



इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स एवं
सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
**ELECTRONICS AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**



Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme
for Electronics & IT

Visvesvaraya Post-Doctoral Fellowship

NIT Goa invites applications from highly motivated students for admission to its Post-Doctoral Fellowship funded by the Visvesvaraya PhD scheme under the broad research categories of Electronic Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) and Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES) for the academic year 2025-26

Salient features:

- ❖ Fellowship: ₹ 1,08,393/- per month;
- ❖ Research Contingency Grant support of ₹ 1,00,000 / year
- ❖ More details @ <https://phd.dic.gov.in/>

Application Deadline

22nd February 2026

Website link:
www.nitgoa.ac.in

CALL FOR POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW (PDF) POSITIONS 2025-26 at NIT Goa Under Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme – Post Doctoral Fellowship (PDF).

Ref: NIT GOA/Visve/Post-Doc/2026/01

Date: 13/02/2026

1. INTRODUCTION

Candidates interested to work in the area of **Circuits Design (Microelectronics and VLSI) and Fabrication, FPGA for AI, Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain** who meet the eligibility criteria for admission to PDF Full-Time at NIT Goa, may apply as per the trailing details. The advertisement will be open on a **rolling basis** till a suitable candidate is found. However, the last date for the submission of applications will be **22nd February 2026**. Following documents needs to be submitted while submitting application through google form.

2. SCHEDULE

Announcement of inviting Applications:	February 13, 2026
Last date to receive applications:	February 22, 2026
Tentative Date of interview in Hybrid mode:	February 24, 2026
Reporting by the selected candidates (tentatively):	February 27, 2026

3. ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Terms & Conditions for the Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme – Post Doctoral Fellowship (PDF).

The host institution (where the PDF seats are allotted and candidates are enrolled), must ensure timely selection of the awardees (within the timelines as specified by PhD Cell) against the allotted seats, following the scheme guidelines and their timely reporting to the PhD Cell, Digital India Corporation (DIC), MeitY for registration under the scheme.

Awardees not registered under the scheme will not be eligible for support

4. Eligibility and Duration

- The PDF is awarded to researchers with a proven academic record, including peer-reviewed publications and recognitions.
- The applicant should be an Indian national, with a Ph.D. or equivalent doctorate degree (e.g., D.Sc) awarded from recognized Institute/University. The candidate must have secured 6.5 CGPA on a 10-point scale grading system or 60% marks in Bachelor's or Master's level from a recognized Technical Institute or University in relevant discipline. CGPA/Percentage relaxation will be followed as per GOI norms.
- It is a full-time, non-transferable, temporary position tenable in India only.
- The fellowship is valid for **1 year**.
- The PDF applicant should be an Indian citizen.
- PDF applicants currently in regular employment will not be considered. However, scientists or researchers with temporary positions in academia or research institutions would be considered, but they would be required to relinquish their current roles if selected for the fellowship.
- The PDF applicant must have obtained a PhD degree from a recognized University with first class (in terms of grades, etc.) in all preceding levels and a good academic record throughout.

- The eligible participating institution must ensure that the PDF applicant should have completed PhD within the past 5 years on the last date of submission of application to the institution.
- PDF applicants should not have completed their PhD at the same institution (host institution) where the PDF fellowship is to be awarded.
- The upper age limit for the fellowship is 40 years on the date of submission of application to the eligible participating institution (host institution).
- A suitable Mentor/Guide, under whom the proposed research would be carried out, must be identified by the institution.
- Mentor/Guide of PDF fellow must hold a regular academic/research position in a recognized institution in India. He/she should hold a Ph.D. degree in Science or Engineering.
- The research proposal of the PDF applicant, to be submitted to the institution, should define clear objectives, outcomes and deliverables against the award.
- Preference would be given to the PDF applicants who have active industry linkages and their research proposal is directed towards industry specific problems.

5. Responsibilities of the PDF Awardee

- In addition to own research work, the awardees need to participate in activities under the Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme as assigned by PhD Cell such as:
 - Evaluation of research work of PhD Candidates
 - Mentoring of PhD candidates
 - Participation in collaborative research under the scheme
 - Participation in workshops and events
 - Other assignments by PhD Cell
- Provide **research proposals** including specific timelines, deliverables, etc. and **monthly progress reports**.
- Report significant achievements during the tenure
- Promptly follow the directions of PhD Cell
- Acknowledge the scheme at all significant forums including publications/ achievements/recognitions etc. using the following template:
 - *“This publication/achievement/recognition is an outcome of the R&D work undertaken during the tenure of PDF award under the Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme, being implemented by PhD Cell, Digital India Corporation, MeitY.”*
- Inform the PhD Cell **at least one month in advance** for any **long-term leave** (e.g., study leave, sabbatical, etc.).
- Must **not receive any other fellowship** during the award period.
- If any awardee wishes to discontinue the fellowship, the institution should inform PhD Cell, DIC; MeitY immediately. One month's notice is to be given by the institution before the date of discontinuation.

6. Financial Support

- Fellowship: ₹1,08,393/month
- Contingency Grant: ₹1,00,000/year (disbursed on a **pro-rata** basis, e.g. ₹25,000/quarter)
- Contingency Grant usage is restricted to:
 - Minor equipment
 - Consumables
 - Research-related items
 - No provision for hiring research staff.

- The institution must:
- Provide administrative/infrastructural support.
- Intimate PhD Cell, DIC through email about non-performance, non-compliance with the schemes guidelines, absence, leaves, etc. or other reasons, affecting the fellowship amount or resulting in fellowship stoppage of any PDF awardee at any point of time.
- Secure receipts of such intimation by PhD Cell, DIC well in advance as the fellowship would be released by PhD Cell DIC, as soon as possible, once the fellowship becomes due. In absence of such intimation, PhD Cell, DIC will continue to transfer the fellowship directly to the PDF awardee every month of a financial year.
- If due to non-intimation or late intimation by the respective institute, the fellowship is released to the PDF awardee by PhD Cell, DIC then it will be the responsibility of the institute to recover that amount paid to the awardee 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.
- Close the accounts, in the event of drop out or tenure completion, with all required formalities including submission of Utilization Certificates (UCs), Statement of Accounts (SoA), completion report and other required documents.
- Return unspent balances with interest, if any.

4. Review and Monitoring

Performance will be periodically reviewed by the PhD Cell via:

- Reports
- Expert visits
- Workshops and interactions
- Any other methods as deemed appropriate by the PhD Cell

5. Discontinuation and Termination

5.1 If any fellow wishes to discontinue the fellowship, the institution should inform PhD Cell, DIC; MeitY immediately. One month's notice is to be given by the institution before the date of discontinuation.

5.2 The implementing institution (host institution) should not incur any expenditure under the award from the date of termination of the award/project or the date of resignation of the fellow. The institution will be responsible for the submission of work report and other requisite documents.

5.3 In case the post-doctoral fellow undertakes any full/part-time assignment, his/her PDF award under the scheme would be discontinued.

5.4 PhD Cell, DIC; MeitY reserves the right to hold/ stop/ discontinue the fellowship at any stage, if

- Appropriate progress is not being made.
- The grant is not being utilized properly.
- Reports/responses/details etc. are not submitted timely and in the prescribed format or directions of PhD Cell are not followed.
- Violation/ Non-compliance of guidelines.
- Any other reason, which is deemed appropriate by PhD Cell, DIC, MeitY

5.5 In cases of dropouts or termination of PDF awards:

- The institution must **cease further expenditure**
- Close the accounts with all required formalities including submission of Utilization
- Certificates (UCs), Statement of Accounts (SoA), completion report and other required documents.
- Return unspent balances with interest, if any.

Note: There is **no provision to replace or transfer** an awardee.

9. DOCUMENTS TO BE ENCLOSED ALONG WITH THE APPLICATION

- Copy of SSC/ Class X certificate in support of Date of Birth
- Copy of Intermediate/ (10+2)/ Class XII certificate
- Copies of Provisional certificate/ Degree certificates and Marks Memos of the qualifying Examinations (UG, PG, and PhD)
- Attested copy of the caste certificate
- For GEN-EWS candidates, EWS certificate issued on or after April 1, 2025 as per the format given in the Annexure-II.
- For OBC-NCL candidates, OBC-NCL certificate issued on or after April 1, 2025 as per the format given in the Annexure-III along with undertaking.
- No Objection Certificate from the employer issued on or after February, 2026 only is acceptable (Annexure-IV)
- Relieving certificate from the employer (at the time of admission)
- Photograph on the application form
- A research proposal/ plan formulated with respect to the research areas/topics **Circuits Design (Microelectronics and VLSI) and Fabrication, FPGA for AI, Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain**
- List of publications along with the proof of indexing (e.g. SCI/ ESCI etc)
- Attach copy of the publications

Important Note:

Applicants should send their filled application details to the email: nithin.shastri@nitgoa.ac.in with the subject line “**Admission to PDF**”

Annexure-II

Proforma for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) Certificate

Government of

(Name & Address of the authority issuing the certificate)

[This certificate MUST have been issued on or after 1st April 2024]

Certificate No. _____

Date: _____

VALID FOR THE YEAR 2024-2025

1. This is to certify that Shri/Smt./Kumari, s o n / daughter/ wife of permanent resident of

, _____
Post Office _____ District _____
Pin Code _____ whose
Village/Street _____

_____ in the State/Union Territory photograph is attested below belongs to Economically Weaker Sections, since the gross annual income* of his/her family** is below Rs. 8 lakh (Rupees Eight Lakh only) for the financial year 2022-2023. His/her family does not own or possess any of the following assets***:

- I. 5 acres of agricultural land and above;
- II. Residential flat of 1000 sq. ft. and above;
- III. Residential plot of 100 sq. yards and above in notified municipalities;
- IV. Residential plot of 200 sq. yards and above in. areas other than the notified municipalities.

2. Shri/Smt./Kumari _____ belongs to the __

caste which is not recognized as a Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Classes (Central List).

Signature with seal of Office _____

Name _____

Designation _____

Recent Passport
size attested
photograph of the
applicant

The income and assets of the families as mentioned would be required to be certified by an officer not below the rank of Tehsildar in the States/UTs.

Note:

- * Income covered all sources i.e. salary, agriculture, business, profession, etc.
- ** The term "Family" for this purpose includes the person, who seeks benefit of reservation, his/her parents and siblings below the age of 18 years as also his/her spouse and children below the age of 18 years.
- *** The property held by a "Family" in different locations or different places/cities have been clubbed while applying the land or property holding test to determine EWS status.

Proforma for Other Backward Class (OBC Certificate)

(CERTIFICATE TO BE PRODUCED BY CANDIDATES FROM OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES APPLYING FOR ADMISSION TO CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (CEIs), UNDER GOVERNMENT OF INDIA)

This is to certify that Shri/ Smt./ Kum. _____ Son/ Daughter of Shri/ Smt. _____ of Village/Town _____, District/ Division _____ in the State belongs to the Community which is recognized as a backward class under:

- i) Resolution No.12011/68/93-BCC(C) dated 10/09/93 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 186 dated 13/09/93. ii) Resolution No. 12011/9/94-BCC dated 19/10/94 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 163 dated 20/10/94. iii) Resolution No. 12011/7/95-BCC dated 24/05/95 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 88 dated 25/05/95.
 - iv) Resolution No. 12011/96/94-BCC dated 09/03/96.
 - v) Resolution No. 12011/44/96-BCC dated 6/12/96 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 210 dated 11/12/96. vi) Resolution No. 12011/13/97-BCC dated 03/12/97. vii) Resolution No. 12011/99/94-BCC dated 11/12/97. viii) Resolution No. 12011/68/98-BCC dated 27/10/99.
 - ix) Resolution No. 12011/88/98-BCC dated 6/12/99 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 270 dated 06/12/99.
 - x) Resolution No. 12011/36/99-BCC dated 04/04/2000 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 71 dated 04/04/2000. xi) Resolution No. 12011/44/99-BCC dated 21/09/2000 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 210 dated 21/09/2000.
 - xii) Resolution No. 12015/9/2000-BCC dated 06/09/2001.
 - xiii) Resolution No. 12011/1/2001-BCC dated 19/06/2003.
 - xiv) Resolution No. 12011/4/2002-BCC dated 13/01/2004.
 - xv) Resolution No. 12011/9/2004-BCC dated 16/01/2006 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 210 dated 16/01/2006.
- Shri/ Smt./ Kum. _____ and/ or his family ordinarily reside(s) in the _____ District/ Division of State. This is also to certify that he/ she does not belong to the Persons/sections (Creamy Layer) mentioned in Column 3 of the Schedule to the Government of India, Department of Personnel & Training O.M.No.36012/22/93-Estt. (SCT) dated 08/09/93 which is modified vide OM No.36033/3/2004 Estt. (Res.) dated 09/03/2004 or the latest notification of the Government of India.

Dated:

District Magistrate/ Competent Authority:
Seal

NOTE:

- (a) The term “Ordinarily” used here will have the same meaning as in Section 20 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.
- (b) The authorities competent to issue Caste Certificates are indicated below:
 - i) District Magistrate/ Additional Magistrate/ Collector/ Deputy Commissioner/ Additional Deputy Commissioner/ Deputy Collector/ 1st Class Stipendiary Magistrate/ Sub-Divisional Magistrate/ Taluka Magistrate/ Executive Magistrate/ Extra Assistant Commissioner (not below the rank of 1st Class Stipendiary Magistrate).
 - ii) Chief Presidency Magistrate/ Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate/ Presidency Magistrate.
 - iii) Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tahsildar, and iv) Sub-Divisional Officer of the area where the candidate and/ or his family resides.
- (c) The annual income/ status of the parents of the applicant should be based on financial year ending March 31, 2025.

Declaration/ Undertaking for OBC Candidates only

I, _____ Son/ Daughter of Shri/ Smt.
_____ resident of _____ village/ town/ city,
_____ district, _____ State,

hereby declare that I belong to the _____ community which is recognized as a backward class by the Government of India for the purpose of reservation in services admission in Central Government Institutions as per orders contained in Department of Personnel and Training Office Memorandum No. 36012/22/93 – Estt. (SCT), dated 8/9/1993. It is also declared that I do not belong to persons/ sections (Creamy Layer) mentioned in Column 3 of the Schedule to the above referred Office Memorandum, dated 8/9/1993, which is modified vide Department of Personnel and Training Office Memorandum No. 36033/3/2004 Estt. (Res.) dated 9/3/2004 or the latest notification of the Government of India.

I also declare that the condition of status/ annual income for creamy layer of my parents/ guardian is within prescribed limits as on financial year ending on March 31, 2025.

Place:

Signature of the Candidate

Date:

Applications without declaration/undertaking not signed by Candidates will be rejected.

No Objection Certificate for Post-Doctoral Fellow Position

(Should be on the letter head of the employee's organization)

Ref. No.

Date:

To
The Director,
National Institute of Technology,
Cuncolim, Salcete-403703,
Goa

Sub.: No objection certificate for taking up Post-Doctoral Fellow Position at NIT Goa

Dear Sir,

We have no objection if Mr./ Mrs./ Ms. _____an employee of our
Organization/ Institute, joining as Post-Doctoral Fellow on full-time basis in the Department
of _____ at National Institute of Technology Goa and we

will relieve him/her from the duty along with a relieving certificate.

It is certified that he/she has completed _____ years of service in our Organization/

Institute as a regular employee.

Signature and Seal
Head of the Organization/ Institute

Note: No Objection Certificate issued on or after February, 2026 only is acceptable.

11. Names and addresses of three References (at least two of them should be familiar with your recent work)

Name

Occupation or
Position

Address

Fax			
E-mail			
Phone No.			

Please enclose the following files with the application

12. Research Project Proposal

13. List of publications with impact factor and indexing (e.g. SCI/ESCI etc) (Also attach the copy of the publications)

I hereby declare that I have carefully read and understood the instructions and particulars supplied to me, and that all entries in this form as well as the attached sheets are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date:

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Place:

Signature of the Applicant