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Sub: Fellowship to the B. Tech. and M.Tech. Students by IndiaAI.  
Ref: 1. D. NO. 1(3) / 2024/IndiaAI, dated 14.08.2024  
2. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor's approval dated 16.08.2024

With reference to the, above, India AI, IBD under Digital India Corporation, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India, is providing fellowship to the students pursuing B.Tech. and M.Tech. programs and undertaking Projects in Artificial Intelligence.

A DO letter received from the Chief Executive Officer, IndiaIA is attached for further information.

The Principals of Constituent / Affiliated/Autonomous Engineering Colleges are requested to bring the contents of the attached DO letter to the notice of all the concerned.

Sd/-  
**REGISTRAR**

To,

1. The Principals of all the Affiliated/Constituent/Autonomous Engineering Colleges.
2. The Chairpersons of VTU PG Departments.

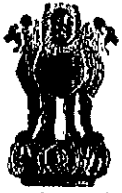
Copy FWCs to:

1. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, through the Sec. to VC, VTU Belagavi for information.
2. The Incharge Regional Directors of VTU Regional Offices, for information.

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16/08/24  
**REGISTRAR**

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19/08/24  
Regional Director  
VTU, RO, Bengaluru



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Chief Executive Officer

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**D.O. No. 1(3)/2024/IndiaAI**

**Date: 14.08.2024**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

As you are aware, the Government has approved the IndiaAI Mission on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The Mission aims to bolster India's global leadership in AI, foster technological self-reliance, ensure ethical and responsible AI deployment, and democratize the benefits of AI across all strata of society.

2. IndiaAI Mission would encompass key pillars of the AI ecosystem including, IndiaAI Compute Capacity, IndiaAI Innovation Centre, IndiaAI Datasets Platform, IndiaAI Application Development Initiative, IndiaAI FutureSkills, IndiaAI Startup Financing and Safe & Trusted AI. The mission is being implemented by "IndiaAI" – an independent business division of Digital India Corporation.

3. The IndiaAI FutureSkills aims to mitigate barriers to entry into AI programs by focusing on all levels of higher education in AI and will coordinate with existing efforts in the area of skilling. Under this initiative, fellowships will be offered to students pursuing B.Tech. or M.Tech. programs, provided they undertake projects in AI.

4. This fellowship support will supplement existing fellowships and cover the duration of their project: one year for B.Tech. students, and two years for M.Tech. students. This support is instrumental in bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, thereby ensuring a workforce proficient in the essential skills needed to progress in the field of AI.

5. In this context, you are requested to nominate 10 students in each category from your institute who are undertaking projects in Artificial Intelligence. The actual selection of suitable candidates for the award of the fellowship will be done by IndiaAI, MeitY based on eligibility, relevance of the project proposal, profile of the student and availability of fellowships at the National level. The nominations must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- i. Pursuing full-time B.Tech. having completed their 3<sup>rd</sup> year. OR
- ii. Fresh enrolments in full-time M.Tech.
- iii. B.Tech. students should have completed at least 3 full-time courses till the last semester that are AI-related, e.g., Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence, Data and Data Management Systems, Computer Vision, Neural Networks, Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, etc.

- iv. B.Tech. students should have attained an overall 80% marks or equivalent grade until the last completed semester. In case any student with less than 80% marks is recommended by the institute, the justification for the same may be provided. Such an application will be considered based on justification provided and availability of fellowships.
- v. M.Tech. students should be pursuing postgraduate studies in AI-related courses.
6. The fellowship will be governed by the guidelines outlined in Annexure I (enclosed) and will be disbursed directly to the students in tranches during the fellowship period. The nominations of eligible students as per the enclosed format (Annexure II) may be submitted to Mrs. Kavita Bhatia, Scientist G & GC (AI&ET) (kbhatia@meity.gov.in, pmu.etch@meity.gov.in, +011-24364729) on the link <https://indiaai.gov.in/article/proforma-for-submission-of-nominations-for-indiaai-fellowship-under-the-indiaai-mission> by 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2024.

With regards

Yours Sincerely,

  
(Abhishek Singh)

1. Director, National Institute of Technology Delhi
2. Vice Chancellor, Visvesvaraya Technological University
3. Director, Birla Institute of Technology, Ranchi
4. Vice Chancellor, University of Petroleum & Energy Studies (UPES)
5. Director, International Institute of Information Technology Hyderabad
6. Director, National Institute of Technology Patna
7. Director, Defence Institute of Advanced Technology
8. Director, National Institute of Technology Kurukshetra
9. Director, Indian Institute of Technology, Tirupati
10. Vice Chancellor, Netaji Subhas University of Technology (NSUT)
11. Director, Manipal Institute of Technology
12. Vice Chancellor, Graphic Era University
13. Director, PSG College of Technology
14. Director, Saveetha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences
15. Director, Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology

16. Director, Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology
17. Director, Indian Institute of Technology Jammu
18. Vice Chancellor, Banasthali Vidyapith
19. Director, Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad
20. Director, National Institute of Technology, Raipur
21. Vice Chancellor, University of Hyderabad
22. Director, National Institute of Technology Meghalaya
23. Head, College of Engineering, Pune
24. Director, International Institute of Information Technology Bangalore
25. Director, Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi
26. Vice Chancellor, Manipal University Jaipur
27. Director, Sri Krishna College of Engineering and Technology
28. Director, M. S. Ramaiah Institute of Technology
29. Director, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology
30. Director, Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology
31. Director, Indian Institute of Technology Bhilai
32. Director, National Institute of Technology Srinagar
33. Vice Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University
34. Vice Chancellor, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University
35. Head, Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research
36. Director, Rajalakshmi Engineering College
37. Director, Vel Tech Rangarajan Dr. Sagunthala R & D Institute of Science and Technology
38. Director, Atal Bihari Vajpayee Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management
39. Director, Indian Institute of Information Technology Allahabad
40. Director, National Institute of Technology Goa
41. Director, National Institute of Technology Agartala
42. Vice Chancellor, Chitkara University
43. Director, Indian Institute Of Technology Dharwad
44. Head, AU College of Engineering (A)
45. Director, National Institute of Technology Manipur
46. Director, R.V. College of Engineering

47. Director, Pandit Dwarka Prasad Mishra Indian Institute of Information Technology,  
Design and Manufacturing (IIITDM)
48. Vice Chancellor, SR University
49. Vice Chancellor, Amity University Haryana, Gurgaon
50. Vice Chancellor, C.V. Raman Global University, Odisha

## Annexure I

### Guidelines:

- i. Eligible academic institutions include (Private & Government) Centrally Funded Technical Institutes (CFTI) or recognized by AICTE / NBA (National Board of Accreditation) / NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) of UGC.
- ii. Institutions should offer regular B.Tech/B.E, and M.Tech/M.E, courses.
- iii. The nominations must be submitted with endorsements from the professor under whom the project/thesis is being undertaken and the head of the department/registrar/head of the institution.
- iv. Nominations must follow the prescribed format in Annexure II and be submitted by the deadline.
- v. Students are expected to publish research papers emerging from the project work in leading academic journals.
- vi. If a student fails to achieve the required minimum grade as per the guidelines, the disbursement of subsequent tranches of funds will be withheld.

### Disbursement of Fellowship:

The IndiaAI Fellowship will be provided to the nominated students in tranches during the 4<sup>th</sup> year of B.Tech.:

- 1) Tranche 1 – When the nomination is accepted by the IndiaAI, an amount of INR 50,000 will be transferred to the student.
- 2) Tranche 2 – An amount of INR 25,000 will be transferred when the 7<sup>th</sup> semester for B.Tech is completed. The student must submit the grade sheet with a minimum of 80% marks or an equivalent grade.
- 3) Tranche 3 – An amount of INR 25,000 upon submission of the project report and the grade sheet of the final semester.
- 4) All transfer of funds will be through Direct Account transfer.

The IndiaAI Fellowship will be provided to the nominated students in tranches starting from the 1<sup>st</sup> year of M.Tech.:

- 1) Tranche 1 – After enrollment, once the nomination is accepted by the IndiaAI, an amount of INR 50,000 will be transferred to the student.
- 2) Tranche 2 – After the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester, upon submission of the grade sheet having achieved a minimum of 80% marks or an equivalent grade, an amount of INR 50,000 will be transferred to the student.
- 3) Tranche 3 – After the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, and upon submission of the grade sheet having achieved a minimum of 80% marks or an equivalent grade, an amount of INR 50,000 will be transferred to the student.

- 4) Tranche 4 – After submission of the final project report and grade sheet, with having achieved a minimum of 80% marks or an equivalent grade, an amount of INR 50,000 will be transferred to the student.
- 5) All transfer of funds will be through Direct Account transfer.

## Annexure II

### **Proforma for submission of nominations for IndiaAI Fellowship under the IndiaAI Mission PART I: DETAILS OF STUDENT & PROJECT**

1. Name and Address of the Academic Institute:
2. Student Information
  - a. Name of Student:
  - b. Nationality:
  - c. Gender:
  - d. Date of Birth:
  - e. Category: General/OBC/SC/ST
  - f. Branch:
  - g. Institute ID Number:
  - h. Full Time Student (Y/N):
  - i. For B.Tech. students
    - i. CGPA/ Marks Percentage (Till last completed semester):
    - ii. Number of AI or related Full time Courses (Till last completed semester):
    - iii. Names of the AI or related Full time Courses (Till last completed semester):
  - j. Email address:
  - k. Phone Number:
  - l. Bank Account Number:
  - m. Bank Name:
  - n. IFSC code:
  - o. Postal Address of the Student:
  - p. Permanent Address of the Student:
3. Title of Project:
4. Project Brief (Impact and Objectives) (Min. 200 Words):
5. Project Guide Details
  - a. Name:



b. Designation:

c. Department:

d. Email ID:

e. Contact No.:

6. Project Co-Guide Details (if any)

a. Name:

b. Designation:

c. Institute & Department:

d. Email ID:

e. Contact No.:

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the details mentioned above are authentic and correct. I understand that any misstatement or misrepresentation described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal by the IndiaAI.

**(Student Signature with date)**

<To be signed by Project Guide/s attached to the project >

**(Signature and Stamp of Project Guide)**

Name:

Designation:

Date:

Place:

**PART II: ENDORSEMENT BY THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT/ REGISTRAR/  
HEAD OF INSTITUTION**

(To be endorsed by Head of Department/ Registrar/ Head of Institution)  
(On the Institute Official letterhead)

Project Title:

Project Guide Name and Designation:

1. This is to certify that

a. Mr./Ms <Name> <Institute ID Number>

is a Final-Year student of the Department of .....  
in the Graduation program of our institution pursuing <Course Name>.

Or (Select as appropriate)

is a First-Year student of the Department of .....  
in the Post Graduation degree program of our institution pursuing <Course  
Name>.

2. I have read the terms & conditions governing the fellowship and I agree to abide by them.
3. I certify that I have no objection to the submission of this nomination for consideration by the IndiaAI.
4. Should the nomination receive approval, I commit to ensuring that the institute provides the necessary facilities to enable the students (mentioned above) to fulfill their project duties effectively and to submit final project reports or any other information as per the requirements of IndiaAI.
5. I certify that in case present Project Guide(s) is not available for any reason to continue work on this project, the following persons will be available to carry it throughout to completion:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation
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1.

2.

Signature & Seal

Name

Designation

Date:

### **PART III: UNDERTAKING FROM THE PROJECT GUIDE**

(On the Institute Official letterhead)

Project Title:

Student Name and Institute ID Number:

1. I/ We have carefully read the Guidelines, Eligibility Criteria and the Terms and Conditions of IndiaAI and I agree to abide by them.
2. Should the nomination receive approval, I undertake to dedicate adequate time to oversee the project's progress, ensuring that the student mentioned is able to fulfill their project obligations effectively. I will also ensure timely submission of final project reports and any other necessary information in accordance with IndiaAI requirements.

<To be signed by all the Project Guide>

#### **(Signature and Stamp of the Project Guide)**

Name:

Designation:

Date:

Place: