

IIIT-Delhi Sets a New Benchmark: Ph.D. Fellowship Increased to ₹60,000 per Month to Strengthen Research Culture

New Delhi, [10th March, 2025]: Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi (IIIT-Delhi) has taken a groundbreaking step to enhance research excellence by **raising its Ph.D. fellowship from ₹37,000 to ₹60,000 per month, the highest in the country.** This bold move surpasses **UGC and DST standards** and is designed to foster a **thriving research culture**; ensuring scholars have the financial security to fully dedicate themselves to innovation and discovery.

Prof. Ranjan Bose, Director, IIIT-Delhi, says: *“The increased Ph.D. fellowship aligns with the vision of advancing research excellence by attracting the best students in the country, fostering high-quality, impactful research, and empowering our students to make meaningful contributions to global scientific progress.”*

IIIT-Delhi is committed to creating a research ecosystem that **nurtures curiosity, promotes interdisciplinary collaboration, and encourages global engagement.** With this increased fellowship, scholars will benefit from:

- **Highest Fellowship in the Country** – ₹60,000 per month (including HRA)
- **Global Research Exposure** – Additional **₹1.5 lakh support for international lab visits**, providing scholars with opportunities to work with **top researchers worldwide**
- **Financial Support for Conferences & Workshops – Professional Development Allowance (PDA) of ₹2.5 lakhs**, enabling scholars to present their work at prestigious platforms
- **Research Contingency Grant** – ₹20,000 per year for five years to cover essential research expenses
- **One-Time Laptop Grant** – ₹50,000 to equip scholars with the necessary tools for their research
- **State-of-the-Art Research Infrastructure** – Access to world-class **labs, high-performance computing resources, and advanced research tools**
- **Interdisciplinary & Industry-Driven Research** – Scholars will have the opportunity to work on **cutting-edge problems across AI, computational biology, cybersecurity, human-centered design, mathematics, and social sciences**, often in collaboration with **leading industry partners and global institutions**
- **Dedicated Faculty Mentorship** – IIIT-Delhi's highly accomplished faculty provide **close guidance and mentorship** to help scholars **shape their research careers**

Highlighting the key advantages of this initiative, **Dr. Sumit Darak, Dean (Academic Affairs)**, states that *the revised PhD stipend and subsidized hostel fee are significant steps toward bridging the gap between the current stipend and industry pay scales, ensuring that IIIT-Delhi attracts top talent to its PhD program. Additionally, support for conference travel and two-week international visits will strengthen collaborations with renowned labs worldwide. IIIT-Delhi is also known for its rigorous evaluation process*

throughout the PhD program, ensuring high-quality, impactful research and enhancing the employability of its graduates.

With this enhanced support structure, IIIT-Delhi **invites highly motivated research aspirants** to join its Ph.D. program and **contribute to groundbreaking discoveries** that will shape the future of technology and society.

More details can be found here: <https://iiitd.ac.in/admission/phd-fellowship>