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Advertisement for two full time PhD Fellowships admission Under Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme for Electronics & IT – Phase II (Sanctioned by Digital India Corporation, MeitY, Government of India) for AY 2026-27

Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Berhampur invites applications from eligible students for admission to the full time Ph.D. programme under the Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme – Phase II, funded by the Digital India Corporation (DIC), MeitY, Government of India, for Academic Year 2026–27. Currently, IISER Berhampur invites applications for Ph.D. programme under the scheme in Physical Sciences discipline OR in any relevant interdisciplinary area closely related to the mainstream are encouraged to apply for Ph.D. programmes.

Principal Investigator: Dr. Ajay Perumal, Associate Professor, Department of Physical Sciences

Area of Research: Halide Perovskite Optoelectronics and Devices

No. of seats for AY 2026-27 : 02

Breakup of seats under Reservation Policy

Category	No. of seats
UR	02

Fellowship Details:

- ₹46,250/month in 1st & 2nd year; ₹52,500/month in 3rd to 5th year (or until PhD completion, whichever is earlier)
- Reimbursement of Rent (RoR): @ 8% of the monthly fellowship
- Research Contingency Grant: ₹1.20 lakh/year
- One-time support of ₹1.5 lakh for International Conference during the entire period of fellowship Visit to Labs Abroad: One-time support for a 6-month visit from the 3rd year, with ₹1.5 lakh/month fellowship and travel/visa support up to ₹1.5 lakh, as per scheme guidelines

Prospective students satisfying the eligibility criteria are encouraged to acquaint themselves with the research areas of our faculty member(s) for a suitable match of interest.

A. Application Procedure:-

Applicants are requested to use the following link to fill and submit the application form online: [Click Here](#)

In case of any query, candidates may contact the Office of Academic Affairs (academics_pg@iiserbpr.ac.in, caa_pg@iiserbpr.ac.in) for issues related to online application and other general queries may be directed to the offices of the respective departments.

B. Eligibility Criteria for Admission:

1. M.Sc./MCA/M.Tech. Degree in the relevant discipline with a minimum of 60% marks or CGPA/CPI of 7.0 on a 10-point scale. (Overall percentage/ CGPA/CPI; not only in majoring subject)
2. A relaxation of 5% of marks, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, will be allowed for candidates belonging to SC/ST/PwD categories.
3. If the transcript/grade sheet issued by the Institute/University reports:
 - a. Only marks, percentages will be considered.
 - b. Only grades, CGPA/CPI will be considered. If CGPA/CPI is reported on any scale other than 10 (eg. 4 point/ 8 point scale), an equivalent CGPA/CPI will be calculated as per the following formula:

$$\text{CGPA/CPI in a 10 point scale} = (\text{CGPA/CPI Obtained} \times 10) / \text{PS}$$

$$\text{PS} = \text{Point scale used by the Institute/University.}$$
 - c. Both marks and CGPA/CPI
 The percentage equivalent of CGPA/CPI, as indicated on the transcript/grade sheet, will be considered if absolute grading is followed.
 - d. CGPA/CPI ONLY will be considered if relative grading is followed.
4. Additionally, a National level examination like the National Eligibility Test (NET)/GATE/UGC-JRF/CSIR-JRF/DBT (JRF A category)/ICMR (JRF category I)/NET-LS/INSPIRE-PhD/JGEEBILS/JEST/or any other recognized score is mandatory. The certificate/ fellowship MUST be valid at the time of admission.

or

Exemptions from mandatory requirements mentioned above at B (4):

- a. B.Tech/B.E./B.S. degree from CFTI (Centrally Funded Technical Institute) at the time of application with CGPA/CPI of at least 8.0 (on a scale of 10) or equivalent.
- b. Exceptionally brilliant candidates with MBBS also apply for Ph.D. Programmes.
- c. Students with CGPA $\geq$ 8.0 in BS-MS dual degree from any of the IISERs are eligible to apply without the essential eligibility criteria listed above.

C. Reservation Policy:

The norms of reservation for different categories shall be adopted as laid down by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.

D. Age relaxation:

Applicant's age should not exceed more than 28 years at the time of joining. Age relaxation of 3 years will be given for OBC (Non Creamy Layer) and 5 years for SC/ST/PwD/Female candidates.

E. Financial Assistance

Candidates admitted to Ph.D. Programme (Regular) will be eligible for financial assistance as per the norms of Visvesvaraya PhD scheme as applicable.

Important Instructions

Selection mode: The interview will be conducted in offline mode.

- All communication with candidates will be done through email only.
- Kindly check the Institute website periodically for updates, if any.
- Candidates who are appearing or are about to appear for final examinations of the qualifying degree programme are eligible to apply for Ph.D. programmes. However, their final selection is subject to their successful completion of the qualifying degree with the above-mentioned requirements at the time of admission. A provisional degree certificate is mandatory at the time of admission.

- Selection will be based on interviews of the short-listed candidates. Shortlisted candidates will be called for an interview. **Date of the interview will be communicated to shortlisted candidates through e-mail, and the same will be available on the Institute website.** TA will be paid to SC/ST candidates appearing for the interview as per Govt. of India norms.
- Mere fulfilment of the eligibility criterion does not entitle a candidate to be called for the test and/or interview.

Important Dates:

Milestones	Date
Opening date of online Application	October 01, 2026
The closing date of filling online application form	October 14, 2026
Announcement of shortlisted applicants for the interview process	October 16, 2026
Last date for issuing PhD interview call letters	October 21, 2026
Date of test/interview (Tentative):	October 26, 2026

Whom to contact:

In case of any query, the applicants may contact the following

Department	Email ID
Physical Sciences	hod_phy@iiserbpr.ac.in, office_phy@iiserbpr.ac.in

The detailed terms and conditions and SOP of the Visvesaraya PhD Scheme are placed at Annexure-1 for reference.

1.1 Financial Support for Full-time PhD candidates:

1.1.1 Fellowship: Rs. 46,250 per month in 1st & 2nd year and @Rs. 52,500 per month in 3rd, 4th and 5th years of PhD. (support till PhD completion or 5 years whichever is earlier).

1.1.2 Reimbursement of Rent (RoR): This component is linked with the fellowship of PhD Candidate. The rate of RoR is 24%, 16% & 8% (of fellowship) for X, Y & Z class cities/towns respectively. The classification of the cities is as per the notification issued by the Ministry of Finance for the reimbursement of HRA.

1.1.3 Institutional Overheads: An amount of Rs. 25,000/Year/Full-time PhD candidate for support duration of PhD candidate to be given to the institution. The institutional overheads will be released after completion of required tenure by the respective candidate on pro-rata basis.

1.1.4 Research Contingency Grant Support: An amount of Rs. 1,20,000/Year/Full-time PhD candidate for support duration of PhD candidate as per following guidelines:

- a) Out of Rs. 1.20 Lakh/ year, upto Rs. 30,000/- may be availed by the institute for respective PhD Candidate's miscellaneous expenses relevant to research work- e.g. Books/Documents, Equipment/ Software, Consumables / Chemical / Electronic components, Prints of research papers, reports etc., Registration fee for attending Symposia/ Seminars / Conferences in India/ abroad where the candidate is presenting an accepted paper, Similar items etc.
- b) Proposal for Rs. 90,000/- or more upto Rs. 1.20 Lakh (the remaining amount after miscellaneous exp.) for lab equipment (excluding civil construction/expansion of the building) should be submitted to PhD Cell, DIC. It should be signed & stamped by the supervisor, nodal & head of the institute.
- c) The amount of Rs. 1.20 Lakh under Research Contingency Grant support would be available to the institute only after completion of tenure of one year for a particular candidate and like-wise on pro-rata basis.
- d) The proposal should clearly specify the utility & role of each of the proposed equipment in research of respective PhD candidate(s). The proposal would cover the item wise cost along with total budget and minimum amount required to place purchase order and amount required at the time of delivery of equipment to the institute.
- e) The eligibility/unspent balance of a particular year for each Full-time PhD candidate may be carried forward to the next year, till the candidate is supported under the scheme (5 years/PhD completion etc.).

1.1.5 Support for attending International Conference: The support would be available from 3rd year of PhD with following guidelines:

- a) The support would cover the travel and other expenses of PhD candidates for attending International conferences, where his/her research paper has been accepted for the presentation by him/her
- b) Paper presentation should be oral (not poster) in an International conference falling in approved list under Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme (subject to revision/review by Academic Committee periodically). The approved list is uploaded on PhD Scheme portal [ListOfInternationalConferences.pdf](#)
- c) A paper of expository nature (e.g. a review paper) will not be considered
- d) Grant will not be used to attend winter or summer schools.
- e) The application with invitation letter of the conference to be submitted to the PhD-Cell through the institution.
- f) The grant will be provided to the institution (not to the applicant) for checks & balances and submission of UC

1.1.6 Visit to Labs abroad: The support would be available to the selected Full Time PhD candidates with following guidelines:

- a) Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme has a provision of one-time support for all the enrolled Full Time scholars, from 3rd year, for 6 months 'Visit to Labs Abroad'.
- b) During the visit, the Monthly Fellowship will be Rs. 1.50 Lakh. Besides this, the Travel/Visa expenses up to Rs. 1.50 Lakh is provided. During this period, the domestic Fellowship and Reimbursement of Rent (RoR) will be suspended.
- c) The candidate should complete the visit at least 3 months before either the completion of PhD or the Fellowship support period of 5 years.
- d) The application with invitation letter is to be submitted to the PhD Cell through the institution.
- e) The funds for visit abroad will be provided to the institution.
- f) Upon completion of the visit and returning to the institution, the candidate must submit a detailed technical report about the work done /accomplishment along with publications resulting from the visit, if any, to the PhD Cell. The report should be signed by the guide and endorsed by the head of the institution.
- g) The applicant would be required to submit the following documents to PhD Cell for availing the support:
 - A valid offer letter from a lab abroad
 - Recommendation letter from the guide of the applicant
 - A copy of valid passport at the time of submission of application
 - Details of publications covering the bibliographical details arising from the research work of the applicant.
 - Copies of the publications for the research undertaken under the scheme.
 - The proposal will be examined by the Academic Committee with a physical interaction with the PhD candidate for the final recommendations.
- h) PhD Cell, DIC; MeitY reserves the right to hold/ stop/ terminate the support for this component at any stage, including but not limited to:
 - Appropriate progress is not being made.
 - The grant is not being utilized properly.
 - Violation/ Non-compliance of guidelines.
 - Any other reason, which is deemed appropriate by PhD Cell, DIC, MeitY

1.2 Terms and Conditions for support of Full Time PhD Candidates

1.2.1 Only the candidates enrolled/registered for PhD during the period of the scheme would be eligible to apply for the financial support. This scheme will be applicable for new PhD Scholars after notification of the scheme.

1.2.2 The candidate would be eligible for Fellowship for the period during which the candidate is in good standing, and fulfills the requirements of the PhD successfully. The maximum period for which the support would be available for any Full-time candidate would be five years or till the completion of PhD whichever is earlier.

1.2.3 The items of expenditure eligible to be released to the institution like Institutional Overheads, Research Contingency Grant shall be released directly to the institution.

1.2.4 The amount to be released under "Support for attending International Conference" and "Visit to labs abroad" will be released as per the requirement on a case to case basis.

1.2.5 IPR generated under the Scheme will be governed by existing rules and regulations of MeitY.

1.2.6 MeitY may make additions/deletions/modifications in these guidelines at its own discretion.

2. SOP- Fund Release to Full Time PhD candidates and Institutions

S. No.	Components	SoP to be followed- for reference of the Institutions, PhD Candidates
1.	Monthly Fellowship for Full Time PhD (@Rs. 46,250 for 1st& 2nd Year then Rs. 52,500 for 3rd , 4th and 5th year)	I.The institute based on administrative approval for PhD seat allotment would enrol the PhD Candidates on these seats following the guidelines of the scheme. II.The PhD Candidates would need to complete their profiles themselves on PhD scheme portal with due verification by the concerned department & nodal officer of the institute. The institute will forward the candidate's detail along with recommendations for their fellowship release. This would be followed by verification by PhD Cell, DIC with respect to compliance to the guidelines of the scheme. III. Subsequent to the due verification of the registered PhD candidates, Fellowship & RoR are transferred to the candidates' bank accounts regularly. IV.The institute would submit periodic performance report for each candidate. In case of non-performance, non-compliance with the scheme's guidelines, absence, leaves, etc. or other reasons, affecting the Fellowship amount or resulting into Fellowship stoppage of any candidate at any point of time, the institution shall intimate PhD Cell, DIC regarding the same immediately through email to PhD Cell. The institution needs to secure receipts of such intimation by PhD Cell, DIC well in advance as the fellowship would be released by DIC, as soon as possible, once the fellowship becomes due. V.In absence of such intimation, PhD Cell, DIC will continue to transfer the fellowship directly to the candidates every month of a financial year. VI.If due to non-intimation or late intimation by the respective institute, the fellowship is released to the candidate by PhD Cell, DIC then it will be the responsibility of the institute to recover that amount paid to the candidate in excess & beyond eligibility. PhD Cell, DIC in its sole discretion may decide to recover it from the amount due to be paid to the institute under other budget heads of the scheme.

2	Reimbursement of Rent (as per Gol norms)	I. During verification of candidate's registration by the concerned department & nodal officer of the institute along with their recommendation for Reimbursement of Rent release to PhD Candidates, the institute will recommend the release of amount towards "Reimbursement of Rent" also for the candidate. The institute would collect the supporting from the candidate & follow all guidelines of the scheme and that of "Government of India" for such claims. PhD Cell, DIC will keep paying the "Reimbursement of Rent" along with fellowship to the eligible candidates every month. II. In the event of any change e.g. change in location by the Candidate leading to change in monthly rent amount or in-eligibility, the institution shall intimate PhD Cell, DIC regarding the same through email. The institution needs to secure receipts of such intimation by PhD Cell, DIC well in advance as the Reimbursement of Rent would be released by DIC, as soon as possible once Reimbursement of Rent becomes due. In absence of such intimation, PhD Cell, DIC will continue to transfer the "Reimbursement of Rent" directly to the candidates every month of a financial year. III. If due to non-intimation or late intimation by the respective institute, the "Reimbursement of Rent" is released to the candidate by PhD Cell, DIC then it will be the responsibility of the institute to recover that amount paid to the candidate in excess & beyond eligibility. PhD Cell, DIC in its sole discretion may decide to recover it from the amount due to be paid to the institute under other budget heads of the scheme.
3.	Research Contingency grant @ Rs. 1.20 Lakh/Year/Full Time PhD	I. The institution would submit a proposal based on the eligibility of the full time PhD candidate(s) in prescribed format. The format would include the details of equipment required by them, payment terms, account details of the institute etc. II. The proposal should clearly specify the utility & role of each of the proposed equipment in research of respective PhD candidate(s). III. The Research Contingency Grant support would be available to the institute only after completion of tenure of one year for a particular candidate and like-wise on pro-rata basis. IV. The proposal would then be examined by PhD Cell, DIC with respect to the guidelines of the scheme & then the institute to procure the equipment as mentioned in the proposal with certain changes if applicable. V. The institution following the same would procure the equipment and would raise the payment request as per payment terms to PhD Cell, DIC.

4	One Time International Conf. Support @ Rs. 1.5 Lakhs/Full Time PhD	I. The support would be provided once in a support duration of PhD candidate under the scheme. II. The support cover the travel and other expenses of PhD candidates for attending International conferences, where his/her research paper has been accepted for the presentation by him/her III. Paper presentation should be oral (not poster) in an International conference falling in approved list under Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme (subject to revision/review by Academic Committee periodically). The approved list is uploaded on PhD Scheme portal: ListOfInternationalConferences.pdf. IV. The institution would submit the request based on the eligibility of the Full Time PhD candidate in the prescribed format along with an invitation letter of the conference and other supporting documents to the PhD Cell. V. The grant will be provided to the institution (not to the applicant) for checks & balances and submission of UC
5	Institutional Overhead @ Rs. 25,000/Year/Full Time PhD	I. Institutional overhead would be transferred to the institutions based on number of Full Time candidates enrolled under Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme and eligible for that year and like-wise on pro-rata basis. II. This amount after calculation at PhD Cell would be processed for release by PhD Cell for release to the respective institutions.
6	One time support for 50 Candidates /yr from 3rd year for Visit to Labs	I. It is not provisioned for all PhD candidates. Only the selected candidates fulfilling eligibility criteria based on the guidelines. A separate Implementation order governing these components would be issued by PhD Cell, DIC. II. The candidate should complete the visit at least 3 months before either the completion of PhD or the Fellowship support period of 5 years. III. The application with invitation letter is to be submitted to the PhD Cell through the institution. IV. The funds including Fellowship of the selected Full Time candidates for visit to labs abroad will be provided to the institution. V. Upon completion of the visit and returning to the institution, the candidate must submit a detailed technical report about the work done /accomplishment along with publications resulting from the visit, if any, to the PhD Cell. The report should be signed by the guide and endorsed by the head of the institution. VI. PhD Cell, DIC; MeitY reserves the right to hold/ stop/ terminate the support for this component at any stage, including but not limited to: - Appropriate progress is not being made. - The grant is not being utilized properly. - Violation/ Non-compliance of guidelines. - Any other reason, which is deemed appropriate by PhD Cell, DIC, MeitY