

**SCHEME GUIDELINES
FOR
AICTE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME (QIP)**



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1.0 INTRODUCTION: -

The Government of India launched the Quality improvement Programme in the year 1970. One of the main objectives of the programme is to upgrade the expertise and capabilities of the faculty members of the degree level institutions in the country. The programme is implemented and monitored by All India Council for Technical Education. In “Quality Improvement Programme” only sponsored teachers are eligible for admission to both Master’s & Doctoral Degree Programme with the aim to enable the teachers to acquire Master’s & Doctoral degrees and imbibe in them a culture of research and better teaching educational capabilities by exposing them to the environment of the institutes of study.

2.0 CATEGORY: -

(a) QIP Polytechnic-

For the Faculty members of AICTE Approved Polytechnic Institute (with valid Faculty ID of AICTE) to pursue Master Programme.

(b) QIP Engineering-

For the Faculty Members of AICTE approved Engineering Institute (with valid Faculty ID of AICTE) (Degree level) to pursue PhD programme.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: -

The eligibility for admission under QIP scheme are as follows: -

(a) For Master’s Degree Programme

Full time regular/ permanent faculty members of AICTE approved Polytechnic Level institutes having

- (i) One year teaching experience at polytechnic level and
- (ii) A Bachelor’s degree in the appropriate branch.

(b) For Ph.D. Programme in Engineering

Full time regular/ permanent faculty members of AICTE approved Degree Level institutes having

(i) Three year teaching experience at graduate level institutes and

(ii) A Master degree in the appropriate branch.

(c) In addition to the above minimum eligibility, criteria of respective QIP centre to be fulfilled.

4.0 DURATION OF THE SCHEME: -

a) The duration of the Scheme for pursuing Master Degree Programme shall be 2 years. There is no provision for extension in the programme.

b) The duration of the scheme for pursuing PhD programme shall be for a period of 3 Years. Normally, no further extension will be granted. In exceptional cases the duration is extendable by 6 months as a special case only on the recommendation of the QIP Centre and further, approval by AICTE. However, there will not be any scholarship for the extended period.

5.0 AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP: -

a) For Master Degree Programme:

(i) Scholarship @ Rs.4000/- per month for scholar admitted at QIP Engineering centre.

(ii) Scholarship @ 9000/- per month for scholar admitted at QIP Polytechnic centre.

(iii) Annual Contingency @Rs.5000/- per annum.

b) For PhD Programme:

i) Scholarship @ Rs.15000/- per month.

ii) Annual Contingency @Rs.15000/- per annum.

iii) Pre- PhD Expenses: One time lump sum amount TA @ Rs.15000/- and DA @ Rs.30000/- for pre- PhD duration of 60 days. In case, district of the parent institute and admitting institute are same, no TA & DA will be admissible.

6.0 CANCELLATION OF SCHOLARSHIP: -

The Scholarship is liable for cancellation in case of:

- a) Non Completion of Master/ Ph.D. programme.
- b) Misconduct.
- c) He/ She is found ineligible later.
- d) Any false information furnished by the applicant or any fraudulent activity by the Scholar shall lead to Penal action against him/ her.
- e) The scholarship may be terminated at any time during the tenure and the decision of the AICTE shall be final and binding.

7.0 LEAVE: -

Students/ Scholars are eligible for following leaves:

Casual leave : 15 days in an academic year.

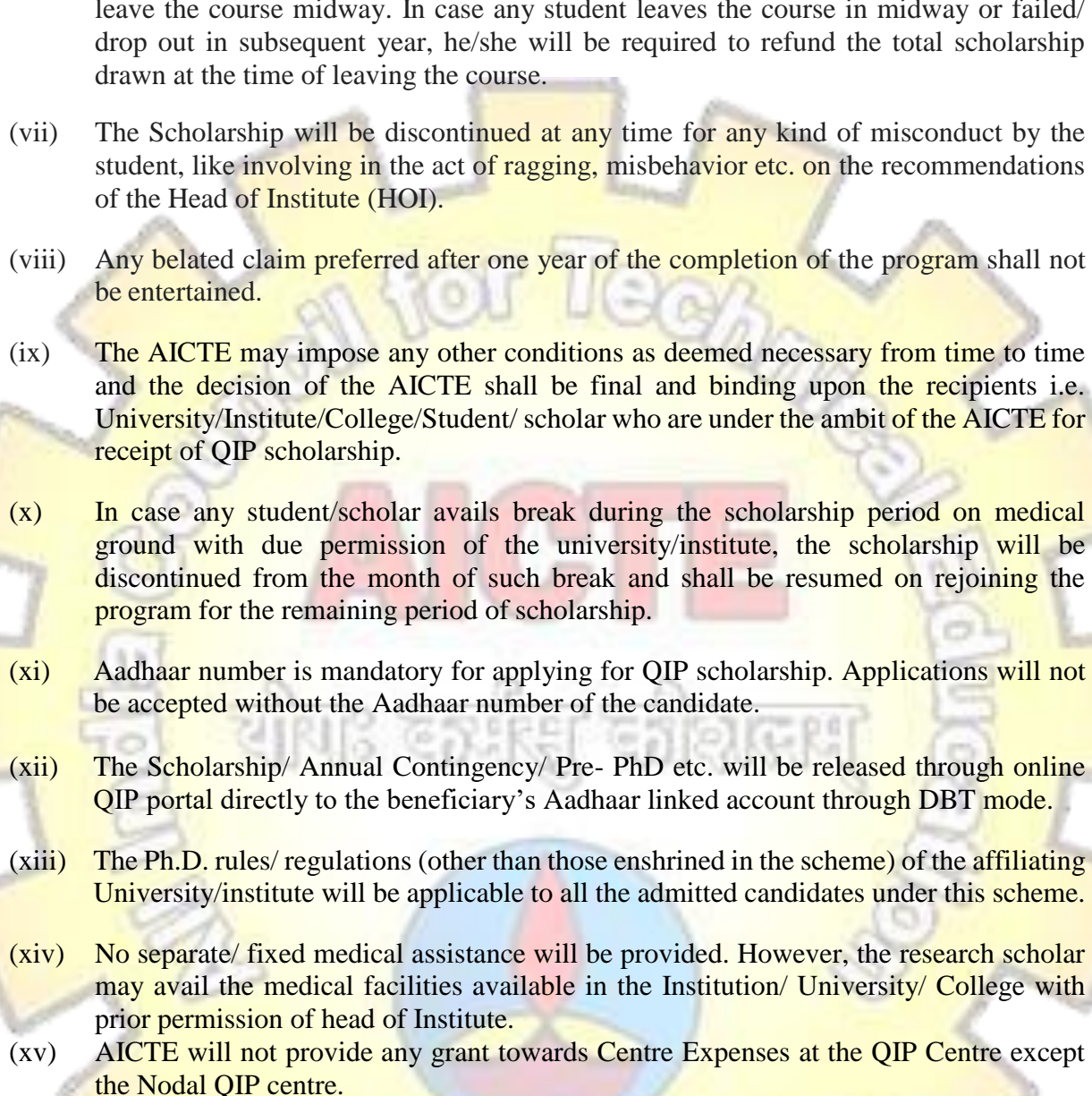
Medical leave : Maximum of one month (30 days) in an academic year.

Maternity/Paternity leave: Candidates are eligible for Maternity/ Paternity leave as per Govt. of India norms issued from time to time at full rates of scholarship etc. Once during the tenure of their award. However maximum duration of scholarship will not be extended in any circumstances.

Note: Prior approval of the QIP center is mandatory for all types of leaves.

8.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS: -

- (i) In case any student/scholar receives any financial assistance (except salary) from any other organization during the tenure of course, with due permission of the university/institute, the scholar will not be entitled for the scholarship for the duration in which he/ she is availing such financial assistance and it shall be resumed on discontinuance of such external financial assistance. Further the period for which the scholar has received external financial assistance shall be deducted from the maximum duration of the scholarship.
- (ii) It will be obligatory for every scholar to undertake 8 to 10 hours (per week) of work related to teaching and research activities as assigned to him /her by the Institute. This could include tutorials, laboratory classes, development and maintenance of laboratories, assistance in research and development activities undertaken by faculty members, maintenance and operation of Computers and other central facilities, assistance in library, etc.
- (iii) The Scholarship will be granted to the student on a monthly basis subject to the satisfactory academic performance and adherence to University/Institute norms/rules and regulations as applicable from time to time, certified by the Head of the Institute and obligatory work as per point no (ii) above.
- (iv) Admission under QIP scheme is not page 4 of 5 to passed out candidate seeking 2nd time admission in the Master/ PhD programme.

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- (v) The amount of scholarship is subject to change from time to time, with the approval of the Competent Authority of AICTE.
 - (vi) The student shall be required to give an undertaking to the effect that he/she would not leave the course midway. In case any student leaves the course in midway or failed/ drop out in subsequent year, he/she will be required to refund the total scholarship drawn at the time of leaving the course.
 - (vii) The Scholarship will be discontinued at any time for any kind of misconduct by the student, like involving in the act of ragging, misbehavior etc. on the recommendations of the Head of Institute (HOI).
 - (viii) Any belated claim preferred after one year of the completion of the program shall not be entertained.
 - (ix) The AICTE may impose any other conditions as deemed necessary from time to time and the decision of the AICTE shall be final and binding upon the recipients i.e. University/Institute/College/Student/ scholar who are under the ambit of the AICTE for receipt of QIP scholarship.
 - (x) In case any student/scholar avails break during the scholarship period on medical ground with due permission of the university/institute, the scholarship will be discontinued from the month of such break and shall be resumed on rejoining the program for the remaining period of scholarship.
 - (xi) Aadhaar number is mandatory for applying for QIP scholarship. Applications will not be accepted without the Aadhaar number of the candidate.
 - (xii) The Scholarship/ Annual Contingency/ Pre- PhD etc. will be released through online QIP portal directly to the beneficiary's Aadhaar linked account through DBT mode.
 - (xiii) The Ph.D. rules/ regulations (other than those enshrined in the scheme) of the affiliating University/institute will be applicable to all the admitted candidates under this scheme.
 - (xiv) No separate/ fixed medical assistance will be provided. However, the research scholar may avail the medical facilities available in the Institution/ University/ College with prior permission of head of Institute.
 - (xv) AICTE will not provide any grant towards Centre Expenses at the QIP Centre except the Nodal QIP centre.