stream.

Q. What are the terms and Conditions?

Ans.: (a) The AICTE shall provide a limited one time financial assistance of Rs.10 lakh under recurring head, required for meeting the expenditure on honorarium to the Eminent Faculty Members invited for conducting sessions @Rs. 2000/- per class of minimum 2 hours. No TA/DA will be paid. Students will be paid the application fee for such exams through this Scheme
(b) The parent institution shall provide adequate space for conducting the classes for SC/ST students.
(c) For the scheme to function smoothly and to meet its objectives effectively, it is essential that it has adequate man power in the form of dedicated faculty as Principal Coordinator and supporting staff.
(d) The Principal Coordinator shall devise a feed-back mechanism to assess the importance of the programme. The feed-back shall be obtained after each programme from each of the SC/ST students. If required, the centre can update its course curriculum of these programmes.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME (QIP)

Q.	What is the procedure for seeking grant under Quality Improvement Programme (QIP) and how the funds are released?
Ans.	<p>Under the Quality Improvement Programme the Scholarship amount is remitted in DBT mode and other grants by RTGS mode to the QIP Centers. In order to release the grant, the following documents are required to be submitted by the QIP Centers: -</p> <p>(a) Budget Proposal in the prescribed format giving details of demand of grant under each heads for the particular financial years duly signed/stamped.</p> <p>(b) Budget Proposal should be supported by the Utilization Certificate & Expenditure statement of the previous grant released duly audited.</p> <p>(c) For payment of Scholarship amount, the bank details etc. of the faculty members are required to be submitted in the prescribed format (Annexure – II) by the QIP Centers (at par the Budget proposal) duly signed / stamped.</p>
Q.	Even after submission of Utilization Certificate reasons for non receipt /delay in release of fund?
Ans.	The Centers usually submit ‘Utilization Certificate and Statement of Expenditure’ of the exact amount released earlier without taking into account the Unspent balance available with the QIP Centre. The Utilization Certificate should comprise of all the amount such as (i) Previous balance, (ii) Last grant released and (iii) Interest accrued etc.
Q.	How to claim / re-imburse excess expenditure shown in the Utilization Certificate?
Ans.	The Utilization Certificate should be restricted only to the amount released including unspent balance available and interest accrued. Excess expenditure should not be incurred to meet the subsequent grant without the approval of AICTE. The correct procedure is to submit the Utilization Certificate as per FAQ- 2 and to submit separate Budget proposal in the prescribed format for release of grant for the subsequent years.
Q.	How to process the case of re-imbursement of the scholarship amount paid from own fund by the QIP Centers?
Ans.	The scholarship amounts are remitted to the faculty members in DBT mode. In case, the centre has already paid the scholarship amount from their own funds to the faculty members, the amount so paid is re-imbursible. For such re-imbursement, a request from the center to this effect is to be submitted to AICTE along with the details at per budget proposal in the prescribed format (Annexure-III).
Q.	How to know the admission status under QIP?
Ans.	<p>The admission status details under QIP can be procured from the concerned Principal Coordinator, who conducted the selection procedure.</p> <p>For Eng. – Principal Coordinator, IIT Delhi</p> <p>For Polytechnic – Principal Coordinator, NITTTR, Chandigarh</p> <p>For Pharmacy – DIPSAR, New Delhi</p>
Q.	How to know the release of scholarships status?
Ans.	<p>In order to know the status of scholarship release following steps are to be followed: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Contact QIP Coordinator of the QIP centers. 2) Ensure your name has been included in the budget proposal along with DBT details submitting the budget proposal. 3) To also ensure, whether the QIP center has submitted the mandatory documents viz. budget proposal, expenditure statement etc. of previous grant of scholarship etc.

Q.	Non receipt of full salary from Parent institutes.
Ans.	Matter be taken up with Parent institute through the Principal Coordinator of the QIP center for release of full pay & allowances while undergoing the M.Tech/Ph.D. programme under QIP as per terms & conditions laid down in QIP guideline.
Q.	Details of QIP centers etc.
Ans.	The details are available in AICTE web portal at https://www.aicte-india.org/schemes/staff-development-schemes .

Research Promotion Scheme

Q. What is Research Promotion Scheme (RPS)?

Ans. Research Promotion Scheme aims to create research ambience by promoting research in technical disciplines and innovations in established and emerging technologies.

Q. What are the objectives of the Research Promotion Scheme?

Ans. The Objectives of the Research Promotion Scheme are:

- (a) To create research ambience in the institutes by promoting research in engineering sciences and innovations in established and newer technologies;
- (b) To generate Master's and Doctoral degree candidates to augment the quality of faculty and research personnel in the country.
- (c) To create new knowledge and insight and impart excitement and dynamism to the educational process, as well as make them need based in view of the national requirements.
- (d) To create and update the general research capabilities of the faculty members of the various Technical Institutes.

Q. Which Bureau in AICTE looks after the Research Promotion Scheme?

Ans. In AICTE, RIFD Bureau has been assigned the job of implementation of Research Promotion Scheme. The Bureau is headed by the Adviser-I.

Q. What are the disciplines for which grant can be availed under RPS?

Ans. The grant for research projects can be availed in the disciplines viz. Bio-technology, Civil Engineering, Communication, Computer Science and Engineering, Electronics, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Materials and Metallurgy, Pharmacy and Management.

Q. What is the eligibility criteria for applying for grant under Research Promotion Scheme?

Ans. The eligibility criteria are as follows:

- (a) AICTE approved Technical Institutions / University Departments with relevant PG programme.
- (b) Full time regular faculty with research experience and publications.
- (c) Preliminary research facilities should be available in the institute.
- (d) One proposal from one PI (Principal Investigator) will be sanctioned at any point of time within the duration of project.
- (e) The Principal Investigator already having ongoing RPS projects from AICTE shall not be considered unless the ongoing projects are completed.
- (f) Relevant Post Graduate Programme intended for execution of the proposed project is desired.
- (g) Diploma Level Courses are not eligible for financial assistance under RPS Scheme.

Q. What is the procedure to apply for grant under RPS?

Ans. AICTE invites project proposals under the above schemes and provides information through an advertisement and through its official website. The proposals under AQIS are to be uploaded online using following guidelines:

- i. Read overview about schemes at link Departments> AQIS> Schemes <http://www.aicteindia.org/>
- ii. Log in to AICTE web portal using Institute User Id and password
- iii. Fill the respective AQIS proposal as per guidelines of scheme.
- iv. Also, enter the data on web portal about the grants received in the past.
- v. Press "Submit" button. No changes in the application are possible once submitted.

Q. What is the procedure followed for scrutiny of applications?

- Ans.** The procedure followed for scrutiny of applications is as under:
- The submitted AQIS application would be forwarded online to the empanelled experts.
 - Each proposal shall be examined separately by three experts as per the guidelines of the scheme.
 - Each proposal submitted online shall carry 100 marks for evaluation and would be examined by three examiners online.
 - Based on their recommendations final approval is solicited by the Competent authority of AICTE.

Q. What is criteria for grading and qualification of the RPS proposal?

Ans. Following is the general criteria for the grading and qualifying of the proposal until and unless specified separately.

Marks out of 100 (Grand Total)	Equivalent grades
= or > 75	A
= or > 70	B
= or > 60	C
< 60	D

- D grade award by any one of the three experts would disqualify the proposal.
- For qualifying, the proposal should score at least two B grades or above out of three expert recommendations.
- If qualified, the amount of the grant recommended by the expert would be averaged.
- The equipment(s) under non-recurring head are to be recommended at least by two experts. The quantity of equipment(s) and cost of the equipment recommended by these experts would be averaged for final recommendations.
- The proposed activities under recurring head are to be recommended at least by two experts. The type, quantity and expenditure under proposed activity recommended by these experts would be averaged for final recommendations.
- The final outcome of the expert recommendations would be verified by a central committee of experts before release of the grant.
- Till the arrangements for "online evaluation" of the application are made, the existing manual evaluation by the experts shall continue.

Q. What is the duration of the RPS project?

Ans. The duration of the RPS projects is mentioned in the GIA bill and the PI/Institute should follow it strictly. Presently the duration of the RPS projects sanctioned is for a period of three years. However, in earlier cases, the duration for completion of the project was two years.

Q. Whether extension of duration of RPS project is permissible ?

Ans. The RPS project sanctioned should be completed within the time period stipulated. No further extension is granted.

Q. What is the maximum grant sanctioned under RPS?

Ans. A total of Rs.25.00 lakh grant is sanctioned under RPS .

Q. What is non-recurring and recurring grant?

Ans. The total grant is sanctioned under two categories: (i)Non-grant and (ii)Recurring grant. Non-recurring grant is sanctioned to a maximum of 85% of the total grant, and is meant for purchase of equipment(s). Recurring grant is sanctioned up to maximum of 15% of the total grant and is for meeting expenditure towards consumables, wages and salaries of technical staff hired on contractual basis under the project.

Q. What is the manner in which the grant is released?

Ans. On sanction of the RPS project by the competent authority, the sanctioned amount is released in the manner given below:

	<p>Total of non-recurring grant and 90% of the total recurring grant is released as 1st instalment.</p> <p>The 2nd instalment of recurring grant i.e. remaining 10% of total recurring grant, is released after the PI/Institute has furnished all the mandatory documents i.e. Utilization certificate, audited utilization certificate, Annual Progress Report, Receipt & Payments statement for each of the years, Copies of Stock register entry, Form GFR-19 and copies of bills/vouchers towards purchases made, and on the basis of utilization of 1st instalment of grant.</p>
Q.	What are the terms and conditions governing utilization of non-recurring and recurring grants?
Ans.	<p>(a) The grant sanctioned should be utilized as per the manner sanctioned.</p> <p>(b) The non-recurring grant must be utilized for the list of equipment(s) and the costs sanctioned for each item/equipment.</p> <p>(c) The recurring grant must be utilized for purchase of consumables, for payments of wages of the technical staff hired on contractual basis for the project.</p> <p>(d) AICTE shall not approve any payments in respect of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Equipment(s) other than sanctioned by AICTE if purchased. Equipment(s) purchased not against the cost sanctioned. No costs other than sanctioned for each equipment shall be entertained. If the equipment(s) costs is higher than the sanctioned cost the cost shall be restricted to the sanctioned cost and the costs over and above the sanction cost shall be borne by the Institute from its own funds. In case, the cost of equipment(s) purchased is less than the sanctioned costs, the cost shall be restricted to the sanction cost. No payments of technical staff hired for the project on contractual basis shall be entertained if initially sanctioned by AICTE. <p>No funds can be used for visiting abroad to attend Conferences/Seminars out of the project grant. However, the travel expenses may be met from the recurring component of the grant for presenting a paper in a Seminar/Conference within the Country.</p>
Q.	What happens if the equipment(s) purchased are not as per the list and costs of each equipment approved by the Apex Committee and that all equipment(s) irrespective of each cost(s) were purchased within the total amount of non-recurring grant sanctioned?
Ans.	<p>The equipment(s) purchased should be strictly as per the list of equipment(s) vis-à-vis costs for each item(s) approved by the Apex Committee.</p> <p>No deviations/modifications in costs of the equipment(s) shall be entertained, unless otherwise, recommended by the Apex Committee and is within the total non-recurring grant sanctioned.</p> <p>If the cost of sanctioned item/equipment is higher than its sanctioned cost(s), the cost shall be restricted to the sanction of AICTE, and if the cost of the item(s)/equipment(s) is less than the cost sanctioned, the cost shall be restricted to the actuals. The amount spent over and above the costs approved shall be borne by the Institute from its own resources, whereas, when the purchase cost of any item/equipment is less than the sanction, the unspent amount shall be returned to AICTE by way of Demand Draft in favour of 'Member Secretary AICTE' payable at New Delhi.</p>
Q.	Whether additional grant is sanctioned by the AICTE?
Ans.	Once the grant for undertaking RPS project has been sanctioned, no requests for additional grant shall be entertained by the AICTE.
Q.	When the PI/Institute can take up the RPS project after it has been sanctioned and grants received ?

Ans.	The PI/Institute should take-up the RPS project within one month of release of grant. If the RPS project is not taken-up within 6 months of the sanction, the said RPS project shall lapse and the Institute shall be liable to refund the entire grant along with interest accrued to the AICTE, under Clause-3 of the RPS guidelines. It stipulates 'If the University/Institution is unable to take up the project work within 6 months of the receipt of the grant, the approval shall <i>ipso facto</i> lapse'.
Q.	What happens when the PI superannuates or leaves the job on personal reasons, dies in harness etc.?
Ans.	In the above stated cases, the Co PI can act as PI for the sanctioned RPS project. The Institute must obtain the approval of the AICTE through written communication with justifications and complete bio-data of the Co PI. The PI must also give its No Objection certificate in the name of the Co-PI for continuance of the RPS project. If PI doesn't provide the NOC, the entire grant amount must be refunded by the Institute to AICTE with Interest accrued thereon.
Q.	What happens when the PI resigns the job and joins another Institute? Whether the PI can continue with the sanctioned RPS project in the new Institute?
Ans.	The PI to whom the RPS project has been sanctioned can continue in the new Institution provided, the New (Borrowing) Institution affirms in writing that it has all the facilities and the PI can continue with the said RPS project. The former Institute also reciprocates in the same manner and readily transfers the said RPS project to the new Institute with prior Approval of the AICTE. In such a case all the terms and conditions along with expiry date for completion of the RPS project shall remain the same. In case of disagreement, the 1 st Institute to whom the Grant was sanctioned, is required to refund the entire grant along with interest accrued to AICTE.
Q.	Who shall be Co-PI if PI leaves the Institute and there is no other associated Co-PI to carry the project?
Ans.	In such a case, the Head of the Department should take the responsibility for identifying a competent person in the Institution in the relevant subject area and submit his/her bio-data to the Council for further consideration of AICTE, or Candidate may take over the responsibility to act as Co-PI and complete the Project.
Q.	What are mandatory documents which are to be furnished by the PI/Institute in respect of the RPS project sanctioned.
Ans.	Following mandatory documents are required to be furnished by the PI/Institute to AICTE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Annual Progress Report b) Utilization Certificate c) Audited Utilization Certificate d) Statement of Expenditure e) Receipt & Payment Statement f) Form GFR-19 duly filled up and countersigned by the Head of the Institution g) Attested copies of bills/vouchers towards purchase of equipment h) Copy of the Stock Entry Register duly attested by the Store-in-charge and Head of the Institution i) Project Completion Report <p>The mandatory documents mentioned from (a) to (f) must be submitted duly completed and signed and counter signed by the Head of the Institution with official seal and date. The mandatory documents mentioned at (g) and (h) must be counter-signed by the Store Keeper of the Institute and the Head of the Institution.</p> <p>The Project Completion Report (i) must be submitted immediately within one-month of completion of the project. The PCR should clearly mention the date of</p>

completion and the details of the Patent(s) filed/approved. PCR should also depict pictures of the instruments/equipment(s) purchased. The prescribed AICTE formats, can be downloaded from <https://www.aicte-india.org/schemes/research-innovations-development-schemes>

SAMRIDDHI – SCHEME

Q. What are the objective of this scheme?

Ans.: The broad objective of this scheme is to help SC/ST students in designing, launching and running their own business/startup through entrepreneurship development programme after formal education /during their education as per AICTE's startup policy.

Q. Who is eligible?

Ans.: (a) AICTE approved Institutes / AICTE approved University Departments.
(b) Institute/University Departments must be in existence for at least ten years.
(c) Institutions should also have a good incubation centre & its activities happening for at-least 5 years.
(d) The Institute must have minimum of 50 SC/ST students on an average on roll during last 3 years and comply with the guidelines of Tribal Sub Plan & Scheduled Caste Sub Plan of Government of India.

Q. What is the duration of the Scheme?

Ans.: The duration of the Scheme shall be for a period of 2 Years.

Q. What is the Limit of Funding?

Ans.: Total funding of Rs.20 Lakh (of which Rs. 1 lakh/year shall be recurring grant). Disbursement of the Funds (100% of recurring funds) to be released at the time of the award of the Scheme.

Q. What is the Processing Methodology?

Ans.: The proposal shall be assessed by an Expert Committee constituted of Three experts not below the rank of Associate Professor including at least one entrepreneur.

Q. What is the financial assistance?

Ans.: AICTE shall provide limited, one-time financial assistance of Rs. 20 lakh. A committee at the level of the institute be set up to select 9 startups of SC/ST students, already registered. Rs. 2 lakh per startup shall be provided as seed money which is non refundable. Rs. 2 lakh will be given to institute for meeting the expenditure on honorarium to the Eminent Faculty Members/ entrepreneur invited for conducting sessions on entrepreneurship.

Q. What are the essential requirements?

Ans.: For the Centre to function smoothly and to meet its objectives effectively, it is essential that this centre has dedicated faculty as Principal coordinator and supporting staff.

Q. What are the activities expected of the center ?

Ans.: (i) Providing seed money to the passed out/present students for starting their own enterprise after completion of their formal education from the same institute.
(ii) Organize the workshops, training classes to enhance their skill for starting their own enterprise after completion of formal education
(iii) Organize open houses/ personality development workshops/competitions among students, to test the degree of their learning.
(iv) The Institute shall devise a feed-back mechanism to assess the importance of the programme. The feed-back shall be obtained after each programme from each of the SC/ST students. If desired, the Institute can update its curriculum of these programmes.
(v) The startup beneficiaries from other Scheme of AICTE/GOI will not be entitled for this Scheme.

SEMINAR GRANT (SG)

Q. What are the Objectives of this scheme?

Ans. The scheme provides financial assistance to institutions for organizing Seminar /Workshop/Symposium of National and International level in various fields of Technical Education. It intends to promote high standards in Technical Education by way of extending opportunities to the academicians and working professionals by providing a forum for sharing their knowledge, experiences, innovations and inventions. Topics of interdisciplinary nature, emerging and thrust areas in Technical Education are preferred.

Q. What are the eligibility criteria?

Ans. (a)The Host Institution must be an AICTE approved Institute/AICTE approved University Department.
(b)Coordinator must be A full time regular faculty with adequate experience in teaching and research with publications.
(c)Maximum two proposals/ institute /year including sanctioned but not completed would be considered.
(d)The applicant (Host Department) should be preferably NBA accredited.

Q. What is the Duration of Project?

Ans. The proposed/approved Seminar shall be conducted within six month from the date of receipt of the offer letter.

Q. What is the Limit of funding ?

Ans. Funding up to Rs. 1 Lakh for National Seminar and Rs. 3 Lakh for International Seminar.

Q. How are the funds disbursed?

Ans. (a) Funds disbursed -50% amount as advance. (b) 50% on submission of UC and other documents as per terms and conditions.

Q. How are the proposals processed?

Ans. The proposals are assessed by an expert committee constituted as follows (a) Three experts not below the rank of Associate Professor. (b) At least one member among the experts shall be from the concerned stream.

Q. Are there any Terms and conditions ?

Ans. (a)Prior permission of the Council sponsorship is essential for conducting a Seminar.
(b)Funds once released/sanctioned for organizing the particular Seminar / Workshop / Symposium cannot be utilized for any other programme.
(c)In case the event is cancelled, the funds have to be returned back to AICTE immediately with interest incurred.
(d)Any change in the programme for holding Seminar / workshop / Symposium, change of Coordinator name and Venue date would require prior approval of the Council, failing which the offer for the grant already issued would be treated as automatically withdrawn.
(e) The funds under the scheme are released in two installments.

SHORT TERM TRAINING PROGRAMME (STTP)

Q.	What are the objectives of this program?
Ans.	Short Term Training Program (STTP) intends to conduct faculty trainings through financial assistance from AICTE to enable faculty members in the field of technical education to introspect and learn techniques that can help prepare students for active and successful participants in a knowledge society.
Q.	What is the eligibility criteria?
Ans.	(a) AICTE approved Technical Institutions / University Departments with at least 7 years of existence. (b) All teachers, supporting technical and administrative staff in areas of technical education in AICTE approved institutions are eligible to participate.
Q.	What is the duration of programme?
Ans.	It is a residential Programme for a duration of six days. The approved STTP shall be conducted within six months from the date of release of funds.
Q.	What is the limit of funding?
Ans.	Rs. Five Lakhs
Q.	What are the types of training ?
Ans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pedagogical Training• Subject related Training to teachers employed in disciplines: Engineering & Technology, Management, Pharmacy, Architecture etc.• Training related to Moral Values, Ethics, Behavioural Sciences & Attitude etc.• Training for teachers regarding orientation of newly admitted students.• Training for supporting technical and administrative staff including Librarian.
Q.	What is the Processing Methodology ?
Ans.	Each proposal shall be assessed by an expert committee consisting of three members not below the rank of Associate Professor
Q.	Will STTP be considered for Career Advancement Scheme?
Ans.	Yes, Short Term Training Programme (STTP) will be considered for Career Advancement Scheme.

SKILL AND PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME CENTRE FOR SC/ST STUDENTS

Q. What are the objectives of the scheme?

Ans. The broad objectives of the centre shall be to provide opportunity to SC/ST students in the Institutes to reorient themselves in the light of emerging employment opportunities in Engineering undergraduate/ Diploma students at all level. It is to empower the SC and ST students by providing special skill trainings apart from regular study. To enhance the skills of Scheduled Caste (SC)/Scheduled Tribe (ST) candidates with help of modules on communication, personality development and proficiency in English language. It will boost the confidence of SC and ST students and provide them with better career opportunities so that their employability in the industry increases.

Q. What is the eligibility criteria?

Ans. (a) AICTE approved institutions/ AICTE approved University Departments.
(b) Institute/ University Departments must be in existence for at least five years.
(c) The Institute/ University Departments should ample built-up accommodation with proper infrastructure of its own to start the centre.
(d) The Institute must have more than 150 SC/ST students on roll during last 3 years.
19.1.3 Duration of the Project (a) Duration of project shall be three years from the date of receipt of funds by the institute.

Q. What is the limit of Funding?

Ans. Maximum funding shall be limited to Rs. 25 Lakh.

Q. How are funds disbursed?

Ans. (a) 50% of the sanctioned grant shall be released at the initial stage after acceptance of the proposal. (b) 25% of the sanctioned fund will be released in equal installments during the next two years, after receipt of feedback, attendance, Utilization certificate (UC) and other supporting documents from the Institute.

Q. What is the Processing Methodology ?

Ans. The proposal shall be assessed by an expert committee constituted as follows: (a) Three member expert committee not below the rank of Associate Professor. (b) At least two members among the experts shall be from the concerned stream.

Q. What are the Terms and conditions ?

Ans. (a) The AICTE shall provide a limited one time financial assistance, up to a maximum of Rs.25.00 lakh, required for infrastructure development, including the purchase of Desktop PC with Internet facility, fax, modem, power back-up, multimedia OHP, , furniture, audio visual aids, library books, journals, LCD Projector etc (non-recurring expenditure).
(b) The centre shall function as a separate entity within the Parent Institution. It should function as a Central Facility of the entire institution and not as a facility for a particular Department of the parent institution.
(c) The parent institution shall provide adequate building space for setting up of the centre and also usage of classrooms for conducting the programs for SC/ST students
(d) The center will function under the guidance and control of the Director/Head of the Parent Institution.
(e) For the centre to function smoothly and to meet its objectives effectively, it is essential that this centre has adequate man power in the form of dedicated faculty and support staff.

Q. What are the activities expected of the center?

Ans. (i) Organize Orientation programmes to enhance proficiency in English language, improve communication skills, both written and verbal and focus on personality development.
(ii) Organize lectures by inviting eminent personalities and academics, at

- regular intervals to update the knowledge of the students.
- (iii) Organize open houses/ personality development workshops / competitions among students, to test the degree of their learning,
- (iv) The centre shall devise a feed-back mechanism to assess the importance of the programme. The feed-back shall be obtained after each programme from each of the SC/ST students. If need be, the centre can update its curriculum of these programmes.

SUPPORT TO STUDENTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN COMPETITIONS ABROAD:

Q. What are the objectives of this scheme?

Ans.: The scheme aims for providing financial assistance to students in the field of technical education to compete at International scientific event. The objective of the scheme is to provide travel assistance, registration fees to a team of minimum 2 to 10 students for attending competition at International level in order to encourage engineering students to improve their field of technical education.

Q. Who is eligible?

Ans.: (a) Team of Students (2 to 10) in the field of technical education must be enrolled and undergoing a technical course notified by the council in a AICTE approved technical Institutions.
(b) Students of B.E./B.Tech. and / or Integrated M. Tech, 1st and 2nd year students of M.E./M.Tech. who have an invitation for competition which has been accepted in the International scientific event abroad, provided the team has won the top honours in a National level event (held if any)
(c) The team of students will be eligible only once during the course of their study for financial support under the scheme.
(d) Nature and extent of financial support eligible under the scheme is maximum Rupees one lakh per student.

TRAINEE TEACHER SCHEME

Q.	What are the Objectives of this scheme?
Ans.	(a) The scheme is intended towards attracting bright Undergraduate and Postgraduate students to teaching profession by providing scholarships for M. Tech/Ph.D. Fellowships and assured job for advancing their professional growth.
Q.	What are the Eligibility criteria?
Ans.	(a) The awardee should have completed Graduate/ Post Graduate course. (b) The age of awardee shall be less than 25 years. (c) The Board of Governance of the institute shall resolve in advance that the candidate shall be absorbed in the Institute as a regular faculty after completion of the course (M. Tech/Ph. D.).
Q.	What is the Duration of the Project?
Ans.	(a) The maximum duration of the project is of three Years.
Q.	What is the Limit of Funding?
Ans.	(a) The total funding is of Rs.2.5 Lakhs over and above other financial assistance/ scholarship (if any).
Q.	How are the Funds being Disbursed ?
Ans.	(a) The disbursement of total funds (100%) is done to the Institute. However, the release of funds to the Candidate is done by the Institute on Monthly basis.
Q.	What is the Processing Methodology?
Ans.	(a) All the proposals shall be assessed by an Experts Committee constituted comprising of three experts not below the rank of Associate Professor based on Institute credentials. (b) The application of the candidates of the qualifying institute would be assessed for selection by the experts based on merit and credentials of the candidate.
Q.	Are there any Terms and Conditions?
Ans.	(a) During the tenure of the award, the awardee shall work as a teacher in the identified Institution. (b) The qualifications required by the candidate shall be at par with the norms required to appointment of the faculty to a diploma/ degree institution. (c) The awardee is entitled for holidays and such other service privileges from the Institute as per the entitlements of the awardee in the University/College/Institute. (d) Apart from the AICTE funding, the awardee is also entitled for GATE stipend/ Ph.D. stipend as per norms which he/she deserves. (e) Only one candidate per Institute would be entertained under this scheme. (f) The candidate shall sign a bond with the institute to serve for at least 3 years at the institute after completion of his/her M. Tech/Ph. D. (g) The Board of Governance resolutions should be passed before the application for the grant is uploaded.

TRAVEL GRANT - FACULTY

Q.	What are the Objectives of this scheme?
Ans.	(a) The scheme is aimed at promoting research and development activities in various areas of technical education in an approved institution / department by providing opportunity to meritorious faculties to interact at International level to update the global changes in their field of specializations.
Q.	Who is Eligible?
Ans.	(a) The Host Institution must be an AICTE approved Institute/AICTE approved University Department with at least 5 years of existence. (b) The applicant viz. the Host Department should be NBA accredited. (c) To present paper in conferences/ attending workshop abroad to be sanctioned once in 2 years to the applicant (a full time regular faculty).
Q.	What is the Duration of the Project?
Ans.	(a) Duration of project will be once followed by cooling period of three years from the date of receipt of funds in the Institute's account.
Q.	What is the Limit of Funding?
Ans.	(a) Total funding per candidate is of Rs.1.5 Lakh.
Q.	How are the funds disbursed?
Ans.	The total expenditure incurred is 100 % reimbursed.
Q.	What is the Processing Methodology?
Ans.	The proposal shall be assessed by an expert committee constituted as follows: (a) Three-member expert committee not below the rank of Associate Professor. (b) At least two members among the experts shall be from the specific stream/subject.
Q.	Are there any Terms and conditions?
Ans.	(a) Applicant should submit only one proposal at a time. (b) The applicant has to perform the journey by Air India only, unless Air India gives an official certificate that there is no flight on the concerned sector (either of Air India itself or in collaboration with some other airlines). In case, journey is performed by any other airline, the airfare approved will not be released. In case any section is not wholly covered by Air India / Indian Airlines and the journey is performed partly by Air India and partly by any other Airline, the tickets for the entire journey should be purchased from Air India and not from the collaborating Airline. Only then the total expenses towards travel from International Airport to Destination Airport and back is reimbursed. (c) The applicant should plan and travel by shortest route under Economy / Excursion Class only and air fare certificate issued by Air India should be enclosed with the proposal. (d) Registration fee can be reimbursed. (e) Per Day allowance (Days of the conference plus two more days for the journey) as per the Central Government rules is admissible. (f) The amount sanctioned shall be reimbursed through the parent institution of the applicant in the form of crossed cheque / draft on receipt of the required documents within one month of return journey of the visit, duly forwarded by the Head of the parent institution of the applicant. (g) In case an application of a candidate for a particular event (for a particular date as well as a particular venue) is rejected, the same shall not be considered again and no correspondence in this regard shall be entertained by the Council. (h) The grant offered / sanctioned to attend a specific conference, can not in any case, be utilized for the purposes of Travel abroad to attend any other Conference.
Q.	What are the the documents to be submitted by the awardee?
Ans.	The following documents in original/ signed by Head of Institution are to be

submitted for claim of reimbursement:

- (1) Travel Documents.
- (2) Statement of Expenditure along with Air Ticket & Boarding pass.
- (3) A brief report of the conference.
 - (i) A brief report of all scientific and technical activities under taken during the visit.
 - (ii) Other visits (if any) undertaken during the period, duly signed by the Registrar / Principal / Director.
 - (iii) Voucher indicating the rate at which foreign currency was purchased.
 - (iv) Certificate of attendance issued by the organizer.
 - (v) Certificate from Air India indicating the shortest route to the venue approved.
 - (vi) In order to entertain the claim form, Reimbursement form should be endorsed by Head of Institution along with the required documents.
 - (vii) Receipt of the Registration Fee paid issued by the organizer.

UNNAT BHARAT ABHIYAN

Q. What are the objectives of this scheme?

- Ans. (a) Unnat Bharat Abhiyan is an inspired vision of transformational change in rural development processes by leveraging knowledge institutions to help build the architecture of an inclusive India. Their mission is conceptualized as a movement to enable processes that connect institutes of higher education with local communities to address the development challenges of rural India through participatory processes and appropriate technologies for accelerating sustainable growth. It also aims to create a virtuous cycle between the society and an inclusive University system by providing knowledge and practices for emerging professions and to upgrade the capabilities of both the public and the private sectors. To build institutional capacity in institutes of Higher Education in research and training relevant to national needs, especially those of rural India, which includes *inter alia* the following objectives:
- Encourage Indian higher education Institutions to engage with problems of rural India and to provide solutions for them.
 - Develop an academic framework for working on societal problems, their solution, delivery, reporting and assessment. Re-visit where necessary the curriculum in technical education in educational and research institutions to incorporate inclusive technologies for rural India.
 - Promote inter-disciplinary approach in higher education guided by live contexts. Develop over time, research areas which have developmental significance, such as drinking water, education, health, agricultural practices, electrification, agricultural and rural industries cooking energy, watershed analysis.
 - Develop collaborations of academic institutions with key government flagship programs and develop formal course-ware for supporting the knowledge needs for the same.
 - Promote networking and coordination among various science and technology based voluntary organizations and developmental agencies.
 - Foster collaborations between governance, knowledge institutions and local communities.
 - Provide rural India with professional resource support from institutes of higher education, especially those that have acquired academic excellence in the field of science, engineering and technology, and management.
 - To identify the basic developmental and productive needs of a village and find ways and means to meet these needs.
 - Strengthen the technical design of interventions in key sectoral areas of natural resource management such as water and soil, economic activities such as agriculture and related production, or related to crafts and artisans, infrastructure such as housing, roads, energy.
 - Identify efficient, cost effective and sustainable development practices in the field. Help grassroots organizations in innovating new products, and support rural entrepreneurs to develop neighborhood solutions.
 - Empower communities to dialogue with knowledge institutions in order to evolve technically sound and locally feasible development strategies that promote self-reliance.
 - Facilitate convergence of development schemes, resources, various planning and implementation initiatives, and coordination of agencies for successful interventions and measurable outcomes.

Q.	What is the eligibility criteria?
Ans.	(a) The Apex Institution should be an AICTE approved Institute/AICTE approved University Department. (b) The Apex Institution should be Government or Government Aided institute. (c) Only one proposal per institute should be forwarded for funding for this scheme. (d) The applicant (Apex Institute) should have identified a program to achieve a specific set of goals as per the guidelines of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan of Government of India.
Q.	What is the duration of the Project ?
Ans.	Duration of project shall be of 2 years.
Q.	What is the limit of Funding ?
Ans.	Rs. 5 lakh only.
Q.	How are the funds disbursed?
Ans.	The grant (90%) at the start of the project and remaining 10% shall be released on receipt of Utilization certificate, Statement of Expenditure, Completion/Progress report and attested photocopies of supporting vouchers.
Q.	What is the processing Methodology?
Ans.	The proposal shall be assessed by an Experts Committee constituted as follows: (a) Three member expert committee not below the rank of Associate Professor.
Q.	What are the terms and Conditions?
Ans.	(a) The applicant (Apex Institute) should have identified a program to achieve specific goals as per the guidelines of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan of Government of India. (b) The Chief Coordinator should be a full time faculty member of the Apex institute. (c) The Chief Coordinator shall be primarily responsible for the implementation of the project. The Apex Institution shall dedicate itself to rural technologies, several other programs/projects of the institute can also engage with rural issues. This shall provide the academic institutional resource base for implementing Unnat Bharat. (d) The Apex Institution shall conduct programs to achieve the following: To build an understanding of the development agenda within institutes of Higher Education and an institutional capacity and training relevant to national needs, especially those of rural India. To re-emphasize the need for field work, stake-holder interactions and design for societal objectives as the basis of higher education. To stress on rigorous reporting and useful outputs as central to developing new professions. Provide rural India and regional agencies access to the professional resources of the institutes of higher education, especially those that have acquired academic excellence in the field of science, engineering and technology, and management. To improve development outcomes as a consequence of this research. To develop new professions and new processes to sustain and absorb the outcomes of research. To foster a new dialogue within the larger community on science, society and the environment and to develop a sense of dignity and collective destiny. (e) The Chief Coordinator is expected to give a comprehensive list of participating institutions and their brief profile.